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3. SUBMISSIONS

We'll sometimes ask our users to contribute content to our website or social media. Please note before you do so that any material you send to us (including any data, questions, comments, suggestions, ideas, designs, images, videos, audio, marks or other information) will be deemed to be non-confidential and non-proprietary, unless you tell us otherwise. You authorise us to use it for any purpose, without compensation to you.

We maintain a blog on our website to keep you up to date with the latest in short stories, 'Books I Love' book reviews and other creative writing/wellness areas of interest. As a website user, we may give you the opportunity to comment on our blog posts. Please note that we do regularly screen and review blog comments. We reserve the right to remove comments that we consider may not align with our brand values. You are expressly prohibited from posting any comment or content that is defamatory, offensive or otherwise inappropriate. You warrant that all information that you submit to us via our website is true and correct, to the best of your knowledge and information, and that you are the rightful owner of all intellectual property rights in such information.

We may also feature guest bloggers from time to time. We want you to know that we don't necessarily endorse or support any views, opinions, standards or information expressed in guest blogs and/or the comments section of our blog.

If you find something offensive or inappropriate, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us and we'll review the material to see whether it should be removed.

4. PRIVACY

We take your privacy seriously. All information we collect through your use of the website and how we use and disclose it is set out in our Privacy Policy, which is available on our website.

5. LINKS TO OUR WEBSITE

If you would like to link to our website, please get in touch with us with your URL, a brief description of your website and why you want to establish a link. Please note that if we allow you to link to our website, we may impose certain terms or conditions.

If the nature or content of your website changes in any significant way after the authorised link is established, you must let us know and provide us with a new description of your website. If the change means that your website is no longer a good fit with ours, we may ask you to remove the link. Refusal will constitute a breach of these terms.

6. LINKS FROM OUR WEBSITE TO OTHER WEBSITES

We may also, on occasion, include links to other websites which are not controlled by us. These links are provided for your convenience to provide you with further information. You acknowledge that they are used at your own risk. Please note that we include these links for your convenience, however we don't necessarily endorse or support the views, opinions, standards or information expressed on them. We have no control over the nature, content and availability of those websites. For your own safety, please make sure you check the protocols and standards of the linked sites before using them.

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- any malware (bugs, viruses, trojan horses, ransomware or other harmful code or communications) which may be transmitted to or through the website, including links to other sites;
- costs incurred by you in using the website; and
- links which are provided for your convenience.

It is your own responsibility to ensure that any services or information available through this website meet your specific requirements.

You indemnify us from and against all claims, suits, demands, actions, liabilities, costs and expenses (including legal costs and expenses on a full indemnity basis) resulting from your use of the website.

10. CHANGES TO TERMS

If we decide to change these terms (and we can do so at any time), we'll post a copy of our revised terms on our website. Changes to the terms will take effect immediately on being published on the website. Your continued use of the website indicates your acceptance of the revised terms.

11. SEVERANCE

If any part of these terms is found to be void or unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, that part will be severed and the rest of the terms will remain in force.

12. NO AFFILIATION

Our website is not a part of the Facebook website, Facebook Inc, YouTube, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter or Google, nor is it endorsed by or affiliated with any of those websites or their owners in any way.

13. TERMINATION

The agreement between us constituted by your use of the website may be terminated at any time by us without notice, in which case all disclaimers and limitations of liability will survive termination, however, you will no longer be authorised to access the website.

14. JURISDICTION

As we are based in New South Wales, these terms will be governed by the laws of New South Wales. In the event of any dispute, we ask that you first contact us, and we'll do our best to resolve the dispute to our mutual satisfaction quickly, cheaply and efficiently. If we do end up in court, you agree that the exclusive venue for resolving any dispute will be in the courts of New South Wales and courts of appeal from them.

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