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***“My feet were fused with a 7-lane highway  
My spine, dismantled;  
a map of bones with no instruction.”***

In her second book of poetry, Bianca Bowers deconstructs and redefines her identity beyond marriage and motherhood while searching for an unattainable sense of belonging as an Australian immigrant.

With a mix of surreal poems and poetry firmly grounded in reality, Bowers shifts effortlessly between consciousness and sleep, reality and dreams, as she seeks to find passage in a restless landscape.

***“When I find my voice / it muzzles the lark’s chorus...  
my roots shrivel below the heath / but harebells  
bloom from my fingertips.”***

## REVIEWS

*“I loved this book, a lot. As an immigrant I found everything extremely relatable. As far as writing goes, Bianca has a beautiful way of capturing intense feelings and articulating them in a very poignant way that cuts to the bone and pierces the heart. I would recommend to all, you won’t be left disappointed.” ~ Amazon*

*"I have long followed Bianca on Twitter, and there under the demand of a 140 character limit, Bianca perfected the craft of each word being meaningful, each phrase well put together. In this book, Passage, all that work shows." ~ Amazon*

## Poems

### *Trapped*

I am trapped;  
a parasol of honey  
in a sky full of ants.

I have drowned the sun,  
ignited the rain,  
fished stars from the sewers,  
tasted bittersweet  
dichotomy.

Now, I tuck the moon into my pocket  
before it empties the sky.  
Lay a snow-trap  
for the climactic storm  
that will end the endless summer,  
before it burns the clouds alive.

### *She leaves her soul in the stairwell*

She leaves her soul in the stairwell  
at dusk.

Folds her petticoat heart  
before the snow-capped raven  
serenades the moon.

Padlocks her tongue  
while the storm gathers emotion.

Slips into a bath of disinfectant  
to scrub the subterranean scars.

And,  
when her skin catches its breath,

she secures her anxiety  
to a moth's wings,  
and watches it flee the night.

# MEET BIANCA



Bianca Bowers is a South African-born, Australian-based writer who has also lived in the UK and New Zealand. She holds a BA in English and Film/TV/Media Studies from the University of Auckland, and has authored five poetry books through her poetry imprint, Paperfields Press.

Her fifth poetry book, *Butterfly Voyage*, reached Number 1 in Amazon's Australian and Oceanian Poetry Category on its release, and Bianca's poems have appeared in film, print anthologies, and online journals.

Bianca's debut novel, *Cape of Storms*, was published in 2019 through her fiction imprint, Auteur Books. She is currently working on her second novel and her sixth poetry collection.

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