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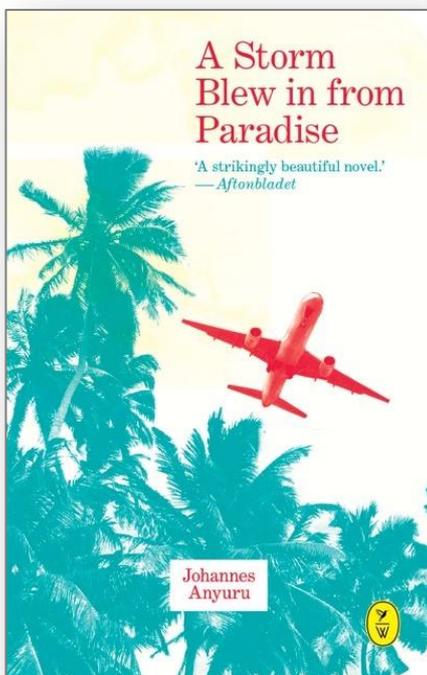
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Based almost entirely on true events, **A STORM BLEW IN FROM PARADISE** is a huge bestseller in Johannes Anyuru's native Sweden.

The story of a father and the story of his son.

After a lonely childhood in the care of his violent, alcoholic brother, P pursues his dream of flying planes, showing great promise as a fighter pilot. Whilst on military training in Greece, he receives the unsettling news that a coup d'état has taken place back home in Uganda, led by a soldier named Idi Amin. Terrified of being drawn into Amin's regime, he deserts the air force and flees to Zambia where he unwittingly walks into a nightmare, a vulnerable pawn in the volatile and dangerous power games being played out between nascent African states.

It is also the story of P's son - the author - as rootless, solitary and disconnected as his father. Struggling to come to terms with his father's absence during his childhood and now, his imminent death, the son searches for a sense of understanding, immersing himself in African history and politics. He was born in Borås yet has never felt Swedish, haunted by a distant continent he doesn't know.

**A STORM BLEW IN FROM PARADISE** is an intensely beautiful novel examining rootlessness and identity, power and violence and the emotional consequences of absence.



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About the author:

JOHANNES ANYURU was born in 1979 in Borås, Sweden, the son of a Swedish mother and a Ugandan father. He is an acclaimed poet and novelist. His second novel, **A STORM BLEW IN FROM PARADISE**, has enjoyed immense success and was awarded the Svenska Dagbladet's Literature Prize and the Aftonbladet Literature Prize 2012.

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