

**Melanie Wild, *Catachresis***

The writer reminds us of the near-fatal gaps that can be created by misreading the actions of others. While the title will send most to the dictionary, it is an apt description of the misconception of the principal character as she navigates her part in a relationship that, like most, takes unexpected twists. At centre is a bonsai tree, a symbol of her life and relationship. Or is it just a bonsai tree? The writing is engaging. The simplicity of the story creates both joy in the reading and reflection for the reader, nudged to consider what they might also be misconstruing.