

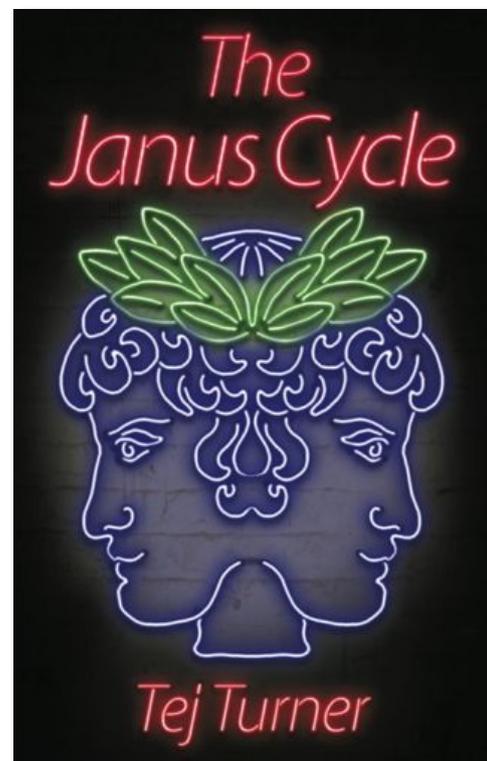


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The Janus Cycle can best be described as gritty, sexy, surreal, urban fantasy.

Janus is a nightclub. But it's not merely a location, it's virtually a character in its own right. On the surface it appears to be a subcultural hub where the strange and disillusioned, who feel alienated and oppressed by society, can escape to be free from convention. Underneath that façade is a surreal space in time where the very foundations of reality can be twisted and distorted. But the special, unique, vibe of Janus is hijacked by a bandwagon of people who choose to conform to alternative lifestyles simply because it has become fashionable to be 'different' and this causes many of its original occupants to feel lost and disenchanting.

The story unfolds through the eyes of eight narrators, each with their own perspective and their own personal journey. A story in which the nightclub itself goes on a journey. But throughout, one strange girl briefly appears and reappears warning the narrators that their individual journeys are going to collide in a cataclysmic event. Is she just another one of the nightclub's denizens, a cynical mischief-maker out to create havoc or a time-traveller trying to prevent an impending disaster?

Although Tej Turner has been successfully writing and publishing short stories since graduating, this is his debut novel. "*The Janus Cycle* illustrates perfectly the breadth and depth that makes Speculative Fiction the most exciting and innovative genre today. Equally classifiable as fantasy or science fiction, this book is much more than either epithet might suggest. It is the paradigm for the voice of a new generation of writers, sounding out the literary beat of an eclectic alternative sub-culture."

Tej Turner has just begun branching out as a writer and been published in anthologies, including *Impossible Spaces* (Hic Dragoness Press) and *The Bestiarum Vocabulum* (Western Legends). His parents moved around a bit while he was growing up so he doesn't have any particular place he calls "home", but most of his developing years were spent in the West country of England. He went on to Trinity College in Carmarthen to study Film and Creative Writing, and then later to complete an MA at The University of Wales, Lampeter, where he minored in ancient history but mostly focused on sharpening his writing skills. Tej has just returned from backpacking his way across Asia and keeping a travelblog (<http://tejturner.wordpress.com>) to let his friends and fans follow him on his adventures as he gallivanted around Burma, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Nepal. When he is not trekking jungles or exploring temples, reefs, and caves he is usually based in Cardiff, where he works by day, writes by moonlight, and squeezes in the occasional trip to roam around megalithic sites and the British countryside. The next time he has enough money he will be flying off on another adventure. He is currently engaged in writing an epic fantasy series.

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