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teachers can re-author themselves in their work within the constraints

of contemporary practice. The novel is accompanied by a commentary on arts-based, narrative fiction as research.