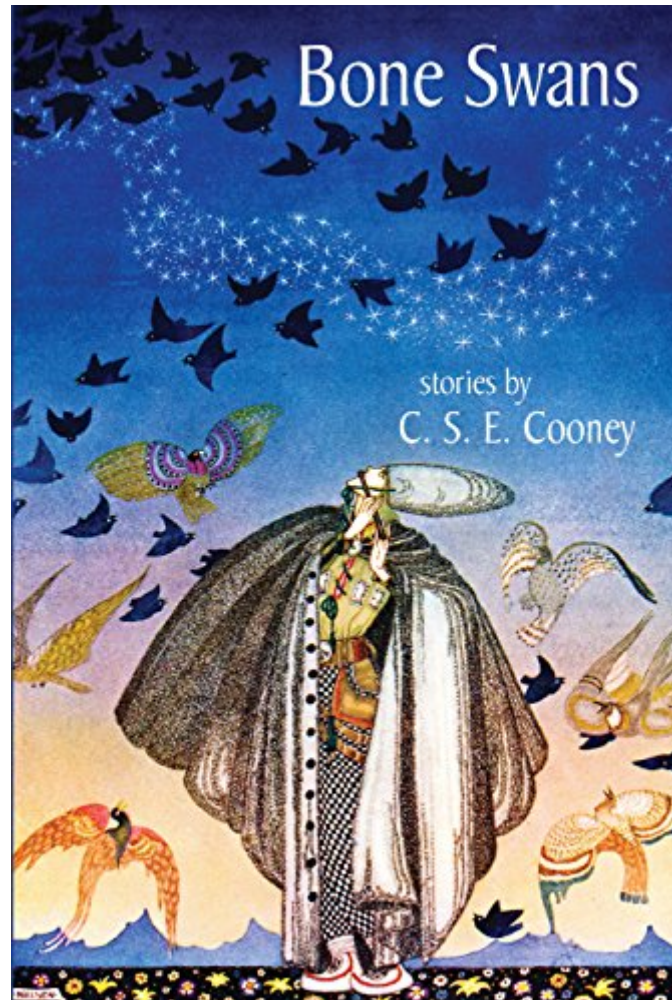


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"C. S. E. Cooney is one of the most moving, daring, and plainly beautiful voices to come out of recent fantasy. She's a powerhouse with a wink in her eye and a song in each pocket."

—Catherynne M. Valente, *New York Times*-bestselling author of the *Fairyland* novels

"These stories are a pure joy. C. S. E. Cooney's imagination is wild and varied, her stories bawdy, horrific, comic, and moving-frequently all at the same time. Her characters are wickedly appealing, and her language—O! her language. Lush, playful, poetic, but never obscure or stilted, it makes her magic more magic, her comedy more comic, and her tragic moments almost unbearable."

—Delia Sherman, author of *Young Woman in a Garden: Stories*

"*Bone Swans* is a joy of feathery bones & ghoulish clowns. I adored every word. Like an eyas cries for meat, I cry for more. C.S.E. Cooney's a major talent and these are major talent stories. Who

can resist hero rats, pouting swans, feral children, flying carpets and the Flabberghast? So tongue-tied am I with delight I fall back on the usual clichés: gripping, delightful, insightful, rollicking & lyrical—and yet not one cliché is to be found in *Bone Swans*, only stories of surpassing delicacy and wit, told by a lady of rare talent. Please, ma'am, might I have some more?"

—Ysabeau S. Wilce, Andre Norton Award winning author of *Flora's Dare*

A swan princess hunted for her bones, a broken musician and his silver pipe, and a rat named Maurice bring justice to a town under fell enchantment. A gang of courageous kids confronts both a plague-destroyed world and an afterlife infested with clowns but robbed of laughter. In an island city, the murder of a child unites two lovers, but vengeance will part them. Only human sacrifice will save a city trapped in ice and darkness. Gold spun out of straw has a price, but not the one you expect.

World Fantasy Award winner Ellen Kushner has called Cooney's writing "stunningly delicious! Cruel, beautiful and irresistible." *Bone Swans*, the infernally whimsical debut collection from C. S. E. Cooney, gathers five novellas that in the words of Andre Norton Award winner Delia Sherman are "bawdy, horrific, comic, and moving-frequently all at the same time." Cooney's mentor, Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America Grand Master Gene Wolfe, proclaims in his introduction that her style is so original it can only be described as "pure Cooney," and he offers readers a challenge: "Try to define that when you've finished the stories in this book."

More praise for *Bone Swans*

If your familiarity begins and ends with C.S.E. Cooney's poetry, do yourself a favor and stick around for these novellas. If you aren't new to her stories, know that you will find her here at the top of her not inconsiderable game. Highly original, mythic in scope, lyrically told, just plain *fun*.

—Nicole Kornher-Stace, author of *Archivist Wasp*

C.S.E. Cooney's **Bone Swans** is like visiting a literary Ys. Coaxed by her deft hand, lands and people long lost to memory resurface, breaking through the hearts of readers with the force of a gentle tsunami. Once that wave has broken over you, you are never the same.

—Tiffany Trent, author of *The Unnaturalists*

"Like one of her characters, C. S. E. Cooney is a master piper, playing songs within songs. Her stories are wild, theatrical, full of music and murder and magic."

—James Enge, author of *Blood of Ambrose*

"It's a treasure chest of a collection, and it's full of gems."

—Sharon Shinn, author of the *Elemental Blessings* series

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