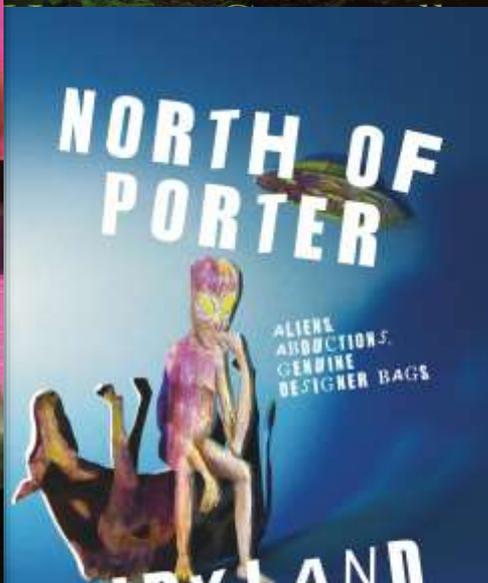
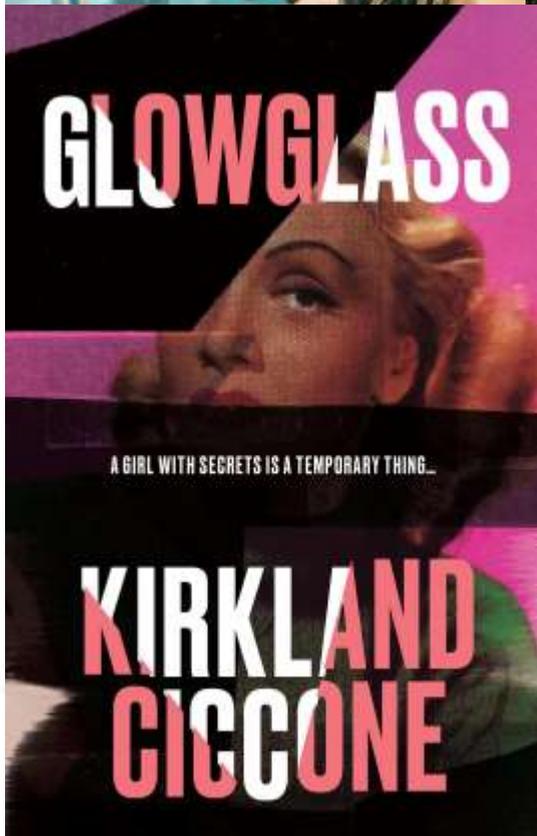
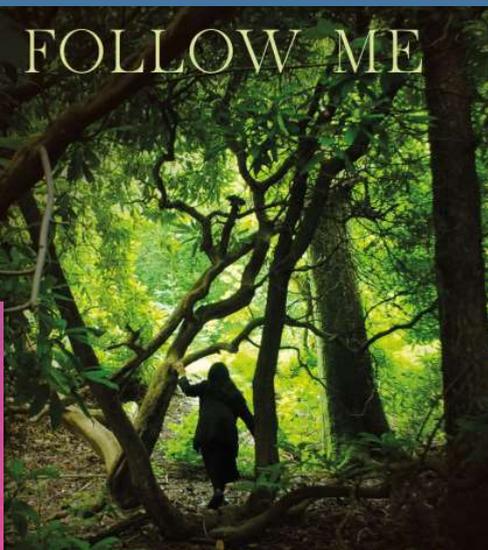
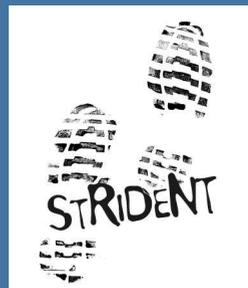


