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### **The paradigm for the voice of a new generation of writers**

**Gritty surreal urban fantasy debut from young author sounds out the literary beat of an eclectic alternative sub-culture**

**DARTFORD, KENT – 16 May 2014 – Elsewhen Press**, an independent UK publisher specialising in Speculative Fiction, is delighted to announce that they have signed a deal with author Tej Turner to publish his first novel *The Janus Cycle*.

*The Janus Cycle* can best be described as gritty, surreal, urban fantasy. The over-arching story revolves around a nightclub called Janus, which is not merely a location but virtually a character in its own right. On the surface it appears to be a subcultural hub where the strange and disillusioned who feel alienated and oppressed by society escape to be free from convention; but underneath that façade is a surreal space in time where the very foundations of reality are twisted and distorted. But the special unique vibe of Janus is hijacked by a bandwagon of people who choose to conform to alternative lifestyles simply because it has become fashionable to be “different”, and this causes many of its original occupants to feel lost and disenchanting.

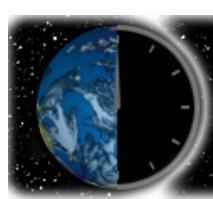
We see the story of Janus unfold through the eyes of eight narrators, each with their own perspective and their own personal journey. A story in which the nightclub itself goes on a journey. But throughout, one character, a strange girl, briefly appears and reappears warning the narrators that their individual journeys are going to collide in a cataclysmic event. Is she just another one of the nightclub’s denizens, a cynical mischief-maker out to create havoc or a time-traveller trying to prevent an impending disaster?

Although Tej Turner has been successfully writing and publishing short stories since graduating, this is his debut novel. “*The Janus Cycle* illustrates perfectly the breadth and depth that makes Speculative Fiction the most exciting and innovative genre today. Equally classifiable as fantasy or science fiction, this book is much more than either epithet might suggest. It is the paradigm for the voice of a new generation of writers, sounding out the literary beat of an eclectic alternative sub-culture.”

*The Janus Cycle* will be published by Elsewhen Press in both digital and print editions early in 2015.

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## Notes for Editors

### About Tej Turner



Tej Turner is fresh out of University, where he partied vigorously and studied Creative Writing and Ancient History to sharpen his craft. He has just begun branching out as a writer and been published in anthologies, including *Impossible Spaces* (Hic Dragones) and *The Bestiarum Vocabulum* (Western Legends Press). When he is not gallivanting around the world trekking jungles and exploring temples, reefs, and caves he is usually based in Cardiff, where he works by day, writes by moonlight, and squeezes in the occasional trip to roam around megalithic sites and the British countryside. The next time he has enough money he will be flying off on another adventure.

*The Janus Cycle* is his first published novel. He is currently engaged in writing an epic fantasy trilogy.

### About Elsewhen Press

Elsewhen Press is an independent publisher of Speculative Fiction. Based in the UK, in the South East of England, Elsewhen Press publishes titles in English in digital and print editions, adopting a digital-first policy for most titles and a digital-only policy for some. Elsewhen Press is an imprint of Alnpete Limited.

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