

# The Electric Woman

## A Memoir in Death-Defying Acts

Tessa Fontaine

### ABOUT THIS BOOK

'Every day we put fire and swords and electricity into our bodies, throw knives at them, contort them, wrap them in snakes, and every day we wake up sure those things won't harm us but also sure that there is so much else that will.'

When her mother had a series of strokes, Tessa Fontaine couldn't stand to watch her mother disappear. *The Electric Woman* tells Tessa's story of joining America's last travelling freak show, and learning to perform death-defying acts in order to come to terms with her mother's illness. In her life-affirming memoir, Tessa finds hope and companionship among sword swallows and snake charmers.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Tessa's other work has appeared in other journals such as *PANK* and *Seneca Review*. Tessa holds an MFA from the University of Alabama and is currently a PhD student in creative writing at the University of Utah, where she is working on a novel.

### AUTHOR LOCATION

Utah, USA

### PRAISE FOR THE ELECTRIC WOMAN

'With fearless grace and piercing intensity, *The Electric Woman* delivers us to the potent mercy of unmitigated love, the passion of shared suffering, the resilience of the spirit, and the ecstasies of our transfigurations.'

-Melanie Rae Thon, author of *Voice of the River, Silence & Song, and The 7th Man*

'A beautiful and ferocious book... I loved every page.'

-Annie Hartnett, author of *Rabbit Cake*

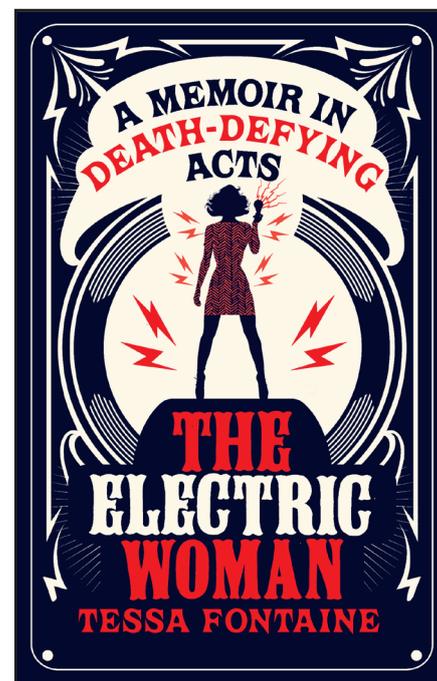
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