



# TISALA

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*Tisala* is about whales and whaling. It is about love and hope. And it takes readers on an extraordinary journey through the sweep of twentieth century history.

All this comes from a new viewpoint: that of Tisala himself, a great Blue Whale. Tisala is determined to save the last of his kind from being hunted to extinction, and sets out to understand humanity. He finds David, a young biologist researching in the Scottish Isles.

David teaches Tisala the ways of mankind, and the misery and destruction of industrial whaling is laid bare. But such is Tisala’s mind that pupil becomes teacher: Tisala offers a new perspective on philosophy, religion, ethics and the great issues facing humanity.

Set against their lives, loves, and the shadow of death, Tisala and David seek the knowledge and wisdom that might lead to a happier future. It is an astonishing voyage of exploration in understanding the world in which we live.

Richard Seward Newton was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and Oxford where he studied history and English literature. He has over many years researched the biology and history of whales and whaling. The whales’ story, together with Richard’s life-long interest in history, literature, the natural sciences and philosophy have come together in *Tisala*, his first novel.

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