

Nail and Other Stories / 190 pages / 1997 / Laura Hird / 9780862416775 / Rebel Incorporated, 1997

Nail and Other Stories. Laura Hird. This collection of bleak short stories examines the weirder, nastier side of life. Its dysfunctional characters are into necrophilia, paedophilia, arson and other obsessions. It captures the anger and fearfulness of people on the edge of madness, and cleverly and creepily leads the reader to a realisation of what's going on. Extract. She was sitting in the car watching his house when she first saw his slut. They'd spoken several times but that was before her ex had gone ex-directory. When she used to phone after he'd first left, she'd had other than painting my nails and nail art, which seemed a bit too obvious for me, I do love to read. I would say fiction is my favorite "mysteries, suspense, historical and coming of age. I love it all." Looking for literary nail designs to represent your favorite books, worlds, and even publishers? Read on for some fun and easy ways to master bookish nail art! Book Nail Art Nail Art Blog Book Art Cute Nails My Nails Penguin Nails Penguin Books Love Book Book Worms. NAIL AND OTHER STORIES is not for the faint of heart, but the stories resonate, and the characters and images are surprising and unsettling. Hard-hitting and clever, Hird's stories will make you think-and they'll come back to haunt you later. ~ Lori L. Lake, Midwest Book Review. Read more. I first came across Laura Hird through her story "The Dilating Pupil" in the Children of Albion Rovers collection. This collection of ten of her stories is fairly consistent, lots of slices of the underbelly of Scottish life. Slices is a key word here, 'cause while she is strong in quickly getting characters and places out there and in the reader's mind, most of the stories feel like one's walked into the middle of a longer piece. There is a kind of haste and unfulfilled quality to a number of them that leaves the reader a bit empty. In this book, eight stories written by Pedro Antonio de Alarcon have been brought together in English for the first time. The nail in "The Nail" is found driven into a disinterred skull, and if some of the events are implausible and others incredible, it is also true that there is considerable suspense and mystery. "The Cornet" draws more heavily on historical reality, with its depiction of the horror of civil war and factual detail. Noteworthy for its first-person narration and rapid-fire dialogue, "The Cornet" paints an episode of fraternal love and the power of Nail and Other Stories book. Read 6 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. Following on from Children of Albion Rovers, this is a collec... Goodreads helps you keep track of books you want to read. Start by marking "Nail and Other Stories" as Want to Read: Want to Read saving! Want to Read. Currently Reading. Read. Other editions. Enlarge cover. Want to Read saving!