

HIGHLIGHT BOOK LIST 2025



The Vengeance of the Invisible Crow

Title The Vengeance of the Invisible Crow
Author Kittisak Kongka
Genre Crime, Mystery
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• Book of the Year 2024 (Thai National Ministry)

Professor Sinclair, a young detective whose heart bears an overwhelming guilt, devotes himself to priesthood on an isolated island.

Instead of peace, he stumbles upon another peculiar death of which all suspects were prisoned in a detention room, but the victim was murdered outside by himself.

For this case, he needs help from his twin-brother “Lieutenant Damien” to solve this complicated mystery.

A phenomenal best-seller of an unexpected genre.

Guaranteed with overwhelmingly positive reviews.

A sensational hit that shakes Thai pop culture.

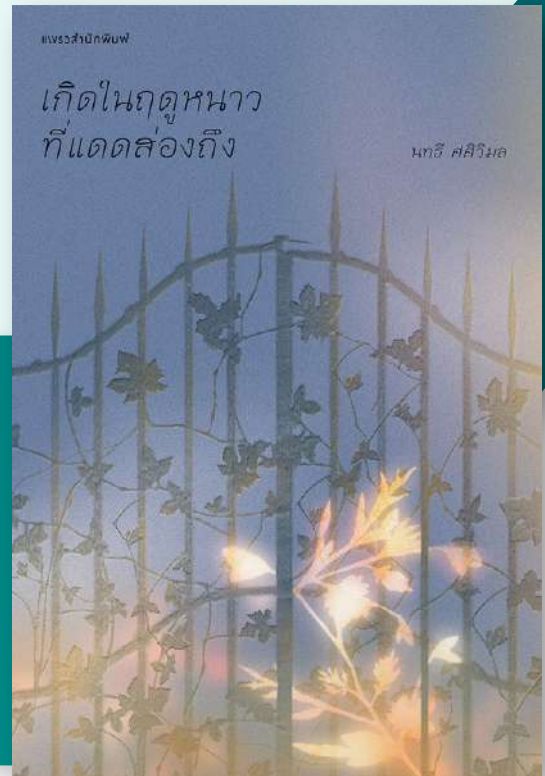


Prequel of the award title The Mysterious Case of Ethereal Man

Born in the Light of Winter

Title Born in the Light of Winter
Author Nhotti Sasiwimon
Genre Literature
Page 384
Publication Date January 2022

ISBN | 9786161843274



Born in the Light of Winter unfolds the intertwined lives of characters driven by desire, ambition, and the pursuit of better lives—both outwardly and inwardly. It explores how differing life circumstances shape social advantages and force difficult choices, sometimes leading to unintended wounds inflicted on others.

The story begins with **Sira**, a mother and writer facing personal struggles, who, with help from a friend, relocates with her children to a new home. As the narrative expands, it introduces other richly developed characters—each with their own flaws and depths—woven together through complex, natural connections that hint at unseen bonds beyond mere coincidence.

At its heart, the novel meditates on existence, relationships, and the meaning we find through connections with others, including the nuanced mother-child bond portrayed through Sira and others. The characters' struggles with unfulfilled love, painful memories, and the fear of being forgotten invite readers to reflect on their own lives.

With vivid characters, a suspenseful plot, and profound thematic depth, this novel is both gripping and thought-provoking—a compelling exploration of life's value, resilience, and the invisible threads that connect us all.

Ultimately, it is a reminder to cherish life, for there are those who hold your existence dearly.

Chains

Title	Chains
Author	Jaree Chantharapha
Genre	Literature / Short Stories Collection
Page	192
Publication Date	November 2014

ISBN | 978-974-02-1360-4



• Winner of the Short Story Award at the Matchon Award in 2015.

In a society where the family institution is central to warmth and connection, the bond between parents and children typically follows the goals set by society. Life in modern society, therefore, remains tethered only by these connections. However, if we take a step back and observe the context from other societal angles, we will find many factors that may shift the ultimate purpose of life.

“Jaree Chantharapha,” an award-winning writer, skillfully conveys stories from personal encounters and experiences, which are distilled into the short story collection “Chains.”

This collection contains 12 short stories that explore themes very close to home and directly connected to everyday life. From neighbors who have long-held grievances until a breaking point, just because a pet becomes

a trigger, to stories about hospitals, where the scent of equality permeates—a biting critique of the healthcare quality in Thailand. These stories also touch on the quality of life for ordinary people. Other tales focus on fathers, whether exploring the role of a protagonist towards their father or examining a character’s experience as a father themselves.

