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Commended by judges of the prestigious Victorian Premier's Literary Awards, *The Current* is the story of a man's obsession with overcoming the forces of nature. At all costs.

When the president of a sinking tropical island calls on the world's most ingenious entrepreneurs to help save his people, Peter Van Dooren answers the call.

Van Dooren's wealth and prestige mean that his family wants for nothing - except a husband and a father.

As an engineer, he believes his idea can not only save the island and its people's way of life. It could also change the idea of nations and borders. After all, changing the world is what Van Dooren really wants. But playing God may cost him his fortune and his own family.

While Van Dooren plots a world away, his wife, son and daughter sink deeper into their own personal abyss of retail therapy, amateur pornography and religious extremism.

Everyone is adrift on the same tide of greed, lust and fear. This is the current that shapes the world. It always has; it always will. Is anyone strong enough to resist it?

Ironic and slyly, bleakly humorous, *The Current* shows us how our modern affluence buys us material comfort at the expense of a sense of purpose in our lives. It is a hopeful story about finding meaning in our relationships and strength through our community. It asks us to rekindle our relationship with nature.

The style of writing is literary (thoughtful but humorous), and will appeal to readers of Jonathan Franzen (particularly *Freedom*) and Michel Houellebecq (particularly *Platform*). Stylistically, *The Current* offers readers a back and forth split storyline and portent of danger comparable to Paul Thomas Anderson's film, *Magnolia* (1999).

The Current is international in scope, the subject and themes are globally topical, encompassing climate change, family drama and refugees, so the book has strong international market potential.

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