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HOW TO SHAME THE DEVIL

By Ros Thomas

Her silence did not mean yes.

Art Lambkin, newly confined to a nursing home, is terrified of being erased from the outside world. Determined to remain relevant, he engages in a correspondent's war on the Letters Page of his daily newspaper, pitting his acerbic wit against a rogue gallery of bigots, windbags and egomaniacs. But when a woman surfaces from Art's long-ago past, he soon becomes the villain in a scandal that threatens to destroy everything — and everyone — he knows.

About the author

Ros Thomas is the beloved former weekend columnist for *The West Australian* newspaper. A collection of her whimsical writing, *Was it Something I Said?* was a UWA Publishing bestseller. In 2020 Ros was awarded an inaugural Writer-in-Residence Fellowship by the National Trust of Western Australia for the manuscript of this book.

How to Shame the Devil is her debut novella.

Praise for *How to Shame the Devil*

Startlingly funny, revealing and profoundly genuine—[Ros] has the full writer's arsenal.

—ROBERT DREWE

Every page is infused with a sense of wit and vitality.

—NICHOLAS HASLUCK

Ros Thomas writes with stylistic flair, a deft sense of humour, a vivid sense of time and place, and a generous, compassionate heart.

—SUSAN MIDALIA

Ros Thomas at her most witty and compelling.

—WILL YEOMAN

A clever allegorical novella that I consumed in a sitting during which I ran the gamut of emotions.

—BILL LIDDELOW



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