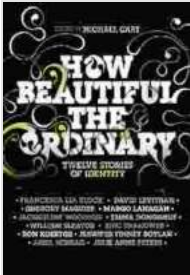


# How Beautiful The Ordinary: Twelve Stories Of Identity



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## A Literary Tapestry of Human Experiences

Within the pages of *How Beautiful the Ordinary*, award-winning author J.J. Bola weaves a tapestry of twelve enchanting stories that explore the essence of identity in all its multifaceted glory. This captivating collection transports readers on an immersive journey through the lives of diverse characters, each grappling with the intricacies of race, gender, sexuality, culture, and societal expectations.

Through lyrical prose and profound insights, Bola illuminates the beauty and pain that lie within the seemingly ordinary moments of our lives. These stories become a mirror, reflecting the unspoken truths and complex emotions we experience as we navigate the world, searching for our place and purpose.

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- New York Times Book Review

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Bola's characters are not simply literary figures; they are reflections of ourselves. Through their struggles and triumphs, their joys and heartbreaks, we recognize our own humanity. We empathize with their fears and aspirations, seeing ourselves in their vulnerable moments and celebrating their resilience.

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- A queer artist finding the courage to embrace their true self despite the judgment of others.
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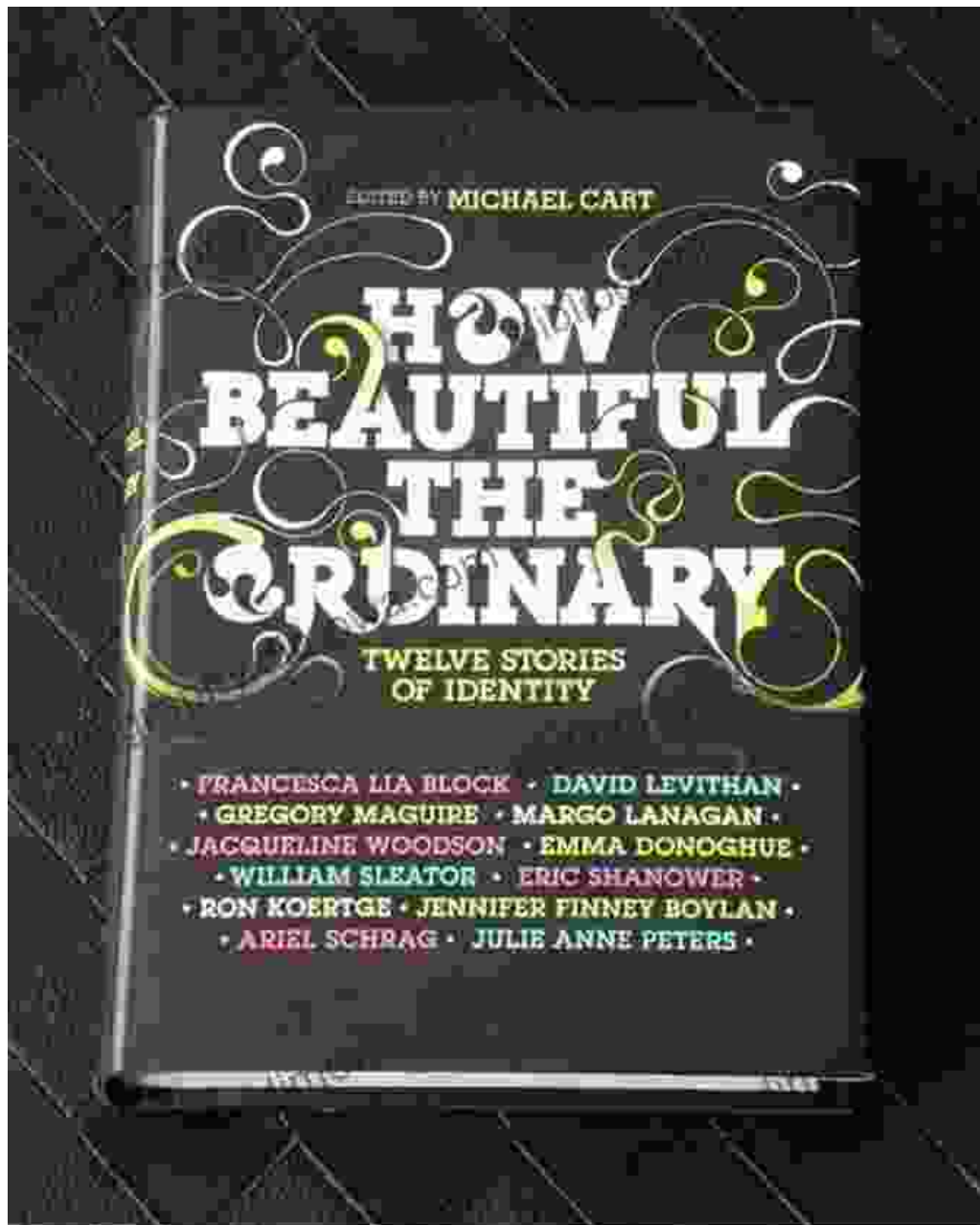
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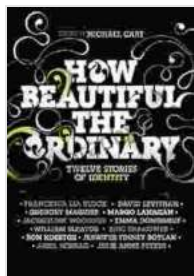
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## About the Author

J.J. Bola is an award-winning Nigerian-British writer and editor. His debut novel, *No Place Like Home*, won the Betty Trask Prize and was shortlisted for the Desmond Elliott Prize. His short stories have been widely published in literary journals and anthologies.

Bola's writing has been praised for its lyrical prose, insightful exploration of identity, and incisive social commentary. He is a voice that is both timely and timeless, illuminating the complexities of the human condition with empathy and grace.



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