



Melbourne Writers Festival 2008 features writers from France

Notable French writer **Xavier-Marie Bonnot** is attending the 2008 Melbourne Writers Festival. Prolific writer and part-time resident of Normandy and Paris, **David Sedaris** will also be here. We expect huge interest in their events and would appreciate it if you could pass on this information to anyone interested who would like to join us. Xavier-Marie Bonnot's visit has been supported by the Alliance Francaise de Melbourne and the Ambassade de France.

Xavier-Marie Bonnot was born in Marseille. His four novels are translated into Italian, German and English. *The First Fingerprint*, his first crime novel, gives us the hero, Le Baron.

David Sedaris is one of America's pre-eminent humour writers. His recent collections include *Naked*, *Me Talk Pretty One Day* and *When You Are Engulfed in Flames*.

A free event at noon on Sunday 24 August will be the launch of **Marisa Raoul's** *Ma Folie Francaise* by *RockWiz's* **Julia Zemiro**. This delightful memoir recounts Raoul's ten years in SW France and is 'a vivacious contemporary take of life, love and dreaming.'

More than 300 writers will appear at the 2008 Melbourne Writers Festival over 10 days from 22 – 31 August. Events are scheduled from 10:00AM until late in Federation Square and other city venues. The full program is available in *The Age* on Friday, July 18. Early bird discounts are available until August 2.

Please contact us for more information and we hope you and your friends join us.

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