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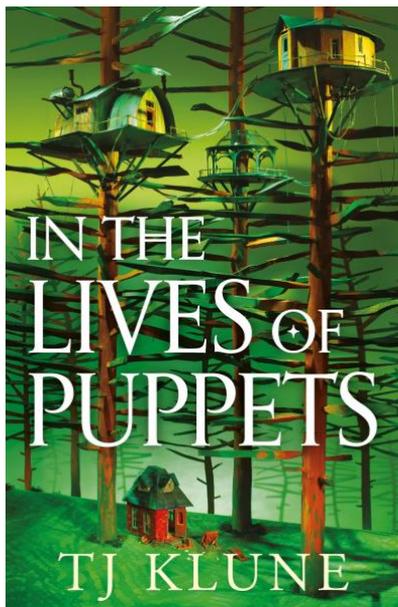
IN THE LIVES OF PUPPETS

From the *New York Times*, *USA Today* and Indie best-seller, TJ KLUNE

'A whimsical, warm-hearted fantasy' - *Guardian on Under the Whispering Door*

Another imaginative and compassionate novel from the bestselling author of *Under the Whispering Door*, *In the Lives of Puppets* centres on a group of robots and their human companion, and what happens when old enmities threaten to engulf their fragile happiness.

A queer retelling of *Pinocchio*, T J Klune invites you deep into the heart of a peculiar forest and on the extraordinary journey of a family assembled from spare parts.



In a strange little home built into the branches of a grove of trees, live three robots - fatherly inventor android Giovanni Lawson, a pleasantly sadistic nurse machine, and a small vacuum desperate for love and attention. Victor Lawson, a human, lives there too. They're a family, hidden and safe.

The day Vic salvages and repairs an unfamiliar android labelled "HAP," he learns of a shared dark past between Hap and Gio - a past spent hunting humans. When Hap unwittingly alerts robots from Gio's former life to their whereabouts, the family is no longer hidden and safe. Gio is captured and taken back to his old laboratory in the City of Electric Dreams. So together, the rest of Vic's assembled family must journey across an unforgiving and otherworldly country to rescue Gio from decommission, or worse, reprogramming.

Along the way to save Gio, amid conflicted feelings of betrayal and affection for Hap, Vic must decide for himself: Can he accept love with strings attached?

TJ Klune will be in the [UK 28 May-02 June](#)

**for MCM Comic Con, London, and his first Indie bookshop tour including
Edinburgh, Bradford, Manchester, Swindon and London**

TJ KLUNE is the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling, Lambda Literary Award-winning author of *The House in the Cerulean Sea*, *The Extraordinaries*, and more. Being queer himself, Klune believes it's important--now more than ever--to have accurate, positive queer representation in stories. He lives in the US, and you can follow him on socials @TJKlune.