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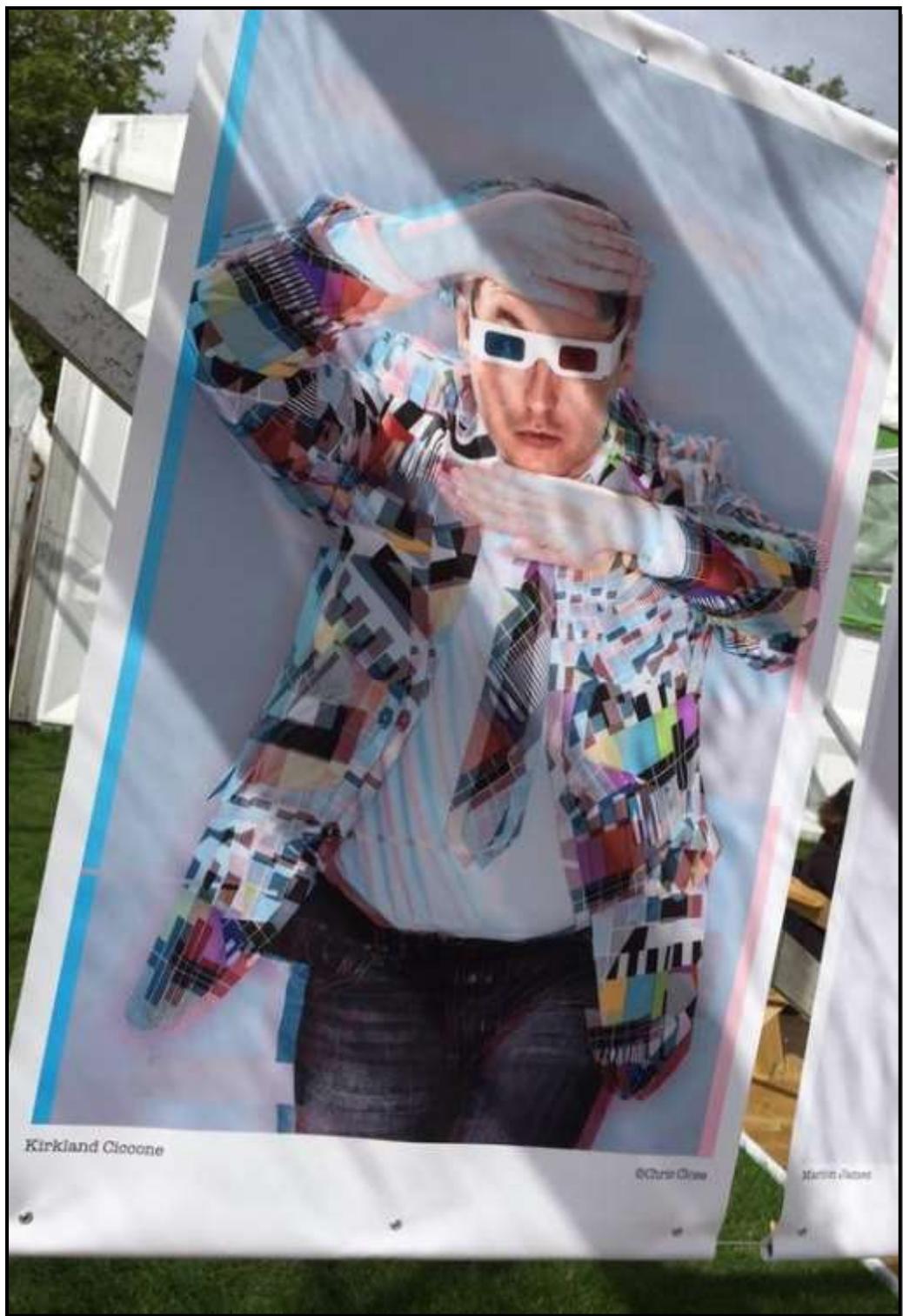
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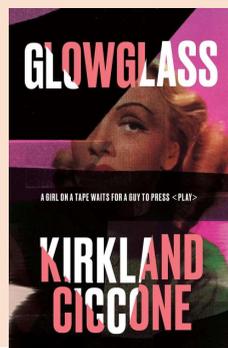
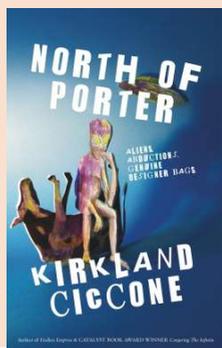
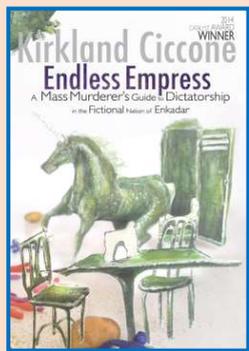
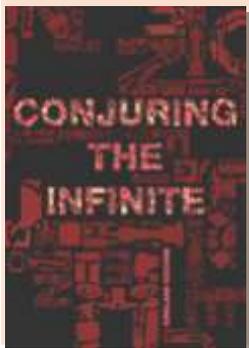
He's one of the most original and entertaining YA authors around. In addition to his writing, Kirkland has become known for arriving at book festivals & TV studios in a range of bizarre outfits - melons, witches, ghosts...

