

## THE SHARK PARTY by Janet Colson

*"A brave, enthralling first book,"* Fairfax Media, February 2015

### ABOUT THE NOVEL

*The Shark Party* is a fast-paced psychological drama which has already made its mark in New Zealand with readers, critics and the screen industry. Colson's gripping and assured novel centres on Carla, a magazine illustrator, and her relationship with Nathan, a New York art collector with a passion for Damien Hirst. When Carla becomes involved with climate activist Patrick, she suspects flaws in her relationship with Nathan and his artworld dealings. [Read chapter one here.](#)

### REVIEWS

*The Shark Party* was published by [Escalator Press](#) in New Zealand, where it has received wide critical attention:

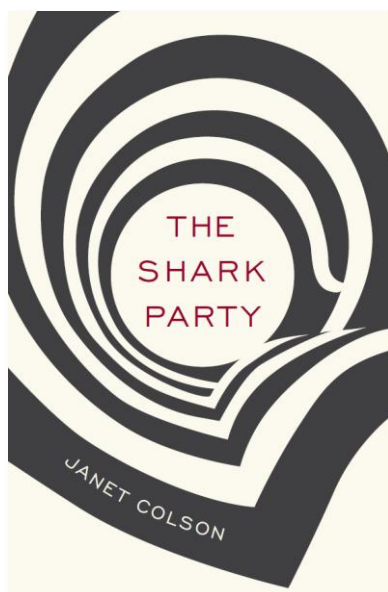
*"Descriptions of New York high-life to rival Bret Easton Ellis. . . . An engaging, evocative page-turner of a debut."* Tom Goulter, FishHead Magazine, December 2014.

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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

[Janet Colson](#) grew up in Staffordshire, England and now lives in Wellington, New Zealand. She has an MA in English and American Literature from King's College, London. She went on to become one of London's top major gift fund-raisers working with wealthy British, American and Russian philanthropists. She led capital campaigns at Sadler's Wells Theatre and Somerset, frequently entertaining royalty, political figures and the social elite. Colson says, 'Like the world of philanthropy, good stories depend on characters with deep emotions and serious motivations.'

Janet Colson is the Executive Director of Development at Victoria University of Wellington developing philanthropic support for projects including the world leading Antarctic Research Centre and Ferrier Research Institute. Janet Colson has published poetry, short fiction in UK anthology *Words Made Flesh* and created the theatre piece *Dali's Womb* - [Goodreads](#).



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