



SYDNEY WRITERS FESTIVAL

22–28 MAY



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LIVE & LOCAL

THURSDAY 25 MAY

10:00–11:00AM

JANE HARPER: EXILES

Internationally acclaimed crime writer Jane Harper discusses *Exiles*, the thrilling and likely final instalment of novels following investigator Aaron Falk, with Michaela Kalowski.

12:00–1:00PM

RICHARD FIDLER: THE BOOK OF ROADS & KINGDOMS

Much-loved radio host and author Richard Fidler delves into *The Book of Roads & Kingdoms*, his account of medieval wanderers during Islam's Golden Age. He is joined by Caroline Baum.

2:00–3:00PM

GERALDINE BROOKS: HORSE

Pulitzer Prize-winning author and journalist Geraldine Brooks sheds light on her best-selling novel, *Horse*, a sweeping historical saga of spirit, obsession and racial injustice, in conversation with Nicole Abadee.

4:00–5:00PM

GEORGE MONBIOT: REGENESIS

Bestselling British author and activist George Monbiot shares insight into *Regensis: Feeding the World Without Devouring the Planet*, his hopeful account of how we might rethink our faltering food system, live via video in conversation with Rebecca Huntley.

6:00–7:00PM

RICHARD FIDLER & PETER FRANKOPAN

Beloved radio presenter Richard Fidler (*The Book of Roads & Kingdoms*) and bestselling author and Oxford professor Peter Frankopan (*The Earth Transformed*) discuss their richly rendered works of historical non-fiction with interviewer Clare Wright.

7:30–8:30PM

WILOSOPHY

Join comedian Wil Anderson for a live recording of his *Wilosophy* podcast with special guest Brigid Delaney, whose book *Reasons Not to Worry* applies the ancient wisdom of the Stoics to modern living.

FRIDAY 26 MAY

10:00–11:00AM

BRINGING THE PAST TO LIFE

Celebrated historical novelists Geraldine Brooks and Pip Williams and newcomer Sally Colin-James share their insights into drawing from the past to understand the present and the future, in a panel event hosted by ABC RN's Kate Evans.

12:00–1:00PM

ELEANOR CATTON: BIRNAM WOOD

The Booker Prize-winning author of *The Luminaries*, Eleanor Catton, discusses her keenly anticipated thriller *Birnam Wood* with Beejay Silcox.

2:00–3:00PM

MICHAEL KIRBY & BO SEO

Two-time world debating champion and *Good Arguments* author Bo Seo and former High Court justice Michael Kirby examine how to better listen and disagree with each other in an era of divisive public debate.

4:00–5:00PM

COLSON WHITEHEAD: HARLEM SHUFFLE

Pulitzer Prize-winning novelist Colson Whitehead discusses his acclaimed novel *Harlem Shuffle* and its forthcoming follow-up, *Crook Manifesto*, with interviewer Michael Williams.

5:45–6:45PM

DANIEL LAVERY: DEAR PRUDENCE AND MORE

Internet darling Daniel Lavery lifts the lid on his writing life and *Dear Prudence*, a collection of the weirdest and wildest questions received during his tenure as *Slate's* agony aunt, on stage with Monique Schafter.

SATURDAY 27 MAY

10:00–11:00AM

A LIFE IN FOOD: STEPHANIE ALEXANDER AND MAGGIE BEER

Culinary icons Stephanie Alexander and Maggie Beer reflect on their decades-long friendship and decorated careers, which have transformed how Australians think about food, with interviewer Adam Liaw.

12:00–1:00PM

CRIME AND JUSTICE

Helen Garner and Hedley Thomas discuss their approaches to writing about crime and how they grapple with questions of justice, in conversation with Sarah Krasnostein.

2:00–3:00PM

GREAT ADAPTATIONS

Bestselling authors Eleanor Catton, Holly Ringland and Tom Rob Smith share the ins and outs of bringing work from the page to the screen, in conversation with Benjamin Law.

4:00–5:00PM

PIP WILLIAMS: THE BOOKBINDER OF JERICHO

Author of bestselling *The Dictionary of Lost Words* Pip Williams introduces her sweeping new novel, *The Bookbinder of Jericho*, in conversation with Cassie McCullagh.

6:00–7:00PM

STATE OF THE ART

Eleanor Catton, Richard Flanagan, Tracey Lien and Colson Whitehead discuss the state of the novel today and the future of fiction, in conversation with ABC RN's Kate Evans.

7:30–8:30PM

REAL SELVES

Chloé Hayden, Sasha Kutabah Sarago and Grace Tame talk about breaking down barriers to allow women and girls to show their real selves in conversation with Hannah Diviney.

SUNDAY 28 MAY

10:00–11:00AM

BARRIE CASSIDY & FRIENDS: STATE OF THE NATION

Barrie Cassidy assembles pundits Katharine Murphy, Niki Savva and Laura Tingle, to unpick the past year in Australian politics.

12:00–1:00PM

FIFTY SHADES OF TEAL

MP Helen Haines, Simon Holmes à Court and Margot Saville examine the ascension of independent candidates and how they might shape our politics, in conversation with Barrie Cassidy.

2:00–3:00PM

RECKONING, NOT RECONCILIATION

With the campaign for a First Nations Voice to Parliament in full swing, leading First Nations thinkers Stan Grant and Teela Reid ask whether we are entering a new era for Australian democracy.

4:00–5:00PM

THE VOICE TO PARLIAMENT: ALL THE DETAIL YOU NEED

What will a Voice to Parliament actually mean? Indigenous leader Thomas Mayo and legendary journalist Kerry O'Brien have worked together to write an accessible and engaging guide to this question. Whether you want to understand more about the Voice or would like some clear answers to share in conversations with others, this is a great opportunity to join an inspiring discussion of what our shared future can be.