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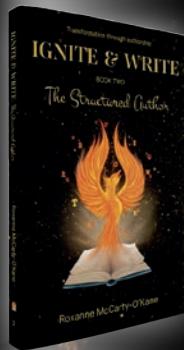
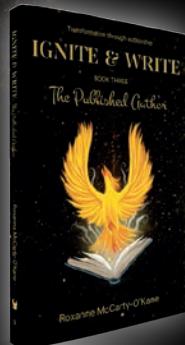
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Dear Readers,

We're excited to welcome you to Book Fair Australia Melbourne 2026, presented by Book Addiction.

My love of storytelling began at an early age when I read every children's book at my local library by Year 5 and the librarian showed me the world of magic and swords in the fantasy section. Since then, my career as an editor and indie author has brought me close to an amazing array of other like-minded readers, writers and booklovers. It became clear there was a cultural festival missing where we could all come together to celebrate and support each other, hence Book Fair Australia was born!

Book Fair Australia started as the glimmer of an idea in December 2021 and I am so proud to see what it has become in just a few short years through the hard work and dedication of our volunteer staff. In our biggest year yet, we are thrilled to bring together almost 200 authors and bookish vendors for your enjoyment! Thank you to everyone for making this leap to Melbourne such a wonderful adventure.

We'd like to extend our unending gratitude to Book Addiction for their constant support and brainstorming sessions. Book Addiction made this year possible by being our Event Partner and by sponsoring Amie Kaufman, Astrid Scholte, C.S. Pacat, Ellie Marney, Isobelle Carmody and Vanessa Len as guest authors. Listen to them speak at the Book Addiction Stage or meet them in person near Book Addiction at Stall 18.

Our thanks go out to our Bronze sponsors FolioFox, for the lovely programs, stamp trail cards and posters, and IngramSpark – as well as our supporting partners and associations.

Thank you to Golden Wing Press for providing event photography and videography. We're so excited to look back on the event through your work.

We welcome QBD Books as our Bookseller Partner for this event. Head on over to Booth 1 to see their selection of guest author books for sale.

If you're looking to pick up a memento from the event, take a look at Certified Printing at Booth 147 for a selection of Book Fair Australia merchandise.

Discover your next favourite Australian read, take in a panel, enjoy the reading sessions and workshops in the Children's area or take part in the Stamp Trail.

No matter what activities you participate in (or watch from a distance), we hope you have an amazing time at Book Fair Australia Melbourne 2026, presented by Book Addiction!

Ivana

Ivana L. Truglio
CEO & Founder
Book Fair Australia



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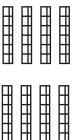
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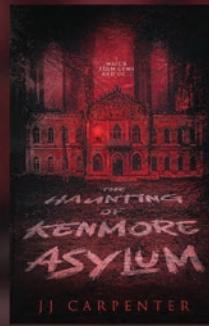
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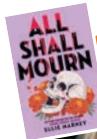
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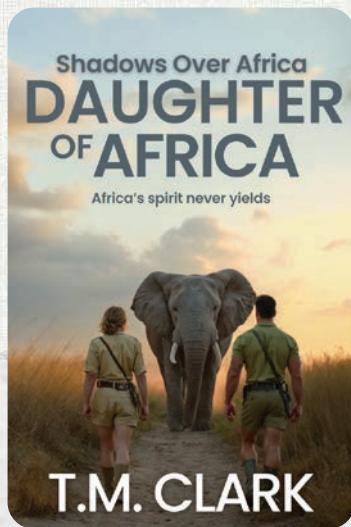
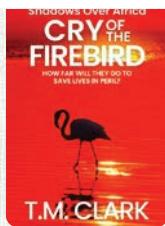
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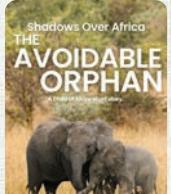
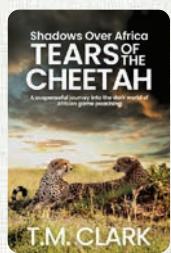
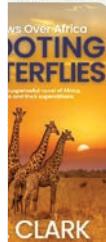
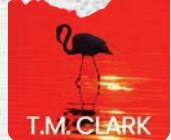




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Jordan Gould and
Richard Pritchard
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Maria
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Mark Smith
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141	Actual Illustrators
176	Adventures & Aussie Library
94	Alaska Walters 
106	Alice Cornelius 
114	Alison Mullen - Tiny Readers
129	Alison Stuart
134	Allison Young
82	Alyce Elmore
86	Amanda Maynard-Schubert
17	Amie Kaufman
165	Amra Pajalic 
138	Andrew McDermott
59	Arabella Rosier
9	Ariane Beeston (SATURDAY ONLY)
54	Ash Tough
23	Ashley Nobes Art
13	Astrid Scholte
40	Athena M Bliss
35	Belinda Crawford
55	Bella Claire 
115	Bianca Edgar 
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80	Book It and Send 
43	Bridget Anne Perrett

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57	Bright Witch
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6	Caleb Finn
170	Caroline Angel
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147	Certified Printing 
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154	Chloe Willowfield
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177	Chuck McKenzie 
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64	D. Harrigon
109	Daiku's Workshop
84	Damien J. Coluccio - Author
73	Danielle Hughes 
127	Daughter of My Mum - Handmade Bookish Creations
117	David Pearson
122	David Schembri
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48	Delilah Waan
107	Dragyn Jane
126	E.J. Campbell
51	Elise Carlson 
52	Elisse Hay

