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## Jon Malysiak completes the Templeton Family Chronicles, four years after the death of his co-author and brother Colin

*A satirical novel begun on a mountain in Colorado is published in July 2026, with Book Two written alone after Colin Malysiak's sudden death*

Jon Malysiak, Head of Global Publishing at StoryTerrace, will publish the second novel in his Templeton Family Chronicles series, **Trash**, on 9 July 2026. The series began as a project between Malysiak and his brother Colin, who died suddenly four years ago, before publication of the first book. Malysiak, who let the manuscripts go dormant for a year after his brother's death, returned to them as both tribute and a way of processing his grief, and has now completed the second novel alone.

*“The idea came to us on a mountain hike in Colorado, where my brother lived,” Malysiak says. “I don’t remember how we got onto the topic, but I do remember having a laugh about how tragic and yet ridiculous the world had gotten. From there came the idea of collaborating on a novel that explored the hot-button issues of our time, but did so in a really irreverent way. Some might argue too irreverently. Colin had this tremendous sense of humour. He could find something farcical and funny in any situation. Much more so than me. Nothing was sacred with him. His humour and love of satire combined with my dramatic vision — I’ve always loved epic sagas — to perhaps surprisingly prolific effect. The Templeton Family Chronicles was born. I was living in Chicago at the time, Colin outside Breckenridge. The series bridged the distance between us and, unknown to us at the time, bonded us closer as brothers in the years before his death.”*

After his death, Malysiak put the project away. A year later he came back to it. The series, which began as a shared creative life, has become Malysiak's longest conversation with the brother he lost.

*“Over the better part of seven years, Colin and I created well over a thousand manuscript pages of storylines and characters within this Templeton family universe,” Malysiak says. “Posh and Trash are just the tip of the iceberg. There are probably another two or three novels’ worth of material waiting to be sculpted into publishable form. Although I’ve put a more cohesive throughline into the work, this series still belongs to both of us. The work, the process, the creativity — these are all part of the longest conversation I’ll ever have with him. It’s my duty to see this vision, mine as much as Colin’s, come to light.”*

In June, Malysiak and his father will drive to Colorado, where Colin lived, to disperse Colin's ashes in the mountains he loved. The family has held them for four years; their plans changed again with the death of Malysiak's mother in December. The trip, the launch, and the completion of the series sit close together in a single summer.

Trash continues the world Malysiak and his brother began in Posh. The new book is set in Beverly Hills and follows a leading relationship therapist, her UCLA-biochemist husband, and the woman who arrives in their life and detonates it. Posh, set in London and Dorset, relaunches the same day with a new cover.

**Interview opportunities Malysiak is making available include:**

The creative process of finishing a sibling's unfinished work. Grief and making. StoryTerrace and the value of preserving family stories. First-person essay commissions on losing a brother and writing through it.

Trash publishes on 9 July 2026 in paperback (\$12.99 / £9.99, ISBN 978-1-7393818-3-7), hardcover (\$23.99 / £16.99, ISBN 978-1-7393818-4-4) and ebook (\$0.99 / £0.99, ISBN 978-1-7393818-5-1). 500 pages. Distributed via IngramSpark to Amazon, Waterstones, Bookshop.org and online retailers worldwide. Cover design by Beth Tunnicliffe (batdesign.co.uk). Posh, Book One in the series, relaunches the same day with a new cover.

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**About the Templeton Family Chronicles**

The Templeton Family Chronicles is a sweeping satirical saga of wealth, secrets and self-destruction across the Atlantic. Posh (Book One) is set in London and Dorset; Trash (Book Two) is set in Beverly Hills. Posh and Trash both publish on 9 July 2026 — Posh relaunching with a new cover, Trash launching as the second book in the series. For more, visit [thetempletonchronicles.com](http://thetempletonchronicles.com) and [jonmalysiak.com](http://jonmalysiak.com).

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