

Coffee Stained Pages: Mother's Day Issue

The latest from 'Writers Plot Readers Read'.

May 2016

Reminder: Short story competition.

The Scarf:

Genres: Crime, mystery, thriller.

The story must contain a scarf and the scarf must be important in some way.

Deadline: Midday May 9th, 2016

Send your entry by email, post or drop in at the shop.
Further details found on the website or from the shop.

The Ngaio Marsh Awards 2016:

In association with the New Zealand Book Council and Hutt City Libraries, invites booklovers to an event featuring some talented local crime writers.

2016 Ngaio Marsh Awards entrants Cat Connor and Trish McCormack will discuss how they explore real-life issues through fictional tales, crafting page-turning stories, and what they enjoy about mystery and thriller writing. Steph Soper of the New Zealand Book Council will umpire.

WHEN: Thursday 5 May 2016

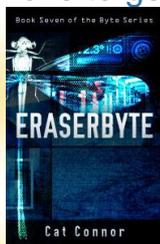
WHERE: War Memorial Library, 2 Queens Drive, Lower Hutt

WHEN: 6.30pm panel discussion

ENTRY: Free

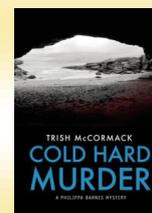
Recommended Reading for Mothers Day:

Love to get your teeth into a thrilling Crime story?



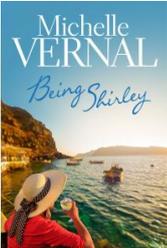
Cat Connor's 'byte' books starring FBI Special Agent Ellie Conway have been described as "fast-paced techno-thrillers with black humour, likable protagonists, full of twists and turns". *Eraserbyte* by Cat Connor is up for the Ngaio Marsh awards this year.

Trish McCormack's Phillipa Barnes books are set in our rugged national parks, and have been praised as "intriguing mysteries packed with complex relationships and stunning landscapes". *Cold Hard Murder* by Trish McCormack is up for the Ngaio Marsh Awards.



Prefer some romance in your life?

Paulette Rae's *Riding the Hurricane* - Cassie finds herself alone for the first time. Half way between an adult daughter, and a husband she cannot go back to. As Cassie finds her feet she faces a past that will not leave her alone, and a man who wants more than she is willing to give.

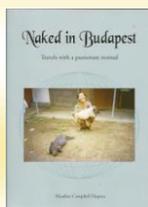
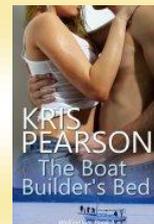


Something to take you away from all this?

Being Shirley by Michelle Vernal - *Shirley Valentine* was Roz's favourite film. Annie knows she's drifting along and that something's gotta give but will she be brave like *Shirley* and grab life by the seat of a pair of white trousers or will she be like Roz and let it pass her by?

Looking for a bit of spice?

From the Wicked in Wellington series – *The Boat Builder's Bed* by Kris Pearson. A windy day...a flyaway signboard...a hideous crunch. Out of the sleek black Jaguar storms super-yacht tycoon Rafe Severino. Steaming mad and totally gorgeous.



Travel on your mind?

Be transported away with a passionate nomad. Heather Hapeta's *Naked in Budapest* will have you canoeing down the Zambesi, sailing the Great Barrier Reef, cooking in Athens, watching bear cubs in Alaska, without leaving your chair.

Enjoy learning about New Zealand with some Historial Fiction?

Fraser Boyd's *Never to Return Home* follows Mary Neylon of Ennistimon in County Clare and John White of Letterkenny in Donegal, who arrived in Port Chalmers in 1860's to find a better life in the growing towns of the South Island.



A personal journey that challenges beliefs

In *Postcards from Heaven* by Tania Walsh, Grace a 28 year old Maori woman, is faced with a series of unexpected events that test her loyalties and duty at the pivotal time of her career and has to face her changing attitude towards her culture

No time to read? Try Short Stories...

Back in the Day by Mike Johnson - 52 stories, one for every week of the year. Some light and frothy, some dark and devious, some sweet and magical, and some just downright cheeky, here's a book of stories. Consider them the truffles, to savour and enjoy.



On the Bookshelf:

Check out the website under the Home page, blog – the latest from the shop.

<https://writersplotreadersread.wordpress.com/blog/the-latest-from-writers-plot-readers-read/>

We have the newsletters and video tidbits of books that can be found on our shelves.

You can also subscribe to the Writer's Plot Readers Read Youtube channel.

What's On:

Meet the author:

Next on 29th May – see the website for details.

Writing group – with Cat Connor

Meets at the bookshop every 3rd Saturday 11am - 12:30pm

Next meeting 7th May. \$5pp

Daytime writing for individuals – writing desk, refreshments, internet access, inspiration from being surrounded by books. \$5 for half day; \$10 full day – discounts for continued use.

Poetry Evenings

3rd Tuesday of the month. Next meeting: 17th May 2016 from 7pm – 8:30pm

Share your favourite poems with others, read your own work, mix with people who love poetry.

A reminder that all books can be purchased on line at our website –

<https://writersplotreadersread.wordpress.com/buy-now/>