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The Blasphemy Laws / John Dale

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It's October 2048 and an Islamist political Party has swept to power in Britain's general elections. Overnight the country is transformed by the introduction of the blasphemy laws. An Australian history teacher who lost his wife and daughter in a terror attack arrives in London to make contact with the leader of the Resistance. When he becomes involved with a homeless young woman, he discovers the possibility of a new life for both of them far from the dangers of the new London.

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Pat and Ruth Beckett have retired from Sydney to the sublime landscape of the far south coast. To their garden, to their books, to their island in the lake.

They want no part of the madness of Harbourside Grammar, monstrous celebrity

billionaire Buckets Barrington, or the sinister Magnareach Corporation.

But the madness wants a part of them.

Can great books, small black ducks, perfectly formed compost and proper placement of the apostrophe be enough to defend their paradise?

In Apartheid's Shadow : Australian Race Politics and South Africa, 1945-1975 / Roger Bell

Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2019

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In 1952 an Australian journalist cabled from Johannesburg 'Apartheid is the trigger that has fired racial explosions in South Africa and sent echoes rumbling around the world'. In the outposts of Europe's unstable empires, entrenched racism came under unprecedented assault. 'White Australia', especially, was challenged as opposition to racial oppression under a white minority regime in South Africa hardened. In both countries the politics of anti-racism were unleashed - albeit in different ways and with very different consequences. In South Africa entrenched systems of white supremacy were brutally enforced under Apartheid. In Australia, ideologies of race and white privilege were disrupted and, slowly, walls of discrimination cracked. Race politics in post-war Australia was deeply affected by the fractious international struggle over apartheid. The movement against apartheid obliged white Australia to grapple with moral and political issues embedded in its own racialised history and sense of nation. Contests provoked by apartheid were played out on the world stage and, as Indigenous activists emphasised, in Australia's own backyard. This pioneering book explores these struggles as white Australia was hesitantly rejected and the nation negotiated its place in a post-colonial world.
