

HOLD FOR RELEASE UNTIL MAY 8th 2016:

Local abuse victim publishing novel to empower other sufferers

After more than ten years of writing and rewriting, local author Michaela Daphne is finally taking the plunge into the publishing of Purlieu, her first novel in a series of four. Purlieu is a young adult fantasy thriller about a girl who learns love of self and empowerment after an abusive relationship.

The novel began as a whimsical fantasy romance, but after experiencing first hand the entrapment of abuse, Michaela Daphne decided to change the direction of the story, which now delves into the dark, complicated world of manipulation. "I've heard too many women's stories of being stuck in these bad relationships and not being able to get out of them, with family members helplessly watching from the sidelines," Michaela Daphne says. "I want to offer these women a place where they can be a fly on the wall to a story that perhaps mirrors what they are going through themselves. As they wish for Evelyn to escape, they may see the need for themselves to do the same thing."

It has been a long journey, getting the first book ready for publishing and it is still in need of a professional editor for one last round of editing, an outcome that Michaela hopes is possible through crowd-funding the pre-orders of Purlieu. By crowd funding, she will have the finances to not only pay for the editor but the printing and distribution of the book. Purlieu will go live for pre-order sales on May 8th 2016 for four weeks only and can be purchased as a eBook, paperback, or as a cloth cover hardback (specially made by Michaela Daphne herself). She's even offering sponsorship opportunities in the book and on her website.

In addition to getting the book in as many women's hands as possible, Michaela Daphne wants to support those out there already doing their part to bring this message to young people. She is partnering with Real Talk Australia (resources, presentations, and programs in schools getting real on the topics of sex, relationships, and personal identity) by offering a 50% donation to the organisation as one of the rewards tiers in her crowd-funding.

The Publishizer pre-order campaign will run for just 4 weeks, after which Michaela Daphne will enlist an editor and the book will be distributed to pre-order sales by May 2017. The book will then be released mid-2017 via Amazon for both ebook and paperback general sales.

Michaela Daphne has been writing for over ten years in both short and long form – stage plays, screenplays, newspaper articles, ad copy, and blogging. To get behind Michaela Daphne, visit the crowd-funding platform [Publishizer](#) or visit michaeladaphne.com to find out more.

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