

A sisterly reflection on fraternal violence

On Brothers

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At the age of twenty-one, Ibe Rossel published a standout debut, 'Shakespeare Knows Me Better Than My Boyfriend', a collection of essays in which she used novels from world literature as guides to life. In her new book 'On Brothers', she turns her attention to a subject that both fascinates and unsettles her: the relationships between brothers. Having grown up surrounded only by sisters, she examines the complex dynamics between brothers from an outsider's perspective.

A splendid example of how not to polarise a theme

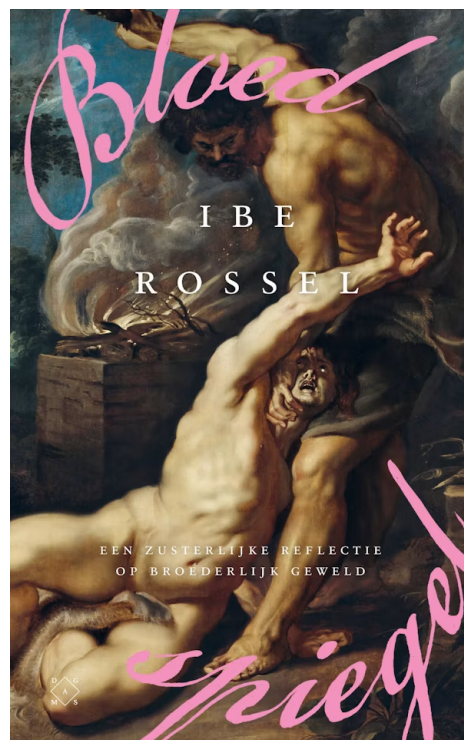
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From Cain and Abel to Noel and Liam Gallagher, from the Dassler brothers to Kim Jong-un and Kim Jong-nam, from Romulus and Remus to Jake and Logan Paul: fraternal rivalry and violence are common threads in our history, culture and narratives.

'On Brothers' is a personal and playful essay on masculinity, desire, power, fear, fury and beauty, but also on the struggle to be allowed to tell the story. Drawing on six iconic pairs of brothers, Rossel explores both the allure and the destructive power of brotherly bonds.

In her sisterly reflections on gender-based violence and family relationships, Rossel offers an original take on a centuries-old theme.

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