

DAVID ALBERTYN was born in Durban, South Africa in 1983. His father was involved in the anti-apartheid struggle. From a young age David learned the importance of standing up to injustice even if you are not on the receiving end of that injustice.

When David was eight years old his next-door-neighbour was stabbed to death outside his front door. In the wake of the murder, his family immigrated to Toronto, Canada. They joined relatives there in 1993.

As an adult he was inspired by the content of works by Chinua Achebe and Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o, and the style of works by Hilary Mantel and JM Coetzee. David's goal is to write visceral stories that are both thrilling and meaningful.

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