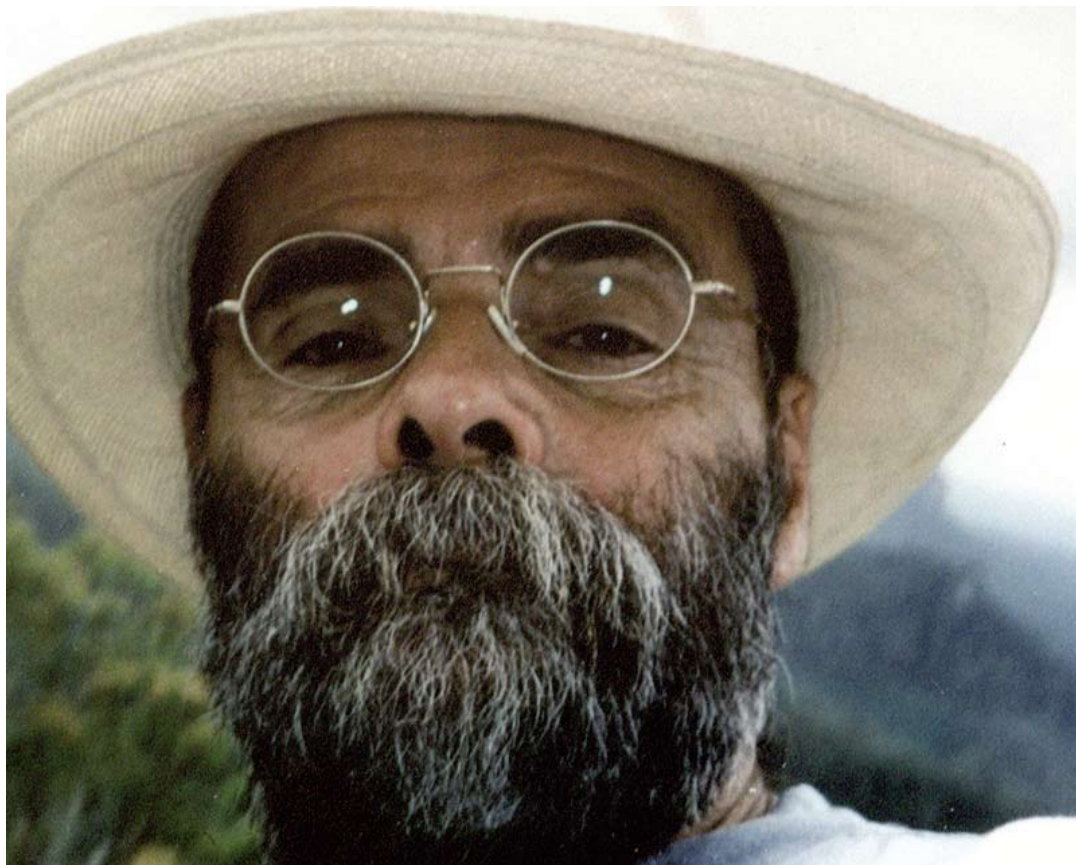


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Justin Stanchfield

Justin Stanchfield is a real-life cowboy, part-time snowplough driver, private pilot, occasional musician and struggling writer. He also enjoys camping and snowboarding. Justin first began writing as a member of a local theatre group, where he was awarded the job of tacking new endings on to old plays. He then moved on to fiction and has had various short stories published in magazines and online. Justin lives on a Montana cattle ranch, a stone's throw from the Continental Divide, with his wife, two kids, and a menagerie including two cats, three dogs (one deaf), a pair of llamas and a quartet of hermit crabs. He does his writing late at night when his wife and kids are asleep. He says, 'I generally go to bed for a few hours then wake up at one or two in the morning and write for a couple of hours. Late-night radio and lots of black coffee, along with the occasional jalapeño pepper do wonders for staying awake!' Justin's first novel *Space Cowboy* is reviewed on page 30.



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Jenny Valentine

Jenny Valentine worked in a food shop for 15 years, where she met many extraordinary people and sold more loaves of organic bread than there are words in her books. She studied English literature at Goldsmith's College, which almost put her off reading but not quite. Jenny is married to a singer/songwriter and has two children. She lives in Hay on Wye, England. Jenny's latest book, *Broken Soup*, is reviewed on page 20.

Henry Porter

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Leila Rasheed

Leila Rasheed was born in Birmingham and moved to Libya when she was two. There she survived an earthquake, house fire and being bombed – all before the age of 11. She then moved back to the UK. She has an MA in Children's Literature and Creative Writing. She started working at Reading Is Fundamental, a children's literacy charity, then moved to Belgium, where she now works as the children's bookseller for Waterstone's in Brussels. *Chips, Beans and Limousines: The Fantastic Diary of Bathsheba Clarice de Trop* by Leila Rasheed is reviewed on page 38.

Armin Greder

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