



ADVENTURES ABOUT TO BEGIN

Following both a family and a country in crisis, Allen Therisa's debut novel explores the love that can be lost when the challenges of life get in the way

After the death of his grandfather, Noah's life is thrown into chaos as he faces a repressed past which threatens everything he believes to be true. In the course of trying to come to terms with his loss, Noah must also navigate a difficult relationship with his sister, Kelly, as they reflect on their turbulent childhood – when they were taken from London to live in the Kent countryside following the breakdown of their parents' marriage.

Set between the 1970s and the more recent past, *Adventures About To Begin* chronicles a collapsing marriage as experienced by its children and reflects on how memory shapes our decisions at crucial junctures during our lives. It is both funny and touching, as well as a sensitive insight into British family life during a period of great social and cultural change.

Aside from writing fiction, **Allen Therisa** also writes for blogs on everything from popular culture to politics, outside of his working life in the world of digital marketing. *Adventures About To Begin* is his debut novel. Allen is currently based in London. <https://allentherisa.com/>

Allen says, "Like many children of the 70s, my experience of the decade was a happy one and not of a country falling into economic and political decline. *Adventures About to Begin* is very much about this difference in how reality is seen by various people at the same time for a range of reasons, particularly when the same events are viewed by children and adults. It is about that curious difference of perspective, the politics of family, and how people tend to try to do the best that they can, no matter how challenging such choices can sometimes be to implement. I wanted to capture and celebrate this fundamental truth, as well as how many of us kids of the seventies saw the era when the UK was changing fundamentally and forever."



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