These stories, crafted with care, will allow readers to experience the essence of connection, whether it is true bonding or artificial ties that subtly haunt our daily lives without us even realizing it.

Champagne Supernova and The Last Suicide of Charlie

Title	Champagne Supernova and The Last Suicide of Charlie
Author	Picha Ratananakorn
Genre	Literature
Page	360
Publication Date	December 2023

ISBN | 9786169355335



- Winner of the 21st “Seven Book Award” for Outstanding Books, in Novel Category (2024)
- The S.E.A. Write Award Nominee (2024)

A novel that invites you to dive into Charlie’s world and discover why his suicide led to the “final” act.

Because... Loneliness makes you feel disconnected, like you don’t exist, not part of this world, or something else.

When you feel empty, are you really empty?

Champagne Supernova and Charlie’s Final Suicide tells the story of Charlie, an ordinary middle-class office worker trapped in a monotonous, unremarkable life. Haunted by persistent suicidal thoughts, Charlie attempts suicide multiple times but inexplicably survives each time. The novel explores his internal

conflict and alienation within a capitalist society that reduces people to mere cogs in a relentless machine. Through encounters with his coworkers, ex-lovers, and a mysterious old man, Charlie’s journey delves into themes of identity, purpose, and the absurdity of life.

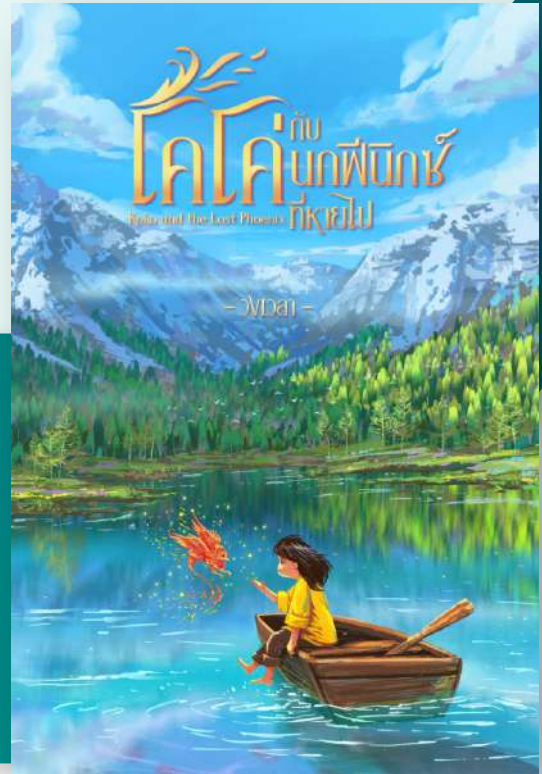
The story avoids overt philosophical preaching, instead presenting Charlie’s world with simple, understated language that mirrors his own bland existence. The narrative’s careful construction slowly reveals deeper questions about existence and meaning, culminating in a symbolic and open-ended resolution that invites readers to reflect on the nature of self and survival within modern society.

This novel is a clean, composed work that balances everyday realism with moments of dark humor, offering a subtle but profound meditation on life, despair, and the search for significance amidst routine.

Koko and the Lost Phoenix

Title	Koko and the Lost Phoenix
Author	Wongwela
Genre	Young Adult Literature
Page	274
Publication Date	March 2023

ISBN | 9786165982214



- **2024 Outstanding Book Award for Fiction for Teenagers Aged 12-18 Years, awarded by the Office of the Basic Education Commission, Ministry of Education (OBEC)**

- **Second Runner-Up in the 20th Seven Book Award 2023 for the Youth Literature Category**

When the phoenix bird was swept away by the wind, peace and happiness were taken from the land of today. Thus, the young girl Koko embarks on a journey to the legendary land of illusion in search of her beloved friend. Along the way, she is unexpectedly drawn into helping free the hearts of two gatekeeper animals from their sorrow.

This youth novel, suitable for both children and adults, will take you on an

adventure into a mysterious land, offering a chance to experience the simple wonders of the present moment, embrace life's changes, and appreciate the diversity in society.

