

Tapeesa is newly out of high school and working in a fish-processing plant in the Iñupiat village of Chukchi, where she's lived her whole life. Maybe that's why people tend to assume she isn't that bright—or maybe her mama is right and she does have bad blood. Either way, she knows the legend, and she knows the history. Her Aana told her that the hungry creature—the Kushtuka—looks like someone you love and trust. You will want to follow it. Those who go end up dead in the tundra.

The Kobuk River Valley of remote Alaska draws greedy white men time and time again. But whenever they come, death comes, too. This time they're here for the long term, to open a rare-earth mine just north of the village. When her sister Esther goes missing, Tapeesa will do anything to get her back. Seeking justice, Tapeesa must track down the kidnapper across the darkening Arctic. The horror that awaits beyond the warmth of her village is worse than she could imagine and closer to her than she knows.

It Looks Like You in the Dark is a mesmerizing story about love, loyalty, and the fearsome monsters that emerge when we turn our backs on the land and each other.

MATHILDA ZELLER writes horror and fantasy. Her short story “Kushtuka,” which was the foundation for this novel, is the first in the bestselling anthology of dark Indigenous fiction *Never Whistle at Night*. Zeller is of Iñupiaq descent, and her family and roots extend deep into the Kobuk River Valley, which inspires and informs her writing. Mathilda Zeller is a pen name, honoring two of her resilient great-grandmothers.

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