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Profile: Kgshak Akec

Kgshak Akec is a South-Sudanese writer, performing artist, storyteller, and a lover of words. Since the moment she learned how to write in English at the age of six, Kgshak has been writing out the stories that live inside her mind.

As a migrant and non-native English speaker, Kgshak is fascinated by the unspoken words and unsung songs of the day-to-day, she finds herself drawn to stories that challenge perception and go against the grain of the expected while also being grounded in truth.

Her debut novel 'Hopeless Kingdom,' inspired by her own journey of migrating to Australia, explores the relationship of a mother and daughter as they settle, break, evolve,

and adapt in new lands through multiple heartaches and triumphs.

