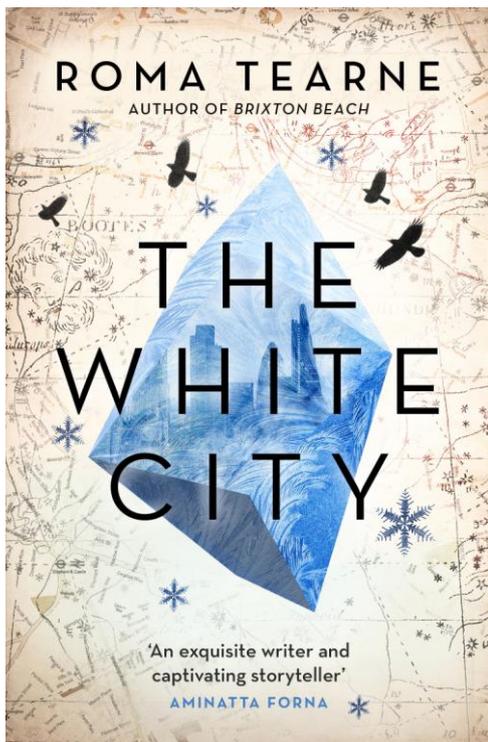


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Roma Tearne



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Roma Tearne is a Sri Lankan-born, Oxford-based artist, film-maker and writer. Her debut novel, *Mosquito*, was shortlisted for the 2007 Costa First Novel Award. *The Swimmer* was longlisted for the Orange Prize in 2011 and Asian Man Booker in 2012.

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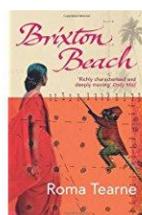
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