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**Jane** By P.F. Jeffery

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The first book in the ambitious, twelve volume Warriors of Love series, Jane transports us to an unprecedented and intimately realised fantasy world. In the far future, the sexes are divided to the point of warfare. Women, under the rule of Her Majesty Berenice I, are perfecting the technology of gynogenesis, which will allow them to live entirely separately to men. Amidst the haunted marshes of outlying Essex, the routine and romance of homes and offices in the Surrey heartland, and the crumbling feudal heritage of Lundin town, the action unfolds like the panorama from a stagecoach window.

Jane is a sixteen-year-old civil servant under Her Majesty. Sent to audit the spoils of battle, she falls for Captain Modesty Clay, precipitating a maelstrom of events that force her to grow up fast, and in which she catches the eye of the Empress herself. In this first foray among the Warriors of Love, P.F. Jeffery brings the freshness, excitement and timelessness of a very British kind of storytelling to the politics, the personalities and the erotic picaresque of a future society of Amazons.

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#### From the Author's Afterword:

"In common with the experience of Jane Brewster, my first narrator, the places where I grew up have vanished. I am an exile, without any possibility of returning home. Perhaps the lingering sadness this generates breathes a sigh through my novels."

#### What People Say:

"...a bombardment of incidents and names, evocatively conveyed through passages of honed prose and dialogue. After a tearful farewell to Modesty, I could actually sense with many senses the sea trip, the sea battle, the sea-sickness, the subsequent ceremony. I wallowed in the emerging Imperial politics, the description of the Empress who takes more than just a simple fancy to our fiscal inspector heroine."

D.F. Lewis

"Why should reading under the covers with a pocket torch be only for children? If you are looking for under-the-cover reading for adults, your first stop should be P.F. Jeffery's Jane."

Quentin S. Crisp

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### P. F. Jeffery:

P F Jeffery was raised in the part of Southend-on-Sea that is farthest from the beach, and claims to have been consigned to bizarre wilderness realms – both physical and psychic – ever since. The author's day jobs have mostly been in under-valued, ill-paid fields largely associated with women – including care work and data input. Professionally published work has also tended to be ill-paid, including factual articles, short stories, role playing material and at least two erotic novelettes. (The writer had three erotic novelettes accepted for publication, but doesn't know whether the third one ever appeared.) Much of this output has appeared under a variety of pseudonyms, including Martine Bell, Fiona Duncan and others long since forgotten. Phoenix-like, from this unpromising mulch, arises *The Warriors of Love*, a series of twelve novels, of which *Jane* is the first.

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