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Helen Dale returns with the second and final instalment of Kingdom of the Wicked, an epic work of speculative fiction set in a Jerusalem occupied by a technologically advanced Roman Empire. Book Two — Order — sees time running out for Yeshua Ben Yusuf, on trial for his life before Pontius Pilate, and the Zealots preparing a bloody strike on the outskirts of Jerusalem. In a spectacular conclusion, the occupation, the resistance and one holy man will meet their fate together.

Intricately imagined and ferociously executed, Kingdom of the Wicked raises questions that resonate today against a background that is fascinatingly strange and familiar. It is a stunning alternative history and story for our time.

Praise for Book One — Rules:

“The novel throws new light on our own attitudes to terrorism, globalization, torture, and the clash of cultures. It is highly recommended.” — Mark Koyama, Reaction.

“The suspense of an action thriller by Tom Clancy, the satire of The Life of Brian, the raunchiness of The Satyricon of Petronius, and the irreverence of Christopher Hitchens” — Robert Darby, Quillette.

Published by Ligature and Wilkinson Publishing, Kingdom of the Wicked Book Two – Order --will retail for \$39.99 and is available on pre order now from WilkinsonPublishing.com.au

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ABOUT HELEN DALE

In 1994, at 23 years old – and then known as Helen Demidenko – she became Australia’s most controversial literary figure ever after her first book, *The Hand that Signed the Paper*, won Australia’s most prestigious literary prize, the Miles Franklin Literary Award. A chilling account of the Ukrainian famine and the Holocaust, the book won numerous awards and glowing reviews from judges and critics alike. But others were troubled by its exploration of the ordinary face of evil, and when it was revealed that Helen Demidenko had invented her Ukrainian heritage she was denounced and soon left the country and the literary world.

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