

TALES OF DAPHNE – A LOVE STORY

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A Greek myth, retold

Tales of Daphne – An epic tale of chance encounters, quests for enlightenment, the call of Pan and the arrows of Eros. Set in England and Wales in the early 90s, featuring a host of walkers and dancers, and a house of oddballs and creatives.

The Story

Hal's love life is on pause again. He goes on walking holidays. He falls in love. And with explorers it's so frustrating. They all go off. Like Laura – she's going to India for six months and they've only just met. But she's bound to return to Fotheringham. Her house is here, not far from Hal's flat.

Meanwhile, Hal must pursue his mission – he's designing a computer program that'll write stories on demand. Then there's Wayne and Sharon, who've moved into the flat upstairs. They've invited Hal to join the crowd who'll be dancing all night to the sound of house music.

But there's something odd about Wayne. It's as if there's a competition between them. When Hal dances more often, Wayne does too – and Wayne must dance that extra bit. After Laura's return to Fotheringham, Hal decides to slow down. Yet Wayne doesn't slow down. Wayne can't stop dancing, and he says he's controlled by Saturn. Then, as Hal and Laura renew their friendship, Wayne unleashes his dark forces...

In the margins of Thatcher's Britain, dance fever, rave culture, and occult philosophies are spreading like wildfire...

Keywords

walking, Wales, Cambrians, Llanwrtyd Wells, Preseli, Fishguard, Newport, bluestones, prehistoric, Silbury Hill, Avebury, Yorkshire Dales, limestone, fossils, caves, ice age, midges, Derbyshire, Grindleford, Buxton, Sheffield, Nottingham, Leicester, Derby, London, Kathmandu, Bangkok, India, Nepal, Thailand, **dancing**, house music, deep house, hypnotic house, trance, techno, tribal, rave, dub, reggae, jazz, clarinet, dj, drums, beat, rhythm, audio tape, audio cassette, tape deck, records, record player, vinyl, decks, all-nighter, weekender, Suns of Arqa, Aphex Twin, Higher Intelligence Agency, Richard H Kirk, Banco de Gaia, The Orb, fractal, neurons, neural network, grammar, hypergrammar, hypermoron, research, William Blake, James Joyce, Borges, TS Eliot, RD Laing, Plato, Aeschylus, Strauss, opera, fairy story, **myth**, Apollo, Aphrodite, Cupid, Krishna, Lugh, Mother Earth, three fates, pagan, Christian, Hindu, Buddhist, Buddhism, Zen, religion, sage, enlightenment, paradise, Jung, archetype, psyche, psychic, electric, **magic**, solstice, equinox, astrology, tarot, rune stones, tapestry, stone circle, harmony of the spheres, middle ages, King Arthur, Glastonbury, jugglers, travellers, drugs, drug-dealer, ecstasy, cannabis, skunk, whizz, LSD, desire, passion, sex, relationships, romance, madness, addiction, schizophrenia, schizophrenic, trees

On Daphne

“Storytelling with great skill” Wayne Burrows

“A compelling tale of love and obsession” Angelina Anton