



Melbourne Writers Festival 2008 features UK writers

Many notable writers from the United Kingdom are attending the 2008 Melbourne Writers Festival. 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.

Some of the writers are:

- **Kate Atkinson** is the bestselling author of *Behind the Scenes at the Museum*, *Human Croquet*, *Emotionally Weird*, *Case Histories* and *One Good Turn*. Her latest novel is *When Will There Be Good News?*
- **Mark Billingham** is the author of a series of novels featuring London-based Detective Inspector Tom Thorne. He has been nominated for five CWA Daggers and is the recipient of both the Sherlock Award for Best British Detective and the Theakstons Old Peculier Crime Novel Of The Year Award. He has also worked for many years as a stand-up comedian, performing live all over the world as well as on a variety of radio and TV shows. His latest novel is the standalone thriller *In The Dark*.
- **Michael Burleigh** is a historian and writer. His latest book, the controversial and highly topical *Blood & Rage: A Cultural History of Modern Terrorism*, was published earlier this year.
- **Andrew Davies** has written numerous screenplays, including: *Pride and Prejudice*, *Bleak House*, *Middlemarch*, *Sense and Sensibility* and both *Bridget Jones* films.
- **Nick Davies** is an award-winning British journalist, specialising in long investigations. His new book, *Flat Earth News*, exposes the mechanics of falsehood, distortion and propaganda in the global news media.
- **Joe Delaney** is a retired English teacher living in Lancashire, has three children, six grandchildren and is the author of *The Spooks Apprentice* series. The 5th book in the series, *The Spook's Mistake*, will be published in August 2008. Most of the places in the Spook's books are based on real places in Lancashire. *The Spook's Apprentice* is currently being adapted into a feature film by Warner Bros.
- **Orlando Figes** is Professor of History at the University of London. He has written many books on Russian history, including the multi-award-winning *A People's Tragedy: The Russian Revolution, 1891-1924*. His latest is *The Whisperers: Private Life in Stalin's Russia* (2007). He is a regular contributor to the New York Review of Books.
- **Duncan Green** is Head of Research at Oxfam GB and author of *From Poverty to Power: How Active Citizens and Effective States can Change the World* (Oxfam International, June 2008).
- **Michael Hofmann** is a poet and translator (Brecht, Kafka, Roth, etc.). He was born in Freiburg, Germany, in 1957, and came to England in 1961. His *Selected Poems* are published this year by Faber and Faber.
- **Kate Mosse** is a writer, radio and TV presenter and co-founder of the Orange Broadband Prize for Fiction. She divides her time between the UK and Carcassonne, where her bestselling novel *Labyrinth* is set.
- Highly acclaimed UK author, **Robert Muchamore**, was inspired to create the *CHERUB* series by his nephews' constant complaints about the lack of

interesting books. Using his thirteen years of experience as a private investigator, Robert wrote the *CHERUB* series to get them excited about reading. Robert has sold over a million copies of this hugely successful series and has numerous awards under his belt.

- **Kate Rowland**, the BBC's Creative Director of New Writing champion's original writers for television, radio and film and commissions two new writing strands for radio. She worked extensively in theatre before joining the BBC.
- **Sir Salman Rushdie** is the author of many novels including 'The Booker of Bookers' *Midnight's Children*, *The Satanic Verses*, *The Moor's Last Sigh* and his latest novel *The Enchantress of Florence*.
- **Philippe Sands QC**, Law professor (University College London) and practising barrister, in 2008, *Torture Team: Deception, Cruelty and The Compromise of Law* was published.
- **Gerry Simpson** divides his time between London, where he is a professor of law at the London School of Economics, and Australia, where he holds a chair at the University of Melbourne. His latest book, *Law, War and Crime: War Crimes Trials and the Reinvention of International Law* has just been published with Polity Press, Cambridge.
- UK authors now living in Australia include **John Armstrong, Barry Maitland, Adrian McKinty, Jason Steger** and **Nick Gadd**.
- Australian expatriate authors living in the UK and appearing at the 2008 MWF include **Germaine Greer, John Pilger** and **Susan Johnson**.

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 online and 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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