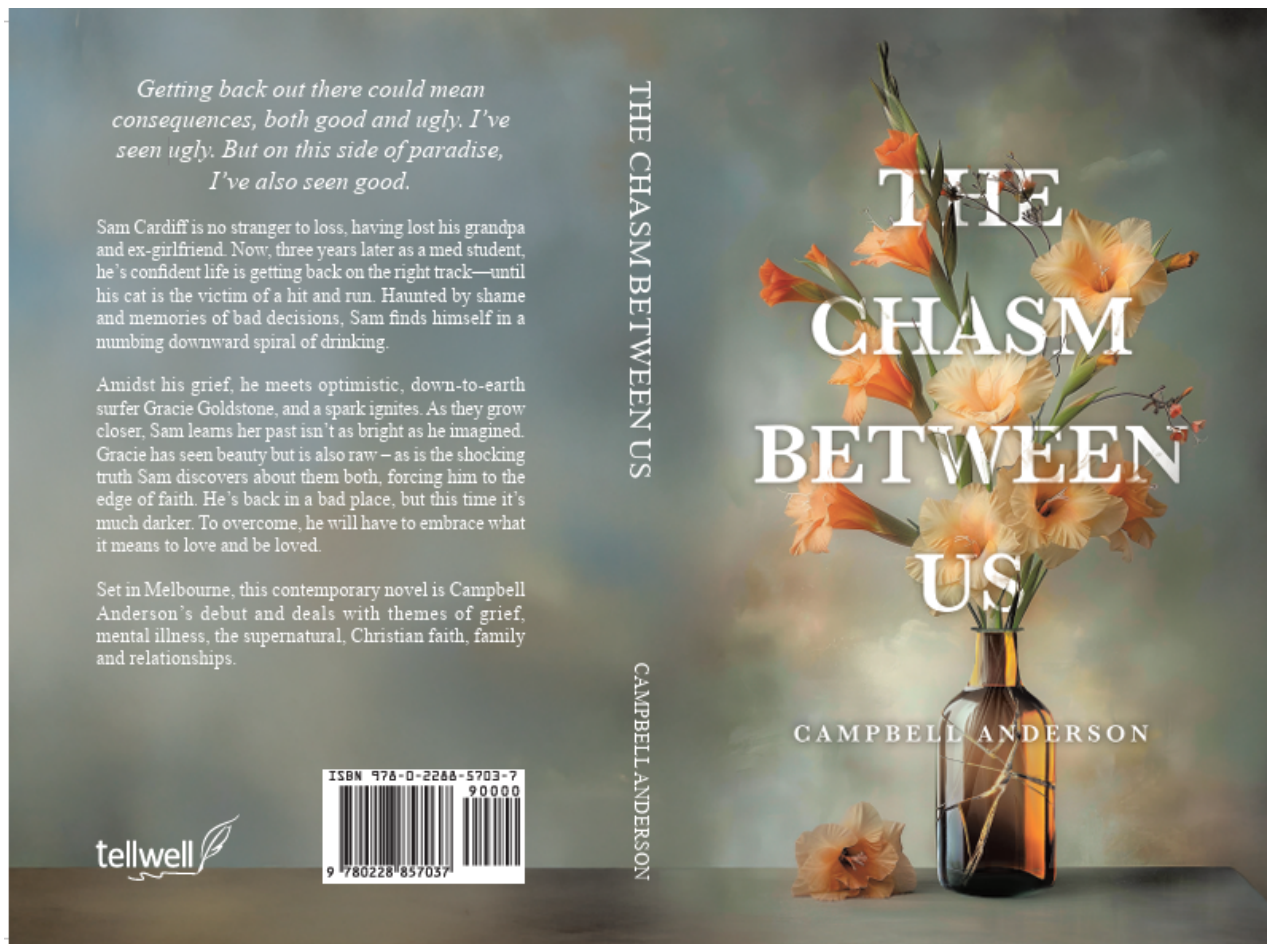




Title: The Chasm Between Us

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Summary:

In Melbourne, med student Sam Cardiff appears to have rebuilt a stable life, but survivor's guilt suddenly pulls him back. Local surfer Gracie Goldstone meets him in his brokenness. A relationship blooms, only for

Sam to discover an upsetting truth that threatens to push him over the edge.

