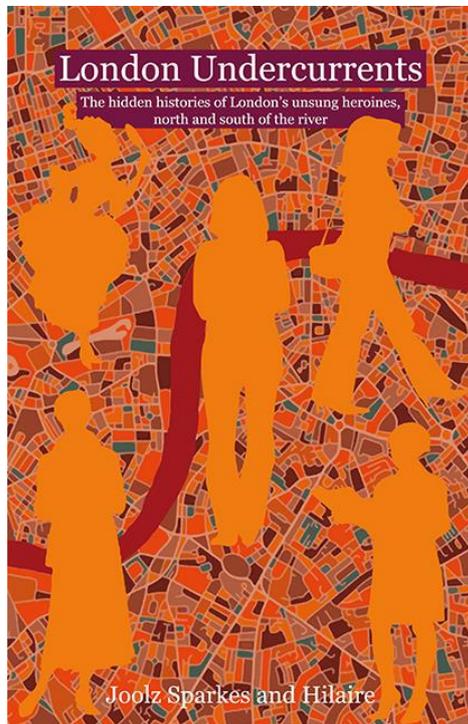


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London Undercurrents

Poems celebrating London's women

by Joolz Sparkes and Hilaire

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London Undercurrents is a collaboration by two London-based female poets Joolz Sparkes (North) and Hilaire (South). This poetry cycle gives a voice to women who often go unheard.

There are thousands of women, extraordinary, ordinary, famous or forgotten who have plenty to say and deserve to be heard. The authors want to share the hidden histories of London's unsung heroines that they have uncovered in their neighbourhoods north and south of the river.

London Undercurrents shows that the personal is also universal and casts women as the central characters of their own story.

This collection is one of a kind, fascinating and well researched. It really captures the spirit, image and diversity of London.

'The poets complement each other with startling, fresh poems exploring these forgotten lives, and following Wollstonecraft's lead, they "restore them to their lost dignity" with deft pens inked by the Thames itself.' – Abigail Morley

Joolz Sparkes

Joolz Sparkes is a member of the collective, Malika's Poetry Kitchen, was shortlisted for the *Bridport Poetry Prize* in 2010, and her poems have been published in *Magma*, *South Bank Poetry*, *Great Weatherfor MEDIA*, *Shooter Literary Magazine* and *Ink Sweat & Tears*. She lives in Islington.

In 2017, Joolz and Hilaire received an Arts Council grant for research and development of *London Undercurrents*.



Hilaire

Hilaire was poet-in-residence at Thrive Battersea in 2017 and her poems have been published in Emma Press anthologies *Aunts*, *Age*, *Mildly Erotic Verse*; also in *Brittle Star*, *ARTEMISpoetry*, *South Bank Poetry*, and in *Triptych Poets: Issue One* from Blemish Books which showcases 18 of her poems. She lives in Battersea.

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