

JOSH MALERMAN

“Malerman is too fierce an original to allow anyone else’s visions to intrude on his. [He] defies categories and comparisons with other writers.”

—Kirkus Reviews

Josh Malerman is the mastermind behind the 2018 hit Netflix thriller, *Bird Box*. He is an author of short stories and novels, and he is also the singer/songwriter of the Detroit rock band The High Strung.

While on tour with his band, Josh wrote novels in the passenger seat between cities. *Bird Box* wasn’t the first novel he wrote, but it was the first one published; it was published in 2014 to much critical acclaim. Author Hugh Howey calls *Bird Box*, “A book that demands to be read,” and *Kirkus Reviews* writes, “Malerman...keeps us tinglingly on edge with his cool, merciless storytelling [and] douses his tale in poetic gloom...an unsettling thriller.” In 2018, Netflix released a film adaptation of *Bird Box*, starring Sandra Bullock, John Malkovich, and Trevante Rhodes. Del Ray published Josh’s follow-up to *Bird Box*, entitled *Malorie*, in 2020.

His other novels include *Unbury Carol*, *Goblin*, *On This*, *The Day of the Pig*, *Black Mad Wheel*, *A House at the Bottom of a Lake*, and his latest, *Inspection*. Josh’s writing has been compared to that of Stephen King and Jonathan Carroll, but with a voice uniquely his own. His books have been nominated for the Stoker Award, the Shirley Jackson Award, and the James Herbert Award.

Josh lives in Michigan with his fiancé, artist/musician, Allison Laakko. Aside from writing, he is currently working on a new album with his band.