Blurb:

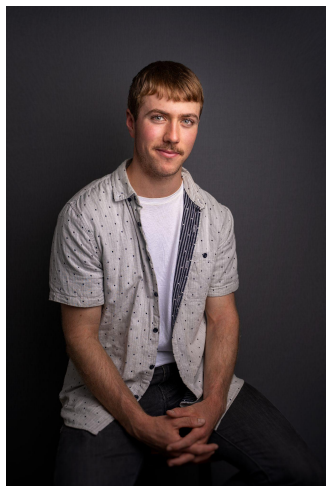
Getting back out there could mean consequences, both good and ugly. I've seen ugly. But on this side of paradise, I've also seen good.

Loss is no stranger to Sam Cardiff, having lost his grandpa and ex-girlfriend. Now, three years later as a med student, he's confident life is getting back on the right track—until his cat is the victim of a hit and run. Haunted by shame and memories of bad decisions, Sam finds himself in a numbing downward spiral of drinking.

Amidst his grief, he meets optimistic, down-to-earth surfer Gracie Goldstone, and a spark ignites. As they grow closer, Sam learns her past isn't as bright as he imagined. Gracie's has seen beauty but is also raw – as is the shocking truth Sam discovers about them both, forcing him to the edge of faith. He's back in a bad place, but this time it's much darker. To overcome, he will have to embrace what it means to love and be loved.

Set in Melbourne, this contemporary novel is Campbell Anderson's debut and deals with themes of grief, mental illness, the supernatural, Christian faith, family and relationships.

Author Bio (short- and medium- length)



Campbell Anderson is the author of the novels *The Chasm Between Us* and *Justifier*. In 2022, Campbell was a finalist in the Katherine Mansfield Short Story Award for a bloody dark romance piece. From a young age, he's enjoyed being creative, and believes there's a story inside everyone worth telling!

Campbell Anderson is a Pōneke-based novelist of contemporary fiction. Since thirteen years old, he has enjoyed using storytelling that's thought-provoking and impactful. In 2025, he self-published his debut new adult romance novel *The Chasm Between Us*. His YA psychological-thriller *Justifier* was self-published in August 2026. He was a finalist in the Katherine Mansfield Short Story Competition 2022. His writing blends mental health, raw emotion, grief and redemption. Campbell is a member of the NZSA and regularly attends Open Mic sessions. When not writing, you can find him drumming or immersed in nature.

Why *The Chasm Between Us* stands out:

The Chasm Between Us is a book well worth stocking, because the cover is appealing with its 'hope contrasting against the storm' design, which was one of the top covers designed by Tellwell (Publishing assistant) in 2025.

Many readers have acknowledged the comfort that narrator and protagonist, Sam Cardiff, has brought them. He is a realistic yet raw young man who is struggling with his mental health and is diagnosed with schizophrenia partway through the book. He's carried a lot of shame and guilt following the loss of loved ones. However, he also shows that people who carry trauma are still capable of finding love, leading a fulfilling life, and overcoming their battles, with a bit of hope, faith, and good support.

I am a local author from Tawa, Wellington, printed by YourBooks.

Below are a few reviews *The Chasm Between Us* has received:
[Goodreads Reviews](#)

Who *The Chasm Between Us* is for:

Male and female readers aged 16 - 30 living in New Zealand or Australia, as well as readers who enjoy mental health representation in fiction and themes of love, loss and overcoming.

Interview Topics:

Why I wrote the book / advice for aspiring novelists / the relevance of mental health themes in the book / behind-the-scenes of the process / aspirations and ambitions for readers / my POV of what inspires authentic storytelling

Sample Questions:

- What compelled you to write *The Chasm Between Us*?
- What message do you want readers to take away from the book?
- What do you believe are the key elements to effective storytelling?
- What is important about mental health representation in fiction?
- What are the highs and lows of being an indie author in NZ?
- What does your writing process look like?
- What is your advice to young writers?
- What growth have you seen in your writing journey?
- What are some memorable moments from behind the scenes of *The Chasm Between Us*?
- How does personal experience contribute to storytelling?
- What inspired the cover or certain scenes?
- What writers/texts have influenced your work?
- What topics would you like to explore in the future?
- What moments have been pivotal in your author journey?

***The Chasm Between Us* Sample:** [The Chasm Between Us Sample](#)

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Frequently Asked Questions:

What age is suitable for reading the book? 16+

How long did it take to write? Around five years (mid-2020 to early 2025)

Where can I get the book? It will be available on Amazon, Kobo Rakuten, my website, and likely from local public libraries - hopefully independent bookstore consignment too.

How is the book distributed? It will be distributed by the author as well as from IngramSpark and/or Wheelers. Terms and conditions will apply for returnability.

Is the book suitable for book clubs? Yes, *The Chasm Between Us* is suitable for book clubs, particularly new-adult aged ones, however no discussion material has been provided.

Many thanks,

Campbell Anderson

