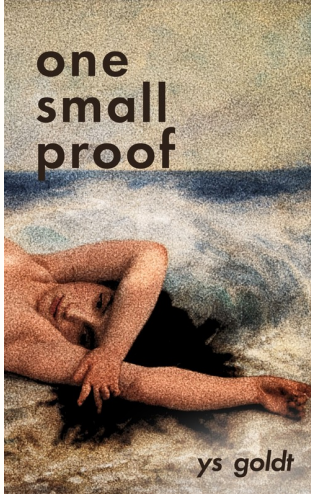




LITERARY SHORT STORY

One Small Proof

Sometimes the smallest proof of love is the thing that survives.

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Grief & Tenderness

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ABOUT THE BOOK

After loss leaves Taloa alone at the edge of her village, the ocean becomes the one place that asks nothing of her. Then, one morning, it gives something back: a wounded stranger washed ashore, speaking a language she cannot understand.

For a few brief days, Taloa and Tomás build something between them without shared words - through names, gestures, touch, and the simple act of being seen. But some encounters are never meant to last. Some leave behind only the smallest proof that they happened at all.

One Small Proof is a bittersweet literary short story about grief, tenderness, loneliness, and the quiet traces love leaves behind.

ABOUT YS GOLDT

Ys Goldt is a writer and multidisciplinary artist working across literary and speculative fiction, fantasy, romance, interactive media and design. Her fiction frequently explores love, memory, identity, solitude and the quiet ways people alter one another. Whether writing historical settings or invented worlds, her work begins with character and returns to a central question: what does it cost to truly let another person in?

FOR READERS WHO ENJOY

Quiet literary fiction; bittersweet stories; grief and healing; wordless intimacy; coastal settings; emotionally restrained prose; and brief encounters with lasting consequences.

THEMES & INTERVIEW ANGLES

- Grief and the rituals of solitude
- Connection beyond shared language
- Gesture and touch as dialogue
- Brief encounters and lasting change
- The ocean as refuge and witness
- Writing tenderness without sentimentality
- Emotional compression in short fiction

CONTENT

Themes of bereavement, loneliness and injury, with bittersweet emotional material.

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