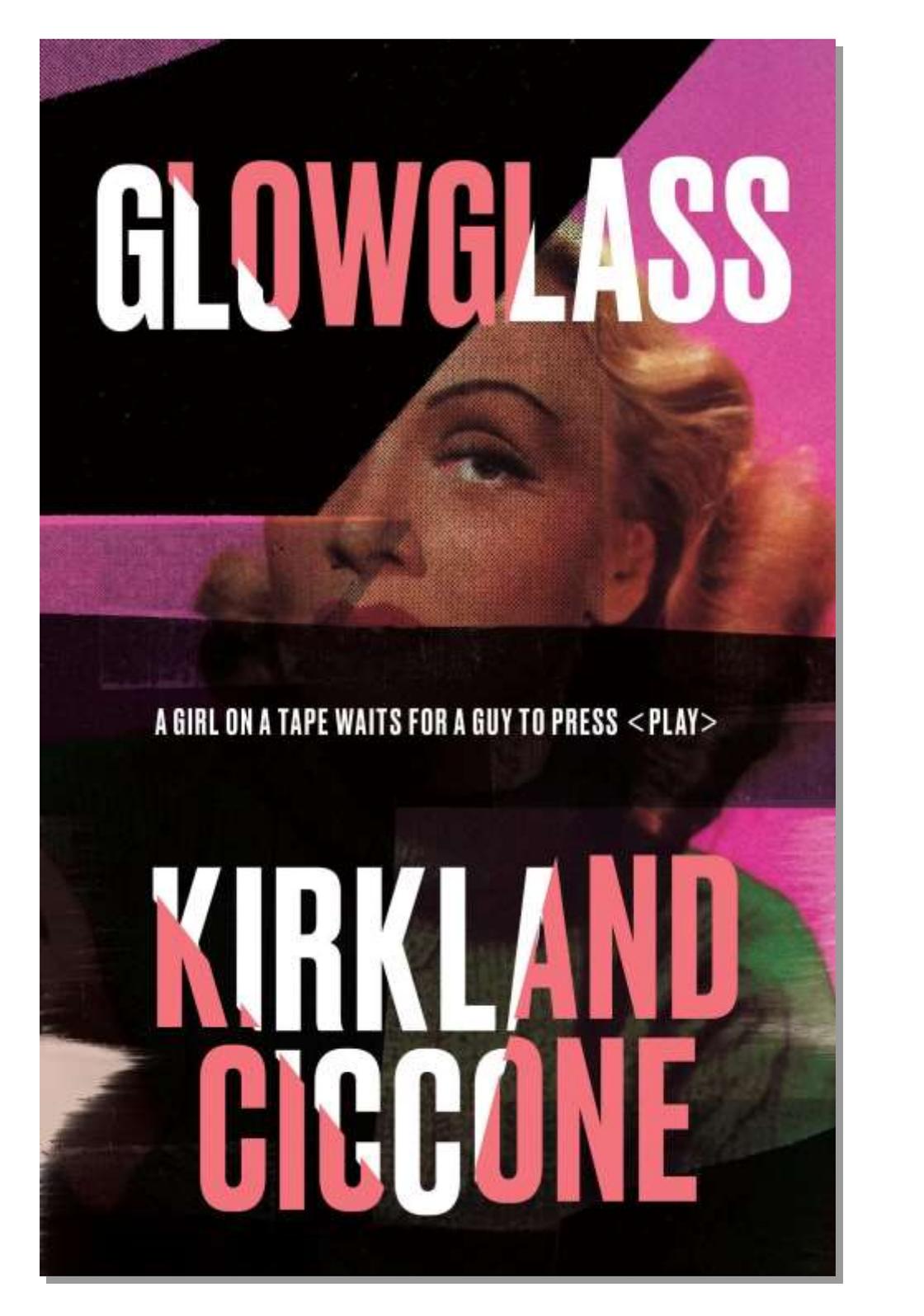


His debut, *Conjuring The Infinite*, won the 2014 Catalyst Book Award. It was followed by *Endless Empress* and *North of Porter*, both published to further rave reviews.

2018 sees the publication of Kirkland's fourth novel, *Glowglass*.

When not writing, Kirkland performs wonky one-man comedy shows.





GLOWGLASS

A GIRL ON A TAPE WAITS FOR A GUY TO PRESS <PLAY>

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A girl with secrets is a temporary thing...

