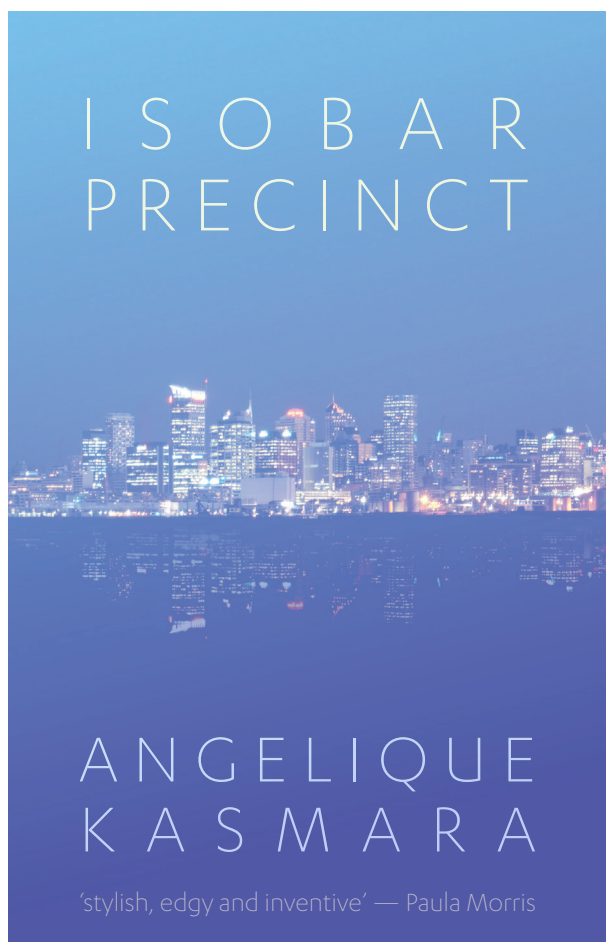


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Isobar Precinct

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Literary speculative fiction

SELLING POINTS

- audacious and inventive debut
- Indonesian-Kiwi author and protagonist
- media connections and support from author and literature advocate Paula Morris
- shortlisted for the Michael Gifkins Prize
- winner of the Sir James Wallace Creative Writing Award
- Auckland author and strong Auckland setting

Who would you go back for?

Lestari Aris is a woman on the edge. Her tattoo studio on Karangahape Road is hammered by burglaries; the hangers-on in her life, from a teenage runaway to a married cop, are bonded to her for reasons she can't fathom. And years after Lestari's father disappeared, her Indonesian mother is still lost in a self-medicated blur.

When a murder in Symonds Street Cemetery whirls Lestari into the orbit of an unpredictable drug, she uncovers a decades-long covert clinical study targeting rough sleepers and others on the fringes—and its dark connections with her own life and history. Everything is connected: the past is circling. How far will Lestari go to save someone she loves?

Set in a vivid, grimy inner-city Auckland, *Isobar Precinct* is an audacious novel that explores our perceptions of time and progress, and asks whether the past ever disappears. It also marks Angelique Kasmara as a writer to watch.



Angelique Kasmara has a Master of Creative Writing from the University of Auckland. She was a finalist for the Michael Gifkins Prize and won the Sir James Wallace Prize in 2016. Some of her fiction appears in

Newsroom, Ko Aotearoa Tātou | We Are New Zealand and A Clear Dawn: New Asian Voices.

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