

# Seaweed Rising

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## ABOUT THIS BOOK

**Beneath the sea, over millennia, sentient beings await our final mistakes: soon they will make their move.**

Manfred, an amateur seaweed collector, is convinced that algae are taking over the human race. Haunted by his past, Manfred falls in love with Nora, who has her own ideas about seaweeds and her own troubled history.

From a Cornish fishing village to the Spanish coast, up to the blinding glacial landscape of the Arctic, human society falls under the microscope in this genre-bending existential drama.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Rob Magnuson Smith is a novelist, short story writer, and academic based in Cornwall. His debut novel *The Gravedigger* won the Pirate's Alley William Faulkner Award. His second, *Scorper*, was published by Granta. Recent short fiction has appeared in *Granta*, *Ploughshares*, the *Guardian*, *The Greensboro Review*, *Fiction International*, and the *Australian Book Review*. He has been awarded the Elizabeth Jolley Prize and longlisted for the Sunday Times EFG Short Story Award.

'A wonderfully strange work, at once a moving love story and an ecological reverie of Ballardian intensity.'

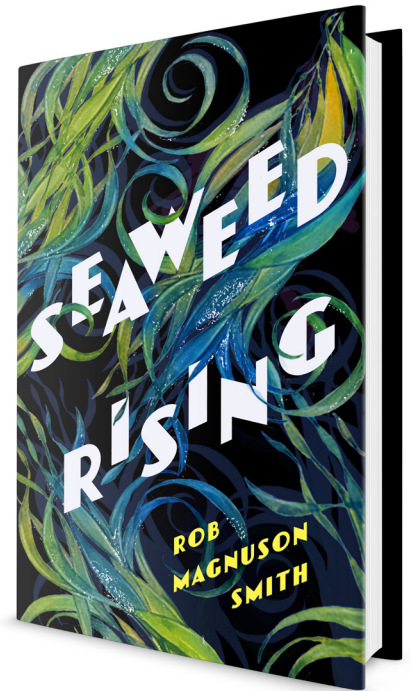
Nicholas Royle, author of *The Uncanny*

'A gripping thriller, an eco-novel, a study of paranoia. Funny and grim and like nothing you have read before. Effortlessly original.'

Richard Francis, author of *The Old Spring*

## KEY SELLING POINTS

- Long-awaited new novel from the critically acclaimed, prize-winning author of *Scorper*
- For fans of Max Porter's *Lanny*, Daisy Johnson's *Fen*, David Mitchell's *Slade House* and J.G. Ballard's *Concrete Island*
- A literary, genre-defying look at ecological disaster and misuse and abuse of natural resources



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