Starrsha Glowglass's face is on the front page of every newspaper. She isn't a model, Vlogger, or reality TV show contestant. Starrsha is famous for something darker: she survived a massacre that claimed her Brothers and Sisters.

Hers was no ordinary family. They were The Family Glowglass - a religious order set up by an eccentric businessman as a tax dodge.

One morning the parishioners sat down to breakfast... Most didn't get back up.

Only Starrsha and her mute Brother, Simon, survived.

Both now have a chance to lead an ordinary life. For Starrsha that means high school.

Can a videotape bring back the dead? What's behind the red door? Why won't Starrsha's best friend reveal her true sexuality? When is a poster on a wall actually a trap? Will My Chemical Romance reform? Why is Father obsessed with vintage technology? Why does Barbie freak out Starrsha? How many rich husbands has Aunt Imelda bumped off?

And why is God crank-calling Starrsha?

All will be revealed when someone presses <PLAY>...

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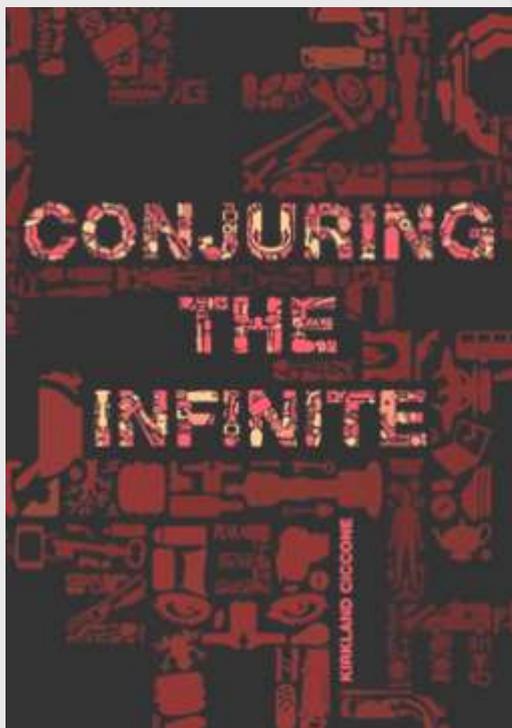
Madness. Magick. Murder.

The Cottage is a care unit in the country for troubled teenagers who have been chewed up by the system. The residents are in mourning for the loss of one of their number - the dazzling and outwardly faultless Seth Kevorkian. After the funeral, they return to The Cottage to remember him. But when Mother leaves...the truth unfolds.

For Seth was no ordinary teenager. He was a disciple of an ethereal power. And his fixation with *Conjuring The Infinite* drove him to terrible acts. It might even have driven someone to kill him.

A psychic is seeing visions of Armageddon. The Abomination upstairs wants to be fed. The rain seethes with life. And something moves in the shadows, hiding in the mirrors. Can the housemates trust what they see? Can they even trust each other?

tHe eYEs Of ThE SkY HaVE oPeneD and looked into Seth's soul. The unearthly power of *The Infinite* has been invoked. And now The Ambassadors are on their way.



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A Mass Murderer's Guide to Dictatorship in the Fictional Nation of Enkadar

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Over 1,000 teenagers entered the school hall at 0900. But someone didn't stick around for long...

Enkadar is a nation without war, violence, disease or poverty; a glorious paradise. There is only one problem with Enkadar: it doesn't exist.

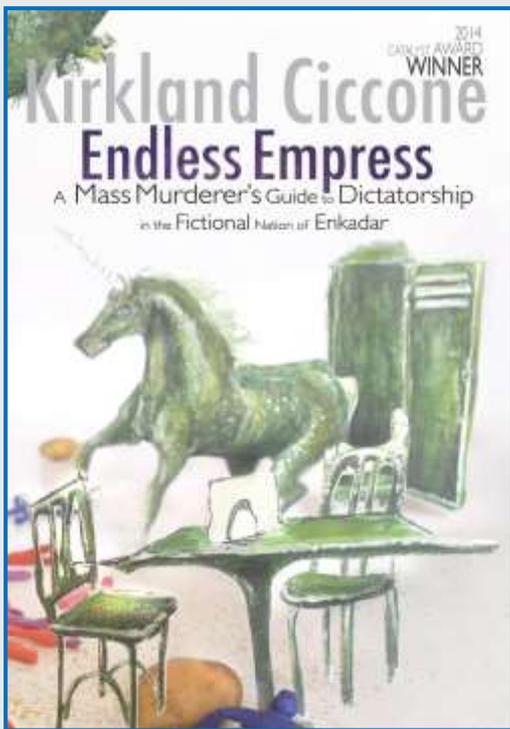
When a group of teenage misfits create a daydream kingdom to escape their humdrum lives, they set in motion a chain of events that leads to lunacy and murder.

