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Lawyer's new novel examines rights, responsibilities and justice in a place beyond the Light Veil

As in fellow lawyer Sir Thomas More's *Utopia*, Sanem Ozdural combines elements of science fiction and fantasy to provide a setting in which to consider the limitations of the power of the state, in her new novel, *the Dark shall do what Light cannot*.

DARTFORD, KENT – 10 April 2015 – Elsewhen Press, an independent UK publisher specialising in Speculative Fiction, is delighted to announce the publication of a new novel, *the Dark shall do what Light cannot*, by author and international lawyer **Sanem Ozdural**. Following the success of *LiGa*TM, her critically acclaimed debut, the latest novel reveals more about the secretive organisation behind the life-extending technology of LiGa. Along with LiGa's newest recruits, we are transported from New York on an eventful voyage across the high seas and beyond the Light Veil to the colourful and wonderful world of Pera, an almost-mythical place on the other side of reality. On the way we meet the pirate Patron and her ship the *Flying Fish*, the only one that can sail through the Light Veil; Orion (Imm.), the Hunter, respected by some and feared by others; and Shadow, the formidable soul of Pera.



There are light trees in Pera that eat sunlight and bear fruit which, in turn, lights up and energises (literally) the whole community. There are light birds that glitter in the night because they have eaten the seed of the lightberry. The House of Light and Dark, which is the domain of the Sun and her brother, Twilight, welcomes all creatures living in Pera. But in the midst of all the glitter, laughter and the songs, it must be remembered that the lightberry is poisonous to the non-Pera born, and the Land is afraid when the Sun retreats, for it is then that Twilight walks the streets...

As a prosecutor, Sanem has confronted some of the worst aspects of humanity. As a novelist she enables us to consider questions that we might otherwise choose to avoid. We live in a world of Light and Dark, Day and Night, Good and Evil. How do we deal with evil? Despite its power and resources, the state with all its laws and police is neither omnipotent nor omnipresent. It is not always enough.

In Pera, as in our world, there is deceit and cruelty. There are people who would harm defenceless children, and those who would jeopardise the health and wealth of their communities for personal gain. What happens, though, when the Sun is not able to shine her light into the repulsive crevices of humanity? When, with all the goodwill in the world, we cannot keep the children safe, or the forests intact. What happens when the rivers are polluted irreversibly, and we can hear the land groan: barren and toxic? And the people have lost their savings, their homes and their communities... Then... the **Dark** shall do what Light cannot.

Pera is fictional, a place where we can see the effect of novel attempts to deal with rights and responsibilities. But Pera is also real; it is the old name of historic Istanbul and means 'the other side'.

the Dark shall do what Light cannot is published today by Elsewhen Press in a digital edition in all popular eBook formats. It will be published in a paperback edition in the summer.

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About Sanem Ozdural



Sanem Ozdural was born in Ankara, Turkey in the 70s, and spent her childhood from age seven onwards in England. Happy days at a quintessentially British boarding school in Surrey helped forge her character and tastes, not to mention lasting friendships. Making her way to the U.S. she studied economics at Princeton University. After graduating from Boston University School of Law, she moved to New Orleans where she practiced as a prosecutor and civil litigator, and spent seven wonderful years living in the French Quarter.

In 2004 she migrated from New Orleans via Washington, D.C., reaching New York City in 2006, where she lived and practiced law until 2013. She is now teaching business law at Koç University in Istanbul. Sanem was an avid bridge player until the tenth round of revisions to her debut novel, *LiGa*TM which was published by Elsewhen Press in 2012. She is now thoroughly enjoying an indefinite bridge sabbatical, and has been imagining all sorts of stories that feature absolutely no bridge or chess.

About Elsewhen Press

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