

Glastonbury author to light up Times Square with debut novel

Emily Scialom's debut novel is about to take over Times Square—get ready for ROSE to shine

A young writer from Glastonbury will see her name and book light up Times Square, New York, in the coming weeks. Emily Scialom, pictured inset, has had seven books published and is a prolific writer. Her favourite book, her first, called *The Religion of Self-Enlightenment* (ROSE), has gained a cult following.

The book has been described as a “modern cult classic” and will now appear on a billboard in Times Square throughout the day on 7th September and 28th November as part of a publishing media campaign. Emily, who grew up in Glastonbury and now lives in Cambridge, says growing up in Somerset inspired much of her writing.



She said: “I believe the book harmonises the spirituality of my hometown with the academic excellence of Cambridge, where I now reside. I am currently working on my autobiography, which is called *Wild To The Max*. It speaks of my colourful yet troubled childhood in Glastonbury and the genesis of my creative output.”

The publisher's blurb on her book says: “Emily Scialom's debut novel, *The Religion of Self-Enlightenment*, was first published in 2016 and immediately achieved modern cult classic status. This tale of painful spiritual evolution focuses on a young man named Carrick Ares, who is initially fairly uninterested in the details of even his own humble existence.

“However, this outlook changes when he finds himself involved in an almost fatal car accident. Experiencing what he believes to be the afterlife, Carrick speaks only with his psychiatrist about what he saw and felt upon leaving his mortal coil. A novel that dazzles with its depth, theories about the human experience, and hypotheses on what the world needs to heal, *The Religion of Self-Enlightenment* is a book that transcends all we think we know.”

Emily has written six other books to date. For more details and to buy this and other books, visit her website at www.emilyscialom.com.