A reporter plots revenge in a grubby cafe. A crazy teenager is being pressured to slay a monster. Dragons wait at the edge of time, while a unicorn waits by the bingo. And why is the bus always in the wrong lane?

These events are all linked to the mysterious ruler of Enkadar. She is a genius, a goddess, a queen...and a murderer.

She is The Endless Empress.

And she is forever.



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Aliens. Abductions. Genuine designer bags!

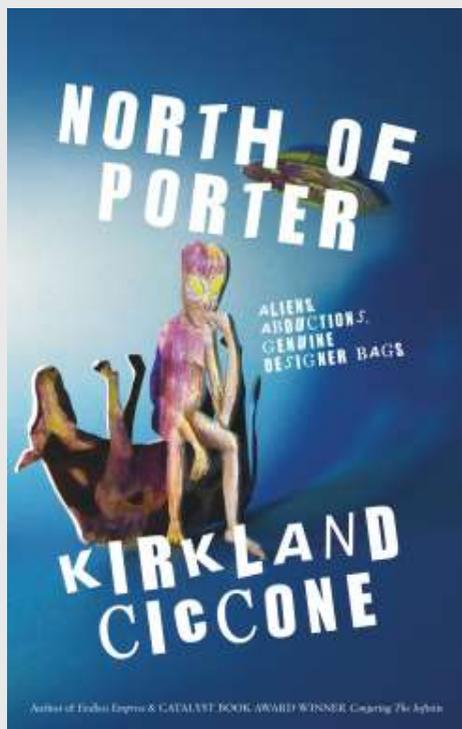
Teenager Porter Minter arrives in Castlecrankie in a car that has no door handles. In the boot is a suitcase. In the suitcase is a boy. In the boy is the future and the past.

The Armpit of the Universe wasn't Porter's destination of choice, he's been dragged there. And he's shocked by what he finds. Teenagers are disappearing. JFK is skulking in the schoolyard. Crop circles are appear-

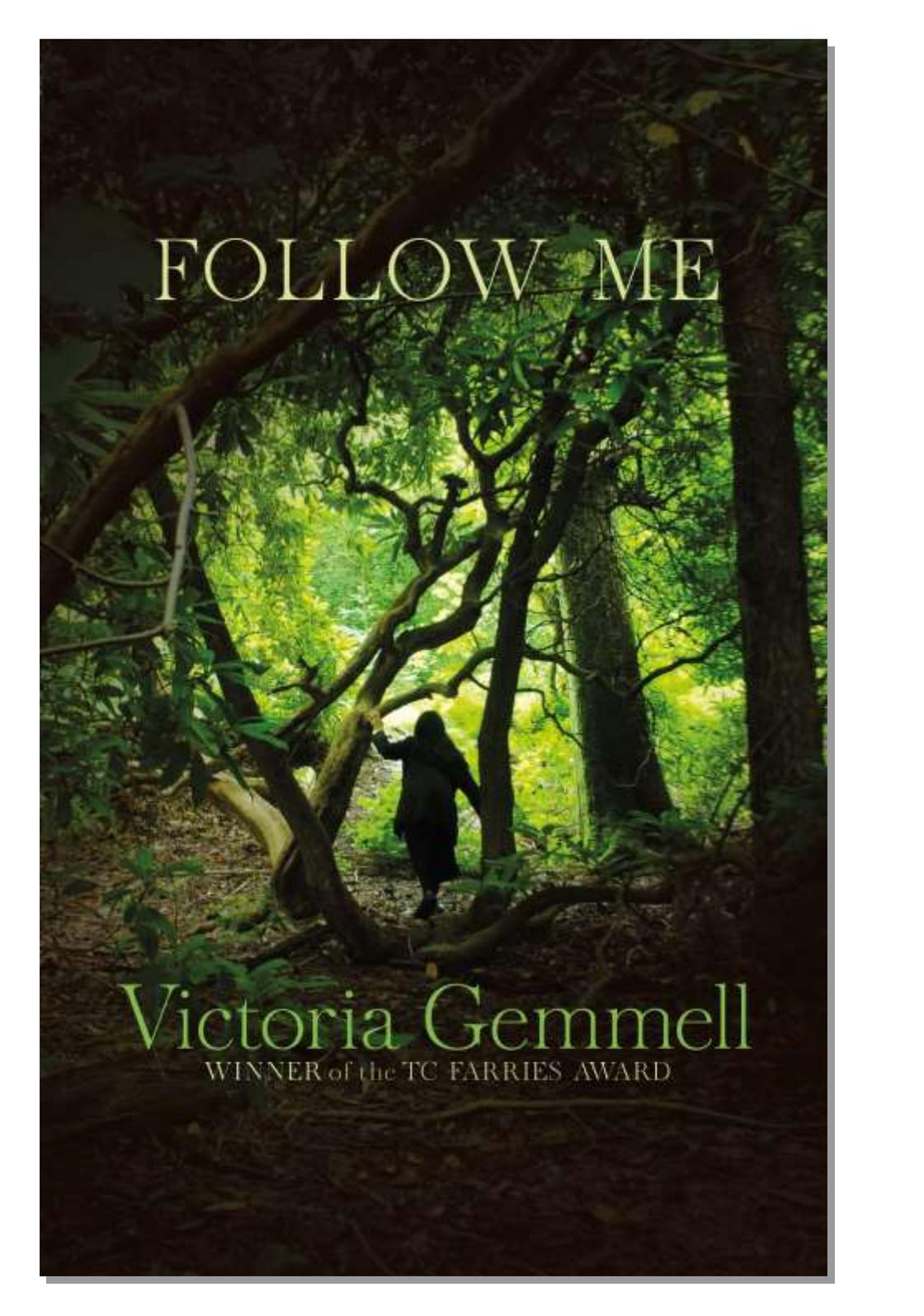
ing.

