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"*Irregularity* is incredible, 'a webwork of reference, inspiration, inference and opposition' which investigates the place of the imagination in an era on the very edge of enlightenment" - Tor.com

"There is just so much to appreciate and enjoy.... fourteen individual, impeccably formed, visions of literary minds. I'm pleased to confirm that each and every one them, and the tales they have to tell, are most definitely worthy of your time." - The Eloquent Page

"Clever, subversive and just so much fun" - A Fantastical Librarian

"One of the best short story anthologies I've ever read, executed with an incredible amount of cleverness. Huge achievement." - Under the Radar

During the Age of Reason, the world's greatest minds named, measured and catalogued the world around them.

They brought order and discipline to the universe. Except where they didn't.

Irregularity collects fourteen original stories from extraordinary literary voices, each featuring someone — or something — that refused to obey the dictates of reason: Darwin's other voyage, the secret names of spiders, the assassination of Isaac Newton and an utterly impossible book.

Contents include:

- "Fairchild's Folly" by Tiffani Angus
- "A Game Proposition" by Rose Biggin
- "A Woman Out of Time" by Kim Curran
- "The Heart of Aris Kindt" by Richard de Nooy
- "Footprint" by Archie Black
- "An Experiment in the Formulae of Thought" by Simon Guerrier
- "Irregularity" by Nick Harkaway
- "Circulation" by Roger Luckhurst
- "The Voyage of the Basset" by Claire North
- "The Assassination of Isaac Newton by the Coward Robert Boyle" by Adam Roberts
- "Animalia Paradoxa" by Henrietta Rose-Innes
- "The Last Escapement" by James Smythe
- "The Darkness" by M. Suddain
- "The Spiders of Stockholm" by E. J. Swift

Fom John Harrison to Ada Lovelace, Isaac Newton to Émilie du Châtelet, these stories showcase the Age of Reason in a very different light.

Irregularity also contains an afterword by Sophie Waring and Richard Dunn, Head of Science and Technology at Royal Museums Greenwich.

Irregularity is illustrated by Gary Northfield, inspired by paintings provided by the National Maritime Museum. The cover shows "Resolution", artwork by Howard Hardiman.

Irregularity is published to coincide with the *Ships, Clocks and Stars* exhibition at the Royal Maritime Museum, part of Longitude Season — a celebration of the 300th anniversary of the Longitude Act.



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