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WHO IS *Goldie Goldbloom?*

Goldie Goldbloom is an expatriate Australian living in Chicago with her eight children, three feral cats and twenty-six sewing machines.

Goldie started winning writing prizes from an early age but was told she wasn't "cut throat" enough to become a published author. Her peers beg to differ.

Bestselling author Liz Byrski describes her work as "quirky, haunting and deeply moving". US Author Andrea Barrett compares *The Paperbark Shoe* to the works of Flannery O'Connor and Christina Stead.

Goldie won the USA Association of Writers and Writing Programs' Novel Award for the manuscript of *The Paperbark Shoe*.

Her short fiction has appeared in *StoryQuarterly* and *Narrative* and won the *Jerusalem Post* International Fiction Prize. Her stories have been translated into over ten languages, and are often reprinted and anthologised.

About *The Paperbark Shoe*:

Gin, the albino, marries to escape an asylum. Toad, a little man who wears corsets, marries to prove his manhood. Together they are freaks—tolerated but ridiculed by the remote farming community in which they live. But the arrival of two Italians triggers a series of unforgettable events. The World War II POWs bring music, sensuality and the spark that will ignite small-town bigotry.

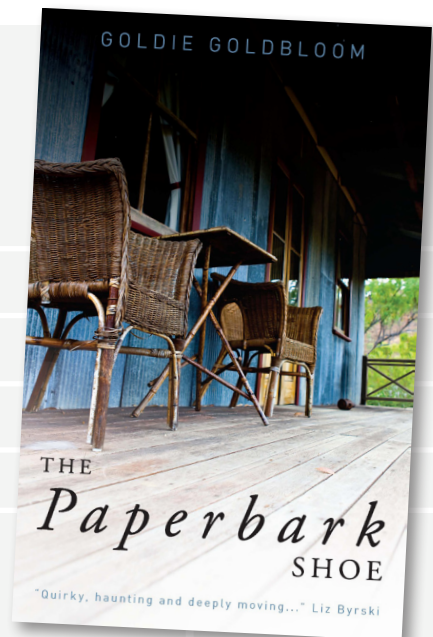
What the reviewers said:

'Goldie Goldbloom promises to be one of Australia's most important and imaginative voices of the future ... a masterpiece of characterisation.' — *Good Reading Magazine*

'... an assured debut written in beautifully precise language.'
— *The Age*

Other notes:

- The USA version of this manuscript won the Association of Writers and Writing Programs' (AWP) Novel Award in 2008.
- The novel will be published in the USA in March 2010. Her non-fiction story 'You Lose These' is forthcoming in a Random House anthology.
- Won the Jerusalem Post Prize for her short story 'My Jerusalem'
- Has studied Chassidic thought and Russian / Jewish History.
- Has degrees from two seminaries.



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