Perhaps Porter and his scheming parents aren't the town's only new arrivals.

Armed only with a genuine designer bag and his razor-sharp wit, Porter sets out to confront evil...and look fabulous.



Victoria Gemmell

A photograph of a person walking through a dense forest. The person is in the center, slightly to the right, wearing dark clothing and a hat. They are surrounded by tall trees with thick trunks and a canopy of green leaves. Sunlight filters through the trees, creating a dappled light effect on the forest floor. The overall mood is serene and natural.

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Kat needs answers.

She also needs to stay alive.

17-year-old Kat Sullivan has been devastated by the loss of her twin sister, Abby, the most recent of five teenagers to have died in the town of Eddison, all within a year. No-one seems able to explain the circumstances surrounding her death.

As Kat struggles to move on, she is introduced to an underground hangout - the Barn - by Abby's friends. There, she meets the enigmatic Rob and his friend Michael, art students who have re-created pop artist Andy Warhol's infamous Factory, where creative types can construct art and socialise.

Drawn into Rob's social scene, and seduced by the attention of this attractive stranger, Kat relishes the freedom and escape offered by the Barn's non-conformity and creativity.

But the Barn holds a strange influence over those who frequent it, and soon Kat begins to realise how little she knew about her sister's life.



Victoria Gemmell

From a young age, Vikki immersed herself in books and writing, filling school jotters with stories and illustrations.

Whilst studying for a degree in Communication and Mass Media, she developed a fascination with pop culture and Andy Warhol. After working at the Glasgow Film Theatre and in media, she completed a Post Graduate qualification in Careers Guidance and now works daily with teenagers.

After The Party, Vikki's second novel, will be published by Strident in October 2018.

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(Amanda Craig in *The Times*)**

It's the last decade of the sixteenth century: a time of religious wars in the full-mortal world. But the Sidhe are at peace, hidden behind the Veil that protects their world – until their queen, Kate NicNicven, determines to destroy it.

Seth MacGregor is the half-feral son of a Sidhe nobleman. When his father is assassinated, and Seth is exiled with his brother Conal to the full-mortal world, they vow not only to survive, but to return to reclaim their fortress and save the Veil.

But even the Veil's power can't protect the brothers when the brutal witch-hunts begin...

Bloodstone

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We shouldn't be here. We said we'd never cross the Veil, that we wouldn't come home till we found the Stone. But we'd given no oath. So we lied. So what? As if we could live without breathing our own air once a decade. Kate NicNiven must know that as well as we did. But if our queen wanted to kill us, she'd have to find us first.

For centuries, Seth and Conal have hunted for the Bloodstone Kate wants, without success. Homesick, and determined to ensure their clann's safety, they've also made secret forays across the Veil. One of these illicit crossings has violent consequences that will devastate both their close family and, eventually, their entire clann.