"I love the world-building in this story. It's both creative, magical, and profound. After reading it, I felt comforted, as if being embraced."

— A reader's review.

Deafening Chaos

Title Deafening Chaos
Author Prapt
Genre Mystery / Thriller / Crime
Page 334
Publication Date September 2024

ISBN | 9786161870409



- Adapted into a TV drama-film hybrid, aired on One31 Channel.
- Winner of the Naiin Award for Best Novel (2014)
- Honorable Mention at the Office of the Basic Education Commission's Book Awards (2015)
- 2nd Runner-up of 7 Book Awards (2015)

When **Bangkok** becomes the backdrop for one of the most terrifying murder cases of the era, the entire city is shaken to its core!

Now returning in its **10th-anniversary** edition, featuring a brand-new **special chapter**.

Year 1943 – Amid the shadows of **war and fear**, Bangkok is engulfed in darkness. **Lieutenant Vetang Phiromrut** finds himself entangled in a gruesome murder

case when the **body of a young girl** is discovered in a horrifying state. Strange **tattooed words**—"Yao, Chao, Phae, Thing, Phong"—are found on her **forehead, wrists, and ankles**.

This cryptic message leads him down a **labyrinth of secrets**, uncovering a **series of serial murders** hidden beneath the turmoil of **Siam's history**.

Ancient forgotten poetry is intertwined with the **mysterious tattoos**—symbols no one understands. Who is the killer? And what is the true meaning behind these cryptic marks?

A masterpiece of detective fiction, weaving intricate mysteries and shocking revelations, where the truth will echo deafeningly in the minds of every reader...

Death and the Maiden

Title	Death and the Maiden
Author	Moonscape
Genre	Mystery / Dark Fantasy / Gothic Horror
Page	224
Publication Date	September 2023
Rights Sold	World English (Penguin SEA)

ISBN | 978-616-94204-7-7



• Published by Penguin SEA under the title **Death and the Maiden**

After sunset, the capital is filled with all kinds of nocturnal birds, their irritating cries echoing from power lines and rooftops. But who would have guessed that these birds are, in fact, reapers, playing their music to guide souls to the afterlife?

Chanjao is a ghost—a boy in a skirt—who resides in an abandoned tower at the heart of the city. He calls himself the caretaker of the Eleventh Floor Theater. Every evening, he wakes up to repeat the same routine: watching over lost children, marveling at the grand parade of spirits who leaped to their deaths. Yet, he can't help but wonder—why won't the reaper who lives with him send his soul away?

What secret is the reaper hiding from him? And what is he being protected from?

Non fa niente

Title	Non fa niente
Author	LADYS
Genre	Literary Fiction, Stream of consciousness, Queer
Page	258
Publication Date	March 2024
Rights Sold	World English (Penguin SEA)

ISBN | 978-616-94434-1-4



• The S.E.A. Write Award Shortlist 2024 •

A stream-of-consciousness novel that explores motherhood and otherness.

The story of Lallana—who is both a mother and a man.

In a year of transformation, shifting from child to mother, from marriage to divorce, from woman to man, he meets another man.

On Song Wat Road, that man opens his door to him with kindness.

My beloved child,

If your father left a ring mark on your mother's left ring finger,

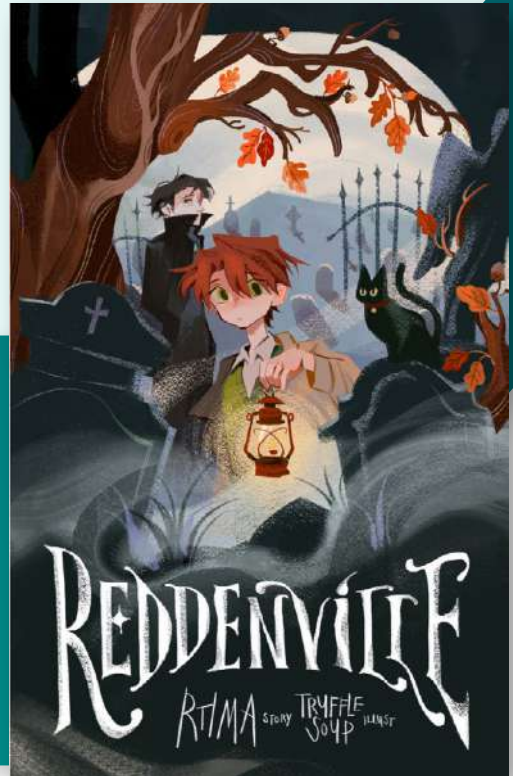
And you left cracks upon her belly,

Then he, too, has left a lasting inscription.

