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# Nuala

## A Fable

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**Description:** A giant adolescent puppet becomes self-aware in a dystopian world of love and treachery.

### Sales Tips:

- Set in an atypical dystopian urban world, *Nuala* is a startlingly original and inventive work, redolent of Margaret Atwood, José Saramago, and Kazuo Ishiguro.
- *Nuala* begins with the awakening of a giant marionette. By casting her eyes on Teacher-Servant, she chooses him to hear her thoughts and be her teacher and he names her Nuala. (Pronounced Noo lah.)
- The gradual alteration in Teacher-Servant's devotion to Nuala—his increasing cruelty and disenchantment with his role as "chosen one"—provides a strong plot arc, which has a highly satisfying ending.
- In this rich morality tale, the author draws the reader along for Teacher-Servant's crisis of faith and his eventual fall. The novella leaves one with a lot to ponder about the nature of love, possessiveness, obsession, betrayal, faith, and autonomy.
- The writing is full of evocative and poetic detail, with a somewhat formal tone that seems appropriate to a fable. There is a richness in the prose that makes one feel like one has entered a world and a time to be savoured.
- Giant marionettes, including Little Girl Giant, are coming to Montreal in May 2017. These puppets draw crowds of thousands in Europe, with people travelling from all over the globe.
- La Machine's giant spider and dragon "puppets" are coming to Ottawa in summer 2017 for Canada's 150th birthday celebrations.

**Audience:** Readers of Canadian literature, allegory, novellas, dystopian futures.

**Similar Books:** *Nuala* belongs in the family of fables and allegorical stories such as *Life of Pi* (Yann Martel), *Galore* (Michael Crummy), *The Hunter and the Wild Girl* (Pauline Holdstock), and *The Buried Giant* (Kazuo Ishiguro).

**Promotional Plans:** Review mailing, media, conferences, advertising.

**Author:** Kimmy Beach is a writer, editor, and mentor. *Nuala* is her sixth book. Her last publication, *The Last Temptation of Bond* (UAP, 2013), received wide recognition. She lives in Red Deer, Alberta.

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