

Jimmy Cela's Herbs of Evil: Forty-Four Stories of Exile, Memory, and the Quiet Violence of Everyday Life

A haunting literary mosaic from a bold new voice in contemporary fiction

HERBS OF EVIL



JIMMY CELA

Tomah, Wisconsin May 14, 2026 (IssueWire.com) - Author Jimmy Cela announces the release of *Herbs of Evil*, a sweeping short fiction collection that dares to ask how we remain human in the face of history, memory, and relentless change. Spanning Albania, Austria, and the United States, this forty-four-story volume is a landmark work of literary courage intimate in its details, monumental in its scope.

About the Book

Herbs of Evil move fluidly between continents, regimes, and states of consciousness to examine how ordinary lives are shaped and sometimes shattered by the weight of the past. Blending literary fiction with philosophical inquiry, Cela traces the human condition across the fractures of migration, political upheaval, and personal mythmaking. Each story stands independently, yet together they form a mosaic of exile and belonging, innocence and corruption, tenderness and brutality.

Characters throughout the collection confront the ghosts of dictatorship, the seductions of freedom, and the quiet violences of everyday life. The result is a world where the past is never fully past and where the smallest gesture can carry the weight of an entire era.

About the Author

Jimmy Cela is a literary novelist, poet, and interdisciplinary scientist whose work bridges cultures, languages, and ways of seeing. Born in Albania and based in the United States, his fiction explores exile, memory, and the hidden moral currents beneath everyday life. His background spans literature, data science, statistics, environmental chemistry, and agronomy, a uniquely expansive foundation for storytelling that is both precise and profound.

A career that defies easy categorization, Cela writes with a lyrical precision informed by his literary background and sharpened by his parallel careers as a data scientist, statistician, environmental chemist, and agronomist. It is this rare convergence of the scientific and the artistic that gives his prose its distinctive texture rigorously observed, yet luminously humane. *Herbs of Evil* is his newest collection.

Inspiration Behind the Book

The inspiration for *Herbs of Evil* traces back to a formative encounter with Thomas Bernhard's collection of short prose pieces, *Ereignisse*.

"A wide range of experiences across three countries, cultures, political systems, and social positions had been accumulating within me, waiting for a form of expression. After reading Bernhard, I realized this was the most fitting form through which I could portray the mosaic of my own varied experiences. That insight became the foundation for the book's concept." — Jimmy Cela

A Message to Readers

"*Herbs of Evil*" is not just a collection of stories, but a mirror one that reflects the quiet struggles, contradictions, and small triumphs that shape all of us. These pieces were written across borders and decades, yet they all circle the same question: how do we remain human in the face of history, memory,

and change? If the book sparks recognition, discomfort, or even a moment of clarity, then it has done its work." — Jimmy Cela

Media & Promotional Activities

Cela's public profile continues to grow. He recently appeared in a television interview with Logan Crawford, where he spoke about his writing life, his immigrant experience, and the philosophical questions that animate his fiction.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsa6lly1HLY>

Where to Find the Book

Herbs of Evil is now available on Amazon.

<https://www.amazon.com/Herbs-Evil-Jimmy-Cela-ebook/dp/B0GN446QPB/>

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