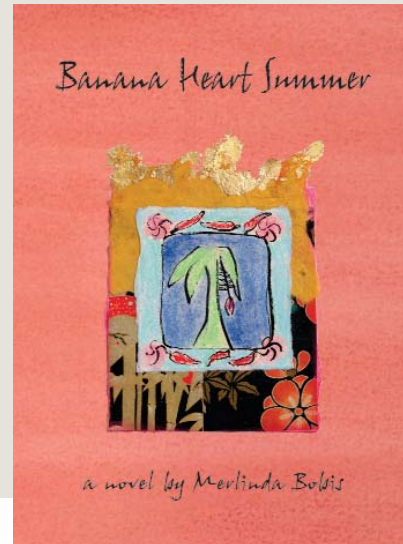


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Banana Heart Summer By Merlinda Bobis

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'Banana Heart Summer is a superbly written novel brimming with colours, scents and flavours. This truly original book will remain in your mind and senses long after you've read it. It's a novel I'm passionate about. As a feast of humour, love, longing and food, it's also a very appropriate one for us to publish.'

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The myth of the banana heart inspires twelve-year-old Nenita, growing up in the 1960s in a small, impoverished Filipino town under the shadow of an active volcano. She will appease her family's hunger and win her violent and disappointed mother's affection. She will find the balance between anger and love. And as she cooks, eats and dreams, other love stories unfold in her street as it swelters in the summer heat and pulses to the music of Roy Orbison, Patsy Cline and the Beatles.

Superbly produced in hardback format with a richly embellished jacket treatment, *Banana Heart Summer* is a perfect gift for fans of fiction and food.

MERLINDA BOBIS, has won more than a dozen literary awards and fellowships for her writing. She has published five poetry books, a collection of short stories and a monograph on writing fiction. Her theatre works have been performed in Australia, France, Philippines and China. She has spoken and performed at various writers' festivals including the Sydney Writers' Festival, the Adelaide Writers' Festival, the Brisbane Writers' Festival, the Tasmanian Readers' and Writers' Festival, the Singapore Writers' Festival and the Kuala Lumpur World Poetry Festival. *'Banana Heart Summer'* is her first novel.

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