Abstract

Feeling uncertain? Undecided? Unfulfilled? Take heart, the Tide team is here to relieve you of your existential burden – after all how hard could it be to raise a mood when we ourselves have risen from the dead (metaphorically speaking)? Yes, you might be wondering how in the name of literary promises you've come to be holding this glorious publication – fear not, gentle reader, this is no mirage.
overwhelming longing for literary completion, the truth that we are burdened to impart upon you is that you, yes you gentle reader, have been told a lie. The theme of Tide 2012 was indeed ‘Endings’. This was not done out of malice by our predecessors, simply out of misinformation, but we feel that this has allowed us to return with the phoenix rising from the ashes, Tide 2013 has returned heartier than ever before, and we will not be repeating the mistake of the past – this year there is no theme. Ah but there is anxiety these days, gen become of the publishing industry in this age of the Internet and electronic markets? Print publishing is an unwieldy and aging weight of new technologies and methods, but fear not. We are flourishing, and we of the Tide 2013 team have gained the skill of traditional publishing in the (metaphorical) face. Trust us, for this copy you’re reading, please do so (that’s a good part of the solution, we have charts and everything). Ah, but you may be antsy about our lack of theme – does that mean we’re incoherent? Flakey? Disorganised? No. We do have atmosphere. In the poetry and prose within these pages you will find pieces that lurk on the edges of esoteric knowledge (or so we might say if we were writing essays about them), and of course there is the spirit of indefatigable determination that has been integral to Tide throughout its iterations. Be comforted, gentle reader, and read on.

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