In the otherworld, Jed Cameron - a feral, full mortal young thief - becomes entangled with the strange and dangerous Finn MacAngus and her shadowy uncles. When he is dragged accidentally into the world of the Sithe, it's nothing he can't handle; but that's before time warps around him, and the danger reaches out to threaten his infant brother.

In the collision of two worlds, conflict and tragedy are inevitable; especially when treachery comes from the most shocking of quarters.



Wolfsbane

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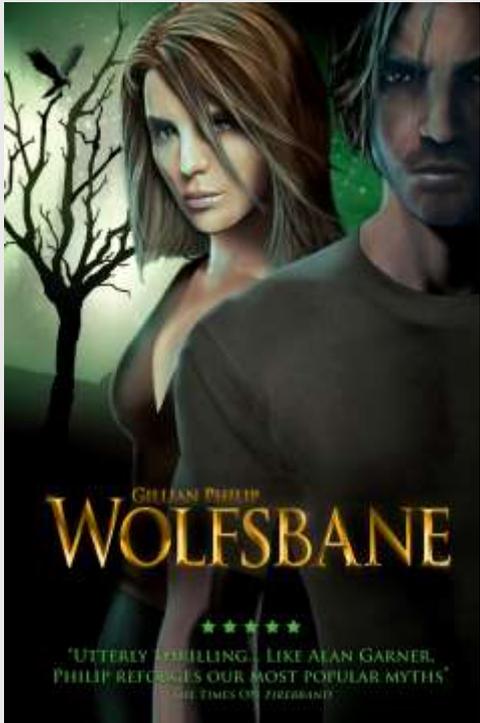
Rory MacGregor, kept a virtual prisoner in his own father's dun and hunted by the Sithe queen, needs a break now and then - and what better fun than tearing the Veil no one else can tear, and escaping to the Otherworld?

In that dangerous Otherworld, Hannah Falconer is as trapped by circumstance as the strange wild Sithe boy whose horse nearly kills her. When Rory tricks her into crossing the Veil and entering his own world, she's sure it can't be any worse than her usual home life...

Meanwhile, Seth MacGregor is fighting to keep his clann safe from the malevolent queen Kate. When an attack comes after years of stalemate, he is shocked to discover who is leading it, and who else is conspiring against him.

Will the cunning and experience of five hundred years be enough to confront the threat?

And how many friends - and how many lovers - is Seth willing to sacrifice to keep his son?