Reddenville

Title Reddenville
Author Rtima
Genre YA / Fantasy
Page 345
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ISBN | 9786166165586



When *Theodore Allen*, a young man who can see spirits, moves to work as a caretaker of a cemetery in a remote town, he befriends the ghosts there. However, there is a suspicious grave with no spirit appearing. At the same time, a series of disappearances occur, marking the beginning of Theodore's unexpected entanglement with the otherworldly realm.

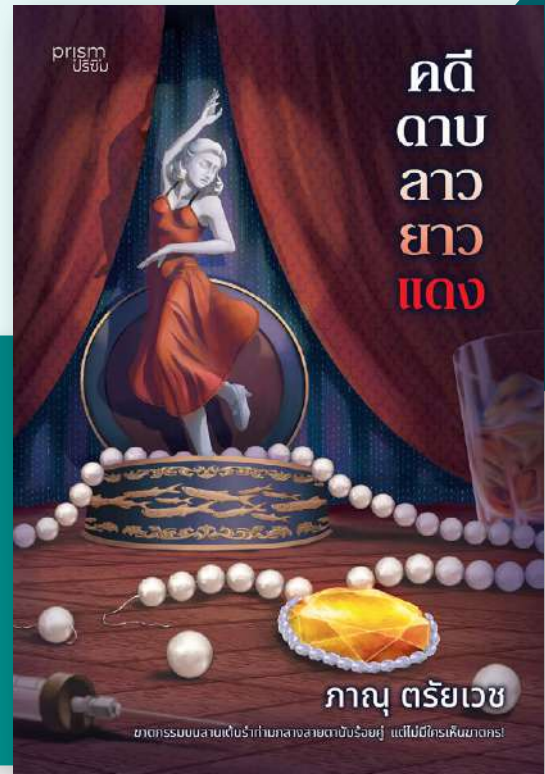
It starts with the boy who used to bully *Austin*—the boy accused of his family's pact with the devil. Witnesses unanimously report seeing and hearing strange, inexplicable things. This mystery draws Theodore and the other children, including Austin and the missing boy's sister, deeper into a complex web of secrets. Questions arise: Why can Theodore see spirits? Why do rumors link Austin's family to the devil? And why does Austin sometimes distance himself from Theodore?

This gripping, cinematic tale unfolds like a movie, weaving supernatural intrigue with emotional complexity and unanswered questions.

The Case of the Red Rapier

Title The Case of the Red Rapier
Author Panu Trivej
Genre Mystery / Thriller
Page 332
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On a glamorous night at a ballroom in 1947 Bangkok at the Occidental Hotel, the music played, and people swirled in the fragrant air of flowers. But then... everything came to a halt when one of the three beautiful sisters from the Plengnakorn family collapsed on the dance floor, dying in front of the shocked guests.

When “Piang-Or,” a clever interpreter, and “KK,” a blind violinist from England, become entangled in a complex murder case full of secrets and mysteries, they must search for clues to uncover the truth hidden deeper than expected. Beneath the beauty of the people and the setting, danger lurks.

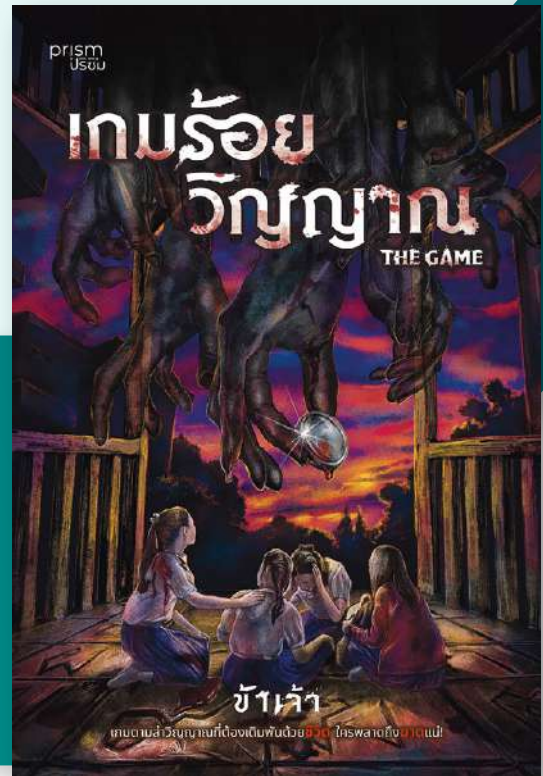
A complicated case often lies within an apparently simple murder, just like on the dance floor, surrounded by hundreds of eyes—how could someone be killed? And most importantly, no one saw the killer!

