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THE *Paperbark* SHOE

by **GOLDIE GOLDBLOOM**

ABOUT THE BOOK

Gin, the albino, marries to escape the confines of an asylum. Toad, a little man who wears corsets, marries to prove his manhood. Together they are freaks – feared and ridiculed by the remote farming community in which they live. Into their lives come two Italian POWs bringing music, sensuality and a love that will fan the flames of small-town bigotry.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Goldie Goldbloom grew up in Western Australia. She has received many national and international awards for her fiction and her nonfiction, and is author of *The Paperbark Shoe* and *You Lose These and Other Stories*. One of her stories was selected for inclusion in the *Best Australian Short Stories* of 2015. The National Endowment for the Arts (USA), and the Brown Foundation Fellows Program, Dora Maar House in Ménerbes (France), amongst others, have honoured her with fellowships. She is a professor of creative writing at the University of Chicago and the mother of eight children.

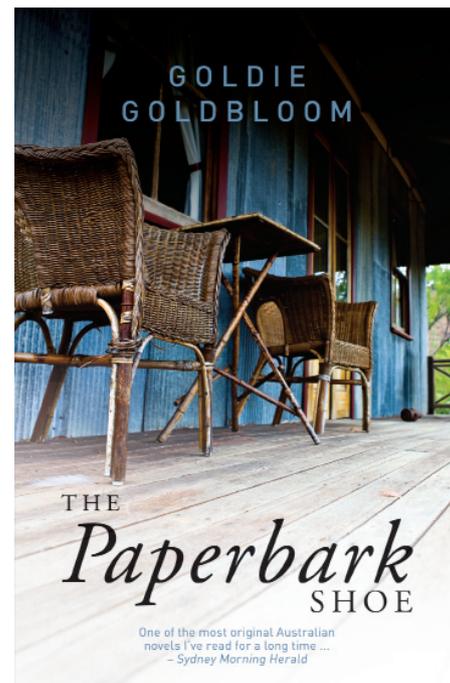
NOTES

- Goldbloom is an expatriate Australian author taking the USA by storm.
- Her debut novel, *The Paperbark Shoe*, won the Association of Writers and Writing Programs' (AWP) Novel Award (2008) and the GLCA New Writers Award for Fiction (2011).
- *The Paperbark Shoe* was the *Sydney Morning Herald* Pick of the Week and was favourably reviewed around Australia.
- Well established favourite with book clubs.
- Book club notes available from fremantlepress.com.au.

PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

'... an assured debut written in beautifully precise language.' *The Age*

'Goldie Goldbloom promises to be one of Australia's most important and imaginative voices of the future ... a masterpiece of description and characterisation.' *Good Reading Magazine*



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