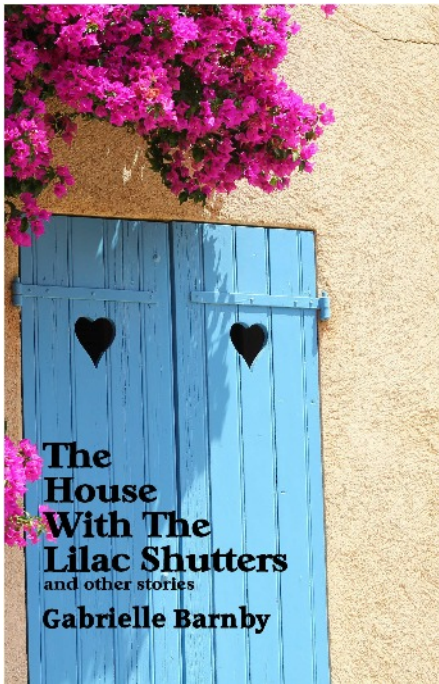


The House with the Lilac Shutters: And other stories
by Gabrielle Barnby



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Characters weave in and out of each other's stories, secrets are concealed and new connections are made.

With a keenly observant eye, Barnby illustrates the everyday tragedies, sorrows, hopes and joys of ordinary people in this vividly understated and unsentimental collection.

Author Bio - Gabrielle Barnby

Gabrielle Barnby works in a variety of genres including poetry and children's fiction. In 2014 her short story 'Hostel' appeared in Northwords Now and a selection of her poetry from the St Magnus Festival was published by the George Mackay Brown Fellowship in 'Waiting for The Tide'.

Various pieces of her poetry and prose are included in, 'Come Sit at Our Table,' a collection of work by the Stromness Writing Group. She is also a contributor to 'Kirkwall Visions, Kirkwall Voices,' a creative response to the city supported by the Blide Trust.

Gabrielle's early career was in science. She gained a D.Phil. from Oxford University in 2003 based on research into the molecular basis of autism and has numerous scientific publications on this topic. She began writing fiction after relocating to New Zealand in 2007.

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