Join in the thrilling investigation and the nostalgic atmosphere of the past in “The Case of the Red Rapier,” a novel woven with beauty, love, and death.

The Game

Title	The Game
Author	Kha Jao
Genre	Horror
Page	300
Publication Date	March 2025

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She must wager her life against the spirits—fail, and she will die.

Kaewkarn and her three friends decide to play “The Hundred Spirits Game,” a terrifying challenge where players must hunt down 100 vengeful ghosts within 21 days. But this is no ordinary game. The spirits themselves are part of the challenge. What seems like a simple hunt quickly turns into a nightmare as the ghosts begin hunting them instead. The more spirits they find, the worse their fate becomes.

At the same time, the dark secrets behind the other groups who played—and died—start to unravel.

Never let the coin move to the forbidden number... or prepare to become the next ghost.

A spine-chilling thriller that will haunt your senses—

A game where both life and soul are at stake.

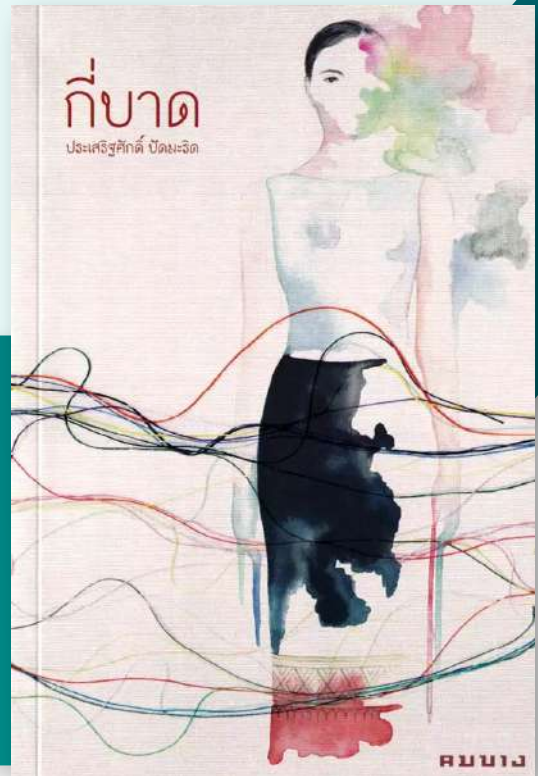
Will they survive? Or will they become the next victims?

Only the winner knows the answer.

The Loom That Cuts (working title)

Title The Loom That Cuts
(working title)
Author Prasertsak Padmarid
Genre Literature
Page 224
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• The S.E.A. Write Award Winner (2024)

The Loom That Cuts (or *Khi Bart*)
— the 2024 SEA Write Award-winning novel
— tells the life story of a family of traditional skirt weavers from Mae Chaem, Chiang Mai, exploring the lives of women bound to the loom.

The title *Khi Bart* carries layered meanings: “khi bart” sounds like “price” or “value” of the skirt, “khi” meaning loom that can painfully cut the weaver’s hands, and “bat” meaning wounds — both literal and metaphorical — in the lives of the weavers. The story unfolds with poignant twists, heart-wrenching drama, forbidden love across diverse social dimensions, and queer characters embracing their true selves.

