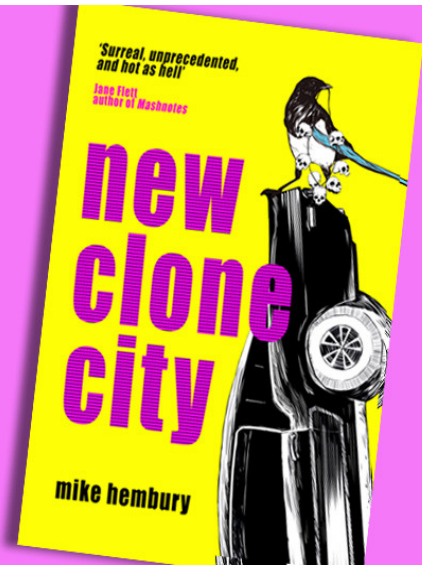




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# NEW CLONE CITY

The debut novel by Mike Hembury

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## *New Clone City* is literary cyberpunk for today's dystopian era

**Berlin, April 2018** - *New Clone City* is the debut novel by Anglo-Berliner, writer, columnist, environmentalist, and punk-rocker Mike Hembury.

A blend of cyberpunk, literary prose and thrilling mystery, it tells the story of a down-at-heel metropolis, poor and sexy like the city it's rooted in. A melting pot of tribes, technology, poverty, and chaos. *New Clone City* is a rollicking compulsive read, as queer and captivating as its inhabitants.

This is a slipstream world where a refugee crisis looms, the environment is in chaos, and an authoritarian political movement threatens the very fabric of the city. These dark forces battle a colourful cast of heroes, from anarchist rednecks to gender-bending sex workers.

Mike Hembury's prose is urgent, sexy and "unprecedented". Sharp and poetic, compelling and passionate, the political and environmental themes resonate for these troubling times. This is a novel to be read today.



## WELCOME TO THE NC

**New Clone City**, baby.

Melting pot of humanity, refuge for the quirky, queer and impoverished. Slipstream metropolis on a landmass near you.

**Jimmy Chang** (of the Singapore Irish Changs) has the NC running in his veins. But when he learns that he has cancer running through them too, his laid-back artist's life is turned upside down and he'll have to make some tough choices.

**Claire** stalks the NC like her own personal jungle. Now she's being pressured to take her environmental activist side hustle up a level, and all her street smarts might not be enough to save her.

**Gene**—Jeanie to the initiated—has been turning tricks since he was young. When one of his girls gets hurt, Gene is drawn into a murky world of deep state subterfuge, where anyone could be the enemy.

With something or someone stirring tensions more than usual, New Clone City is simmering to the boil, and everyone will be caught up in the fallout.

# Author Q&A

## 1. What was the inspiration for New Clone City?

The events of the first chapter - with the naked hipsters on the street - actually happened to me, and I took them as the basis for a short story. After that, the project took on a life of its own.

## 2. Is it true that you wrote during NanoWrimo (National Novel Writing Month)?

Yes, I did a considerable part of the writing during NaNoWriMo, but that wasn't enough to finish the book, so I carried on at the same pace for another month.

## 3. New Clone City is a slipstream universe, but is it inspired by a real place? Can you give us a hint where?

Shhhh, it's a secret! Said in my best theatrical whisper. But if I had to give you a hint, I would say the best thing to do is to treat the title as a kind of crossword puzzle clue.

## 4. You have a full-time job, play in three bands, write an environmental column, how and when do you find the time to write?

That's a good question. Sometimes there is so much other stuff going on that writing has to take the back seat. So I have to actively work writing time into my schedule. Like, a week here, or a month there. It's difficult, but it seems to be the only way at the moment.

## 5. What are you working on now?

I've been working on a collection of short stories and a sequel to New Clone City.

# About the Author



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