



MELBOURNE WRITERS FESTIVAL

Melbourne Writers Festival 2008 features Nam Le & Alice Pung

International writer **Nam Le** is attending the 2008 Melbourne Writers Festival. **Nam Le** was born in Vietnam, and raised in Australia and now works in the United States. His work has appeared in *Zoetrope*, *A Public Space*, *One Story*, *Conjunctions*, and the Pushcart Prize and Best American Nonrequired Reading anthologies. Currently the fiction editor of the *Harvard Review*, he divides his time between Australian and the United States. We expect huge interest in his events and would appreciate it if you could pass on this information to anyone interested who would like to join us.

Nam Le's debut collection of short stories, *The Boat*, was published in June by Hamish Hamilton, an imprint of Penguin Books.

Also attending the festival is **Alice Pung** is a writer and lawyer whose work has appeared in *the Age*, *Good Weekend*, *the Monthly* and *Meanjin*. Alice was born in Vietnam coming to Australia as a child. Her first book, *Unpolished Gem*, has become a national bestseller. It was shortlisted for the Victorian Premier's Literary Awards, the NSW Premier's Literary Awards, the Age Book of the Year Award, the Colin Roderick Award, the Westfield/Waverley Library Award for Literature and won the 2007 Newcomer of the Year Award in the Australian Book Industry Awards. It was also selected for Books Alive 2007 and voted one of Victoria's top 5 summer reads in the State Library of Victoria's Summer Read program. Most recently, Alice has edited the anthology *Growing Up Asian in Australia*.

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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