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Yellow House Publishing is proud to announce the upcoming release of *Anything Strange or Startling*, the debut short story collection by Northern Irish writer Tony Black, arriving **29th October 2025**.

Originally from Carnlough, County Antrim and now based in West Belfast, Tony Black has been a vital voice in short fiction for over fifteen years. His work has appeared in *The Belfast Review*, *Púca*, *The Bangor Literary Journal*, *The Martello*, [*New Isles Press*](https://www.yellowhousepublishing.com/shop/new-isles-press-border-teorainn-mairch), and numerous international journals. His stories have been translated, featured in *The Irish Times*, and broadcast on BBC Radio Ulster. Twice runner-up in the Colm Tóibín International Short Story Award, his writing is also archived in the National Library of Ireland and The Linen Hall Library.

Currently completing an MA in Creative Writing at the Seamus Heaney Centre at Queen’s University Belfast, Tony brings a sharp wit, lyrical voice, and deep compassion to stories that span decades and geographies from 1950s Belfast jazz clubs to medieval villages and 1980s misadventures.

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