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# Winter Sun

By Miki Lentini

**A spiky father-son relationship is tested to its limits on their last holiday together**

## Endorsement

'Bittersweet, funny and tender, *Winter Sun* is about the mysterious relationship between parent and adult child, the fragility of the ageing body, the strangeness of family holidays and the comforts of alcohol and literature. You can't help falling in love with Miki and Abba, willing them on to find a common language—and ideally a whiskey they can both agree on.' **Viv Groskop**, author of *The Anna Karenina Fix*.

## Keynotes

- The author's debut novel. A captivating story of the narrator's frustrating relationship with his Irish Jewish father, Abba. The author's father, Louis Lentini, was a well-known television and theatre director in Ireland. He died in July 2014.
- An autofiction novel, told through the structure of a nine-day holiday the father and son went on together to Tenerife in the winter of 2006.
- For fans of Deborah Levy's *Hot Milk*; Ben Lerner's *Leaving the Atocha Station*; Ruth Gilligan's *Nine Folds Make a Paper Swan*; Joshua Cohen's *The Netanyahus*; Nick Flynn's *Another Bullshit Night in Suck city*.

## Description

A nine-day winter break in Tenerife. Nothing is quite good enough. A son tries in vain to ask his ailing, elderly Irish Jewish father questions about their past before it's too late. The absurdity and hilarity of family holidays in the sun are brought to life in this sharp and fiercely honest novel that crosses borders, carrying the reader on a tide of childhood pain, a search for identity, and growth.

## Synopsis

The narrator agrees to his father's wish to get an annual dose of winter sun, in the hope that it would help to cure his aches and pains. He wants to understand why his father, Abba, behaved the way he did when he was younger. Through the events of each day and the characters they meet, the book explores a different aspect of Abba's life and personality; Abba's health, their Irish Jewish identity, their views on Israel, Palestine, their anxieties and feelings of loneliness. He tries to gain enough confidence to ask his father questions he has written on a piece of paper. They are the result of conversations he had with his shrink. Tension between them builds up.

## Author Biography

Miki Lentini took up writing while travelling the world with his family a few years ago. He completed an MA in Creative Writing at Birkbeck in 2020 and was a finalist in the 2020 Irish Novel Fair. He has been placed highly in competitions including Fish Publishing Short Memoir Prize 2020, Brick Lane Bookshop New Short Stories 2022 and Leicester Writes, and published in Litro, MIR and other publications. His collection of short stories *Inner Core* was published by Afsana Press in 2022. *Winter Sun* is his debut novel. Miki dreams of one day running a literary cafe. For more information, you can visit: [www.mikilenti.net/my-writing](http://www.mikilenti.net/my-writing)

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