

STARS

**IN THE CITY
OF THE BLACK**

SWAN

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INTRODUCTION

A Star is formed when a large amount of gas, mainly hydrogen, begins to collapse on itself due to its gravitational action. As the gas contracts, the atoms collide with each other at a greater speed, causing it to heat up to such great temperatures that when the hydrogen atoms no longer bounce, they fuse to form helium. The brightness of the stars is the heat released by this reaction.

It is the sun, that star that gives life to each of the organisms that inhabit this planet. If the sun would not shine, nothing happens, the quality of the experience as living beings would not exist.

This means that all human beings on this planet are also made of stars, no matter our social status, gender, age, race, place of origin, skin color, belief, culture, or ways of thinking. However, we live in a society that is marked by social classes, prejudices and often a lack of knowledge that makes us have a particular perception of our social environment. This perception of our environment generates, from my point of view, one of the biggest problems of humanity, inequality. It can be seen anywhere on the planet, including this marvelous land of Perth.

However, leaving aside all stereotypes and prejudices with which we have lived throughout our lives, we can observe in everyone that we are all equal, we all come from the same source, we should observe more our environment to realize that there are many other realities where everyone is giving its best to live this confusing life.

We just must learn to observe with our hearts instead of observing only with our eyes to understand that we are all equal with the particularity of being also unique in this vast and small world.

This book has been divided into 4 sections in which I try to show a series of situations and contrasts that are part of our daily lives; Situations that I consider define important aspects of our identity, character, and personal development in social groups. I also wanted to include the individual and society as fundamental axes for the development of the city and who are the main characters in this dystopia.



DYCHOTOMY

Life is a duality, a balance we experience as human beings and, perhaps one of the most important aspects of life. The decisions we make have consequences that build our reality and make us who we are. We are free to decide what to believe and what not to believe based on our experiences, judgments, and personal knowledge of what we think is good or bad; in a nutshell we can always take one of two paths.



There are different ways of growing up





There are different ways to face our grey days





There are different ways to perceive the reality of the street





There are different ways to face a situation





There are different ways of love





There are different ways of looking at the passage of time





There are different ways of culture





There are different ways to transport bodies





There are different ways to use an essential object





There are different ways to break the rules





There are different ways to leave a footprint





There are different ways to see a territory





There are different ways of feeling love for our world





There are different ways to enjoy the beach





There are different ways to decide





There are different ways to occupy an object





There are different ways to move through the day





There are different ways of following stereotypes





There are different ways of facing loneliness





There are different ways of observing





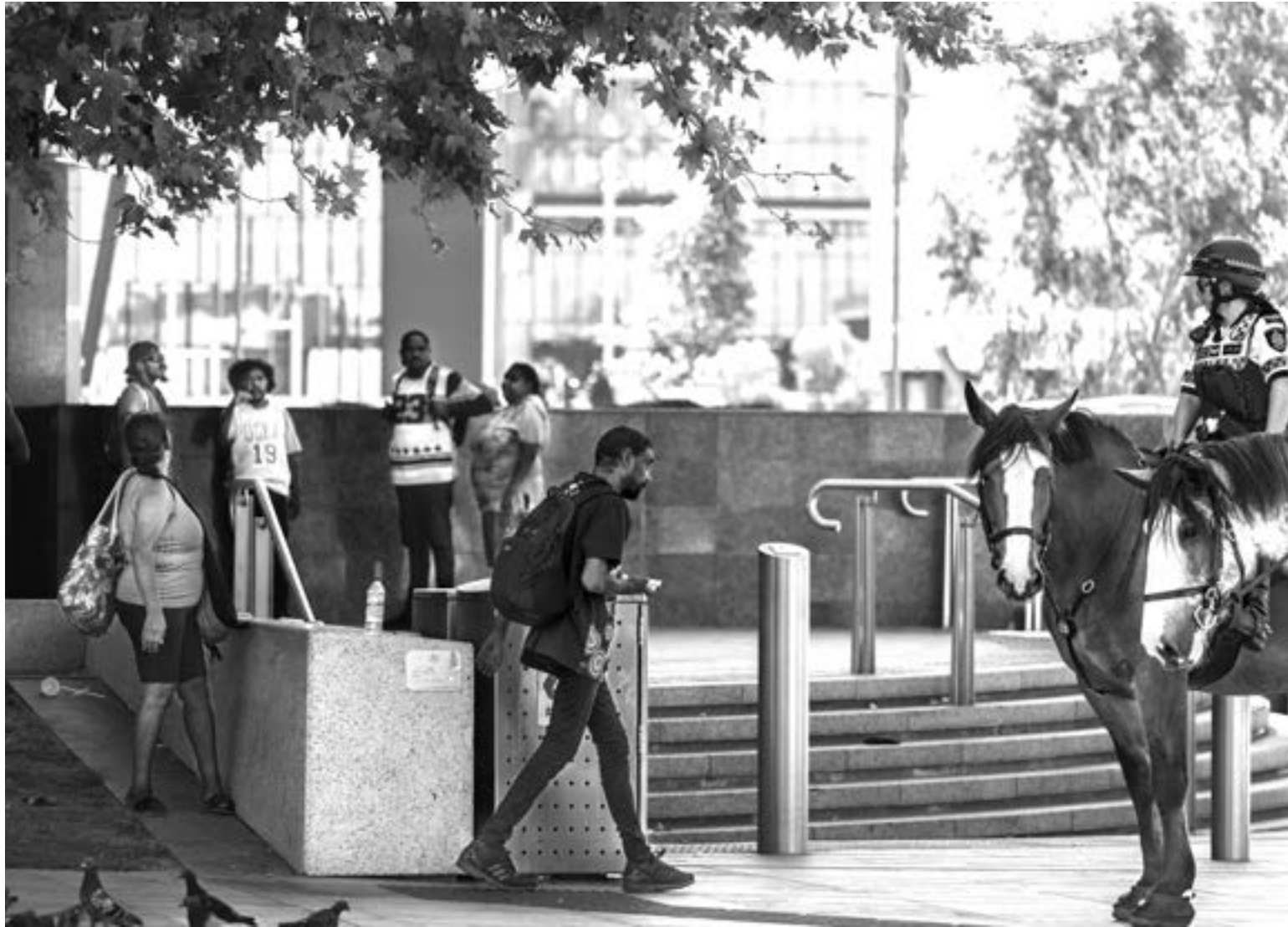
There are different ways to face the passage of time





There are different ways to contemplate nature





There are different ways to keep control





There are different ways to live our reality





There are different ways to see our environment





There are different ways of thinking





There are different ways of understanding what development is





There are different ways to see the night





There are different ways of sharing moments





There are different ways of hanging out





There are different ways of traffic





There are different ways of building





INDIVIDUALS

Although they sometimes go unnoticed, they are the main characters in the development of this social dichotomy. Everyone is equal but there are some features such as culture, religion, experiences, and thoughts that define the expression of personality of every individual. However, all of them are part of a whole that coexists so this city exist.













SOCIETY

Social groups play an important role in the evolution and development of the city. Perth has a wide cultural and social diversity that mixes to make it a community of contrasts where respect and tolerance tends to be one of its qualities. This shows that skin color, genre, religion, ethnicity, culture, or ways of thinking do not matter when building a social group.



















FOLLOW THE LIGHT

Just as the stars shine in the sky, we also shine on earth. We are all made of stars that travel millions of lightyears created with different elements and transforming in the infinite universe. Living is easier when we understand that we are all equal and come from the same source. Choose light instead of darkness, choose happiness instead of sadness, choose love above all.







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