Icefall

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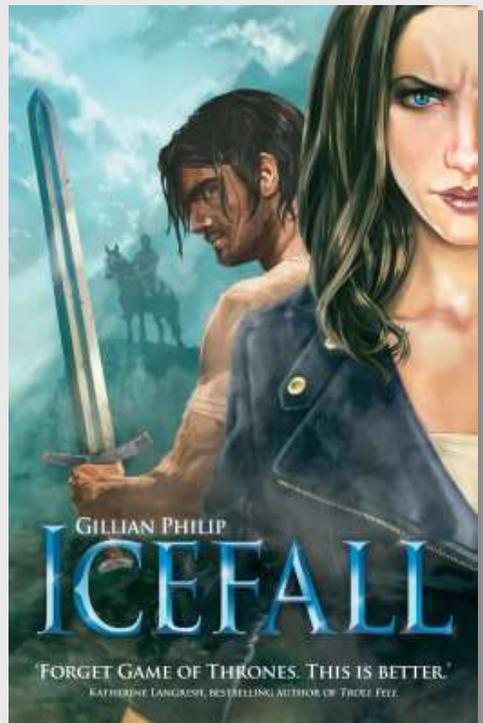
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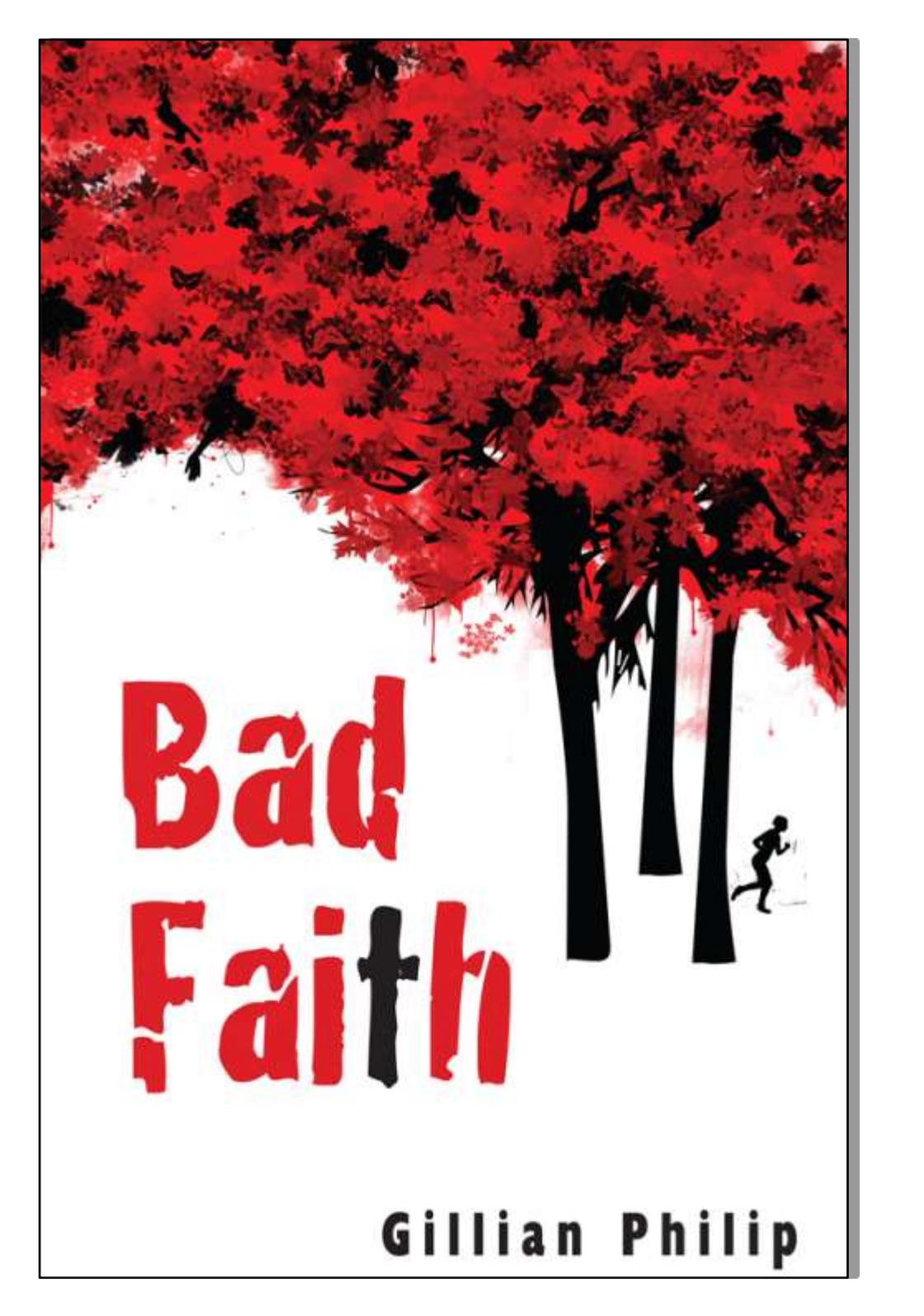
Death stalks Seth MacGregor's clan in their otherworld exile.

Kate NicNiven is close to ultimate victory, but still needs Seth's son Rory, and his power over the Veil. And she'll go to any lengths to get him.

Meanwhile, survival for his loved ones seems all Seth can hope for. But might a mortal threat to his niece Hannah force him to return to his own world to challenge Kate? And will Rory go with him? Because he suspects there's a darkness trapped in the Veil, and that it wants to get out.

Nobody gets forever. But some are willing to try...





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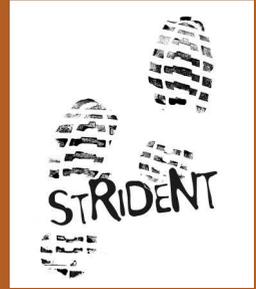
Life's easy for Cassandra. The privileged daughter of a rector, she's been protected from the extremist gangs who enforce the One Church's will.

Her boyfriend Ming is a bad influence, of course, with infidel parents who are constantly in trouble with the religious authorities. But Cass has no intention of letting their different backgrounds drive them apart.

Then they stumble across the corpse of a powerful bishop.

What killed him? How did his body end up in their secret childhood haunt? And is this man's death connected to other, older murders?

As the political atmosphere grows feverish, Cass realises she and Ming face extreme danger.



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