The SEA Write Award committee highlights that Prasertsak Padmarid’s novel depicts three

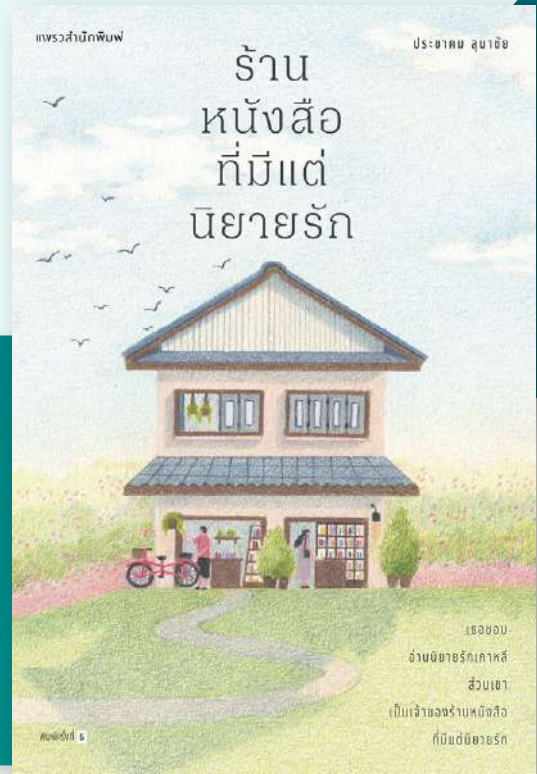
generations of Mae Chaem women whose lives are intertwined with the craft of weaving traditional skirts. Through a narrative of struggle and cultural heritage transmission amid changing times, the loom symbolizes a woman’s space rich with layered meanings — from gender negotiation and battling traditional prejudices to harboring memories both sweet and bitter.

Artistically, *The Loom That Cuts* blends traditional literary conventions with innovative storytelling. The weaving art and its intricate patterns serve as symbolic language that carries the plot with depth and local color, immersing readers in a deeply emotional journey. It invites empathy for human fate and resilience, affirming that despite painful experiences and memories, life moves forward, weaving the cultural and narrative fabric of humanity’s shared story.

THE LOVE-NOVEL BOOKSTORE

Title THE LOVE-NOVEL BOOKSTORE
Author Prachakhom Lunachai
Genre Literature / Romantic
Page 246
Publication Date November 2012 (First Edition)

ISBN | 9786161847111



- **Awarded Honorable Mention in the Novel Category at the Outstanding Book Awards 2013, organized by the Office of the Basic Education Commission (OBEC).**

- **Selected as an extracurricular reading book for university students at multiple institutions.**

- **Currently being adapted into a film.**

The story follows **Nalida**, or Teacher Kaem, who initially enjoys reading Korean romance novels. However, after moving to a rural area to teach, she meets **Phudin**, a bookstore owner and illustrator. Through his recommendations, her literary taste gradually shifts from lighthearted romance to critically acclaimed Thai literature and some of the world's greatest literary works.

This novel not only explores the evolution of a reader's taste in literature but also presents

insightful discussions on classic books and notable romance novels. At its heart, though, it remains a love story—one that unfolds beautifully and concludes in a deeply moving and unforgettable way.

"A book, when it belongs to the reader, must be as the reader perceives it. Not only can a Thai language teacher like you not impose boundaries, but even the author cannot be a dictator, forcing others to think and see in the way he himself intends to convey."

- Prachakhom Lunachai, *The Love-Novel Bookstore*

HYAKKI YAGYO: THE MYSTERIOUS FULL MOON PARADE OF SPIRITS

Title	HYAKKI YAGYO: THE MYSTERIOUS FULL MOON PARADE OF SPIRITS
Author	Kantachat Chawanawirat
Genre	Horror
Page	288
Publication Date	March 2025

ISBN | 9786161875855



In the village of Khlong Ruea Yao, a legend speaks of a spectral procession—a parade of a hundred spirits that emerges on the night of Loy Krathong. Those who lay eyes upon it are said to be taken, forever becoming part of the endless march.

Ak, a high school boy with an unusual sixth sense, has always felt like an outsider. After a mysterious tragedy reshaped their family, he has relied on his older sister, **Anyarin**, as his only refuge. But when the spectral procession sets its sights on Anyarin, the siblings are forced to flee.

Their escape leads them to an abandoned mansion, a decaying relic haunted by the ghosts of five children—each bound by sorrow, their tragic pasts keeping them from moving on. As they seek shelter within its walls, Ak and Anyarin realize that the horrors they face

are not just from the ghostly parade outside but also from the restless spirits lurking within.

Dark truths begin to unravel, testing the love and bond between the siblings. As the ghostly procession draws closer, Ak is faced with an impossible choice—cling to the past that refuses to let go or step forward into an uncertain future.

With the echoes of the parade growing louder, will Ak find a way to escape, or will he, too, become part of the endless march of the dead?