

Lucky's

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Synopsis

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Lucky's is a story of family. A story about migration. It is also about a man called Lucky. His restaurant chain. A fire that changed everything. A *New Yorker* article which might save a career. The mystery of a missing father. An impostor who got the girl. An unthinkable tragedy. A roll of the dice. And a story of love - lost, sought and won again (at last). Following a trail of cause and effect that spans decades, this unforgettable epic tells a story about lives bound together by the pursuit of love, family, and new beginnings.

WINNER OF THE READINGS PRIZE FOR NEW AUSTRALIAN FICTION 2021
SHORTLISTED FOR THE MUD LITERARY PRIZE 2021
SHORTLISTED FOR ABIA MATT RICHELL NEW WRITER OF THE YEAR 2021
SHORTLISTED FOR THE MILES FRANKLIN LITERARY AWARD 2021
SHORTLISTED FOR THE PRIME MINISTER'S LITERARY AWARDS FOR FICTION 2021
HIGHLY COMMENDED FOR 2021 ARA HISTORIAL NOVEL PRIZE

Praise for *Lucky's*

'Andrew Pippas has written an unforgettable epic with Australian humour and Greek tragedian turns on every page. Such skill and heart and love pulses through this debut!' - Alice Pung

'A sweeping, sprawling family epic of heartbreak, hope, and redemption. This is the debut of a born storyteller.' - Liam Pieper

'Affecting, authentic and tender' - Rebecca Starford

'A gorgeous novel of wonderful characters, *Lucky's* is the real deal and I didn't want it to stop. I was so caught up in the casual charm of this book that I kept being sideswiped by the excellent turns of its plot, and the wise, sometimes disturbing things it has to say about fate, luck and family over the sweep of decades.' - Ronnie Scott

'From the first pages of this debut novel, it is clear that we are in the hands of a wise, perceptive, and highly-skilled storyteller. Pippas brilliantly distills multiple stories to those pure

moments of love, despair, passion and folly that make up the essence of a life, and his fierce and fragile characters will remain in your heart long after the final page. The writing is fresh and fairly crackles with energy. *Lucky's* is one of the best Australian novels I've read in years!' - Emily Bitto
'Crisp and evocative' - Rick Morton
'A mouthwatering tale that encapsulates family drama, true crime and Greek tragedy - with pathos-filled characters that pop' - *Guardian*
'A hugely entertaining, tender, rollicking yarn. Part immigration story, part love story, part adventure, it's a multi-layered original Australian story.' - *Sydney Morning Herald*
Lucky's is a bold novel, both backwards- and forwards-looking, a strong start to a career, and a timely reminder that an individual's life story can be quietly vast.' - *The Australian*
Pippos writes towards myth while grounding his book in deeply human themes. *Lucky's* is concerned with the stories we tell ourselves and the chasm between fact and fiction, the space where happiness may lie.' - *Australian Book Review*
'This is a novel that I'd like everyone to read...*Lucky's* is a beautiful reminder that lives can be reinvented, that the bad things will eventually give way to the good ones, and that the change we seek could be right around the corner.' - *Kill Your Darlings*
'One of the most impressive and appealing Australian debuts novels of 2020 - or, frankly, any year, and you can scratch the adjective "debut" from that description too.' - Readings
'From reading this magnificent debut, it's clear that Andrew Pippos will go down as one of the finest Australian storytellers of his generation ... Pippos dictates the conventions of our humanity perfectly, giving to us the definition of a Greek tragedy interspersed within what is sure to become an Australian classic.' - *Glam Adelaide*
'Grand, evocative and generous storytelling mark out *Lucky's* as one of the most rewarding Australian debuts of 2020 ... A wild and sprawling story is rendered with precision and depth. Every page is a reward for the reader.' - Booktopia

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