



BECOMING SOMEONE

by Polari Prize-shortlisted author,
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What shapes the way we see ourselves?

An administrator is forced into early retirement; a busy doctor needs a break. An estate agent seeks adventure beyond marriage; a photojournalist retreats from an overwhelming world. A widow refuses to let her past trauma become public property; another marks her husband's passing in style.

Thought-provoking, playful and poignant, these 42 short stories address identity from different angles, examining the characters' sense of self at various points in their lives. What does it mean to be a partner, parent, child, sibling, friend? How important is work, culture, race, religion, nationality, class? Does our body, sexuality, gender or age determine who we are?

Is identity a given or can we choose the someone we become?

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Alongside her identity as a writer, Anne Goodwin will admit to being a sociable introvert; recovering psychologist; voracious reader; slug slayer; struggling soprano; and tramper of moors.



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