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ANNOUNCING A LITERARY ANTHOLOGY THAT NEVER READ SO CHIC DRESS YOU UP OFFERS A COLLECTION OF FASHIONABLE FICTION THAT WILL NEVER GO OUT OF STYLE

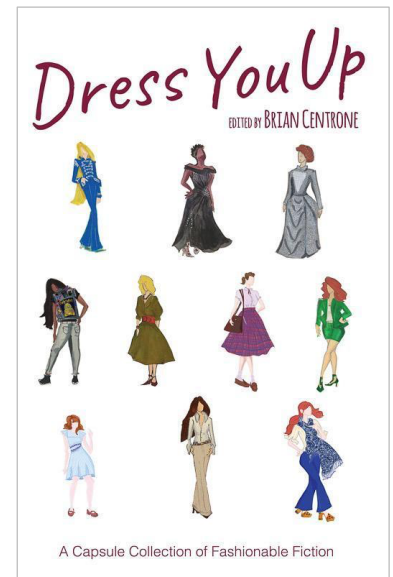
New Lit Salon Press is excited to announce its latest publication, *Dress You Up: A Capsule Collection of Fashionable Fiction*. Each of the twelve original stories speaks to the multiple ways in which fashion can impact our lives and is accompanied by an original fashion illustration by artist Stephen Tornero. It will be available to order from your favorite bookstore on April 6, 2021.

In *Dress You Up*, editor Brian Centrone has collected relatable and familiar short stories that are both touching and heartbreaking. Readers looking for a collection of frivolous yarns about fashion will have to look in other closets. The diverse tales in this anthology, from writers worldwide, represent the serious side of fashion. “My goal was to bring together writing that emphasized the significance of fashion in our daily lives,” Centrone said about the anthology. “The collection shows how fashion can remind us of those we have loved and lost, help us define who we are or who we wish to be, and show us how we see ourselves vs. how others see us. All twelve writers prove that fashion is more than the clothes we wear.” Themes such as trauma and healing, perception and identity, love and loss, and hopes and dreams are sewn into these stories and show us the significant role fashion can play in shaping who we are or who we want to be.

Dress You Up has received advance praise from fiction authors and fashion historians:

“This effervescent collection charms and captivates, though not without occasionally revealing a darker inner lining beneath the beguiling dress-up. Delicious, tactile, sensuous prose abounds. These masterful stories will entertain you, and often touch you in unanticipated ways.” —Paul Russell, author of *Immaculate Blue*

“Fashion is the thread that unites these impressionistic short stories about pleasure, loss, and longing, capturing the emotional weight of the second skins we wear every day.” —Kimberly Chrisman-Campbell, author of *Worn on this Day* and *The Way We Wed*



Dress You Up: A Capsule Collection of Fashionable Fiction will be available from all major retailers. Brian Centrone edited the anthology with art by Stephen Tornero. It features twelve original stories by Farah Ahamed, Lindsay Bamfield, Gabriella Brand, Susan Carey, Larissa Hikel, Blake Jessop, Gerri Leen, Cheney Luttich, Madeleine McDonald, P. J. Schaefer, Evelyn Forest, and Linda Welters.

Brian Centrone is a writer, editor, and fashion historian specializing in menswear and pop culture. He is the editor of *Salon Style: Fiction, Poetry & Art*, as well as the co-editor of *Southern Gothic: New Tales of the South*. His fashion research has appeared in *Threads* magazine, the *FIDM Museum Blog*, the *FIT Fashion History Timeline*, and the *Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Film and Television Costume Design* (forthcoming). He is the author of the novel *An Ordinary Boy* and two short story collections, *I Voted for Biddy Schumacher: Mismatched Tales from the Mind of Brian Centrone* and *Erotica*.

New Lit Salon Press is a stylish, independent 21st-century press based on the principle that Words and Art can and should coexist. We believe literary art need not be stuffy and aim to bring an approachable vibe to excellent writing, always served with a dash of humor and a wink and a nod. We publish emerging and established writers and artists who share this vision.

Brian Centrone is based in New York and is available for interviews and virtual events. The artist, Stephen Tornero, and the twelve contributors may be available for interviews and virtual events. The contributors are located around the globe, living throughout North America, the United Kingdom, Europe, New Zealand, and Australia.

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