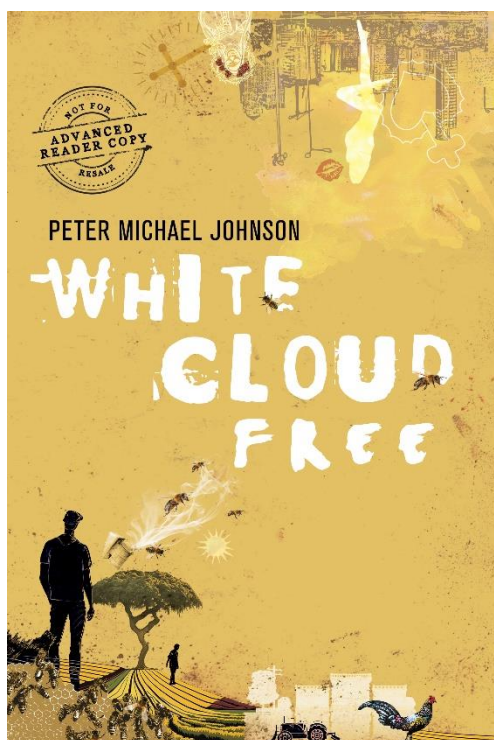


WHITE CLOUD FREE



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DESCRIPTION

White Cloud Free is an unforgettable story of love and friendship, betrayal and loss, miracles, and memory. Set mostly in Latin America, it is a semi-autobiographical tale of an idealistic, naive Peace Corps volunteer who suffers a series of traumas abroad, leading to unlikely friendships with a semi-homeless 12-year-old boy, an ambitious transexual sex worker, and an eccentric Catholic priest.

At 23, Peter has enlisted in the Peace Corps and finds himself teaching beekeeping in a tiny village in Paraguay. When a lynch mob kills several people in his local village after a disagreement over harvest proceeds, Peter flees with his 12-year-old homeless friend in search of safety—taking him through an indigenous community, a Mennonite colony, a squatters camp, and finally the lawless, chaotic city of Ciudad del Este, where he meets a kind transgender sex worker.

Nearly two decades later, a midlife crisis compels the protagonist to return to Paraguay and find the friend who had helped to save his life so many years before. Through this journey, Peter discovers some hard truths about himself, his faith, and the fluidity of memory.

AUDIENCE

White Cloud Free is accessible literary fiction and is an imaginative, monumental book that will appeal to fans of family sagas, coming of age dramas, and upmarket fiction.

KEY SELLING POINTS

1. A sweeping, emotionally charged literary masterpiece of one man's journey through two continents and a few beautiful, yet tragic, friendships.
2. Has the clear, clean prose reminiscent of James Frey, Lauren Groff, and Barbara Kingsolver and the well-drawn characters of Cormac McCarthy and Frank McCourt.
3. Perfectly poised to become a literary gem and an accessible book club darling.
4. Heartbreaking and humorous.

PRAISE

Praise for *White Cloud Free* will be added after ARC run.

AUTHOR BIO

Peter Johnson grew up in Colorado, Wisconsin, and Alabama. He studied English and philosophy at New York University, which somehow qualified him to serve in Peace Corps Paraguay, where he taught beekeeping to rural subsistence farmers. After the Peace Corps, Peter moved to Senegal to compete on the amateur beach wrestling circuit. He has worked for a variety of nonprofit organizations for most of his adult life. His writing (all focused on his experience in Paraguay) has appeared in literary journals including *Dappled Things*, *Seven Hills Review*, and *Rock & Sling* and in a feature-length essay in the April 2017 issue of *Christianity Today*. He makes his home in Southwest Florida with his wife, Ashley, and three children.