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157	Ella McLaughlin	★
14	Ellie Marney	
66	Emotional Support Buddy	
131	Everleigh Miles	
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103	FolioFox  FolioFox	
46	GR Thomas	
34	H.G. Ahedi	★
74	Harley Jane Rose	
5	Hayley Gannon	
90	Hayley Price	★
108	Hope Swan	★
168	Ian Gielen	★
26	Imogen Elvis	
124	IngramSpark 	
133	Isabelle MacDowall	★
15	Isobelle Carmody	
44	Ivana L. Truglio	
52	J.C. Rycroft	
110	J.J. Fryer	★
75	J.S.Burns	★
63	J.S.Harman	
158	Jade May	
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69	Jennifer Tanti	★
10	Jenny Valentish (SATURDAY ONLY)	
128	Jess McFarlane	
102	Jessica Jane Illustration	
169	JJ Carpenter	
111	JMVoss	★

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3	Jordan Gould and Richard Pritchard	
38	JP McDonald	
28	K.J. Johnson	
20	K.M Parke	
130	Karen Martin	★
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173	Katharine Pollock	★
87	Kathryn Mulqueeney	
123	Kieran Jack	
143	Koraly Dimitriadis	
47	L.L. Hunter	★
159	LR Meadows	
81	Lauren Parker Rhodes	
87	Leisa Fail	★
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62	Liam Adams - Everyone Needs A Liam	★
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137	Lisa M. Matlin	
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45	Loren Tuxford	★
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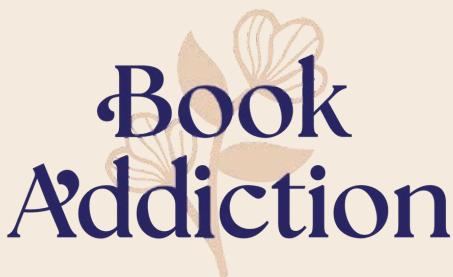
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172	Renee Louise
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53	Rita A. Rubin
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96	Roxanne McCarty-O'Kane - Ignite & Write
51	S. K. Stapar
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4	Samantha-Ellen Bound
178	Saradha Koirala
58	Sarah Epstein
113	Sensory Bookshelf
142	Seralune Art
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77	Seth Haddon
56	SF Sowter
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132	Sienna Gypsy
95	Sparkle*Liscious
92	Spencer Rose
146	Squishface Studio
164	Stephanie Hazeltine

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71	Swathi Chakravarthy
155	Swoon Sips
85	T.L. Brechin
136	T.M. Clark
182	Tales & Twine
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25	TF Johnson 
105	The Chapter Collective - Blind Date with a Book
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Book Fair Australia Stage	
1030-1115	Building your creative outlet into a business Victoria Reads, Amra Pajalic, Koraly Dimitriadis <i>Moderator: Celeste Hawkins</i>
1130-1215	How to include self Jenny Valentish, Ariane Beeston <i>Moderator: Celeste Hawkins</i>
1230-1315	New Releases MACKIE & friends (Anne Mallia) Cat Sirota Kate Cypress Bella Claire Roxanne McCarty-O'Kane
1330-1415	Period preference and research Alison Stuart, Jess McFarlane, Karen Martin <i>Moderator: Leanne Tempest</i>
1430-1515	Romantasy vs Romance Elisse Hay, Leisl Leighton, Rebekah Bertram <i>Moderator: Leanne Tempest</i>
1530-1615	Self-Publishing Quick Fire Danielle Hughes, IngramSpark <i>Moderator: Sarah Arbuthnott</i>
5PM closing time	

Book Addiction Stage	
1030-1115	Pros and cons of co-writing Peter Rowland, Emma Gerts, Nikki Perry <i>Moderator: Leanne Tempest</i>
1130-1215	Language for a child's story Jordan Gould, Richard Pritchard, Molly Arbuthnott, Kathryn Mulqueeney <i>Moderator: Mel Walker</i>
1230-1315	Break
1330-1415	Building and utilising suspense Ellie Marney, Mark Smith, Andrew McDermott <i>Moderator: Phillipa Nefri Clark</i>
1430-1515	How to get into the head of a teenager Vanessa Len, Astrid Scholte, J.S.Burns <i>Moderator: Celeste Hawkins</i>
1530-1615	How to design front covers L.R Meadows, Isobelle Carmody, Jessica Jane <i>Moderator: Lorena Carrington</i>
5PM closing time	



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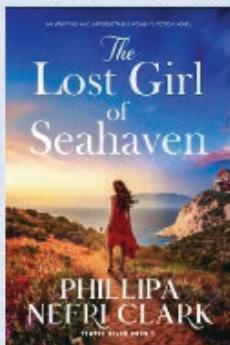
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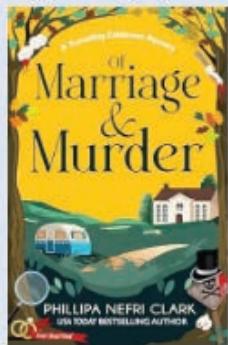
Book Fair Australia Stage		Book Addiction Stage	
1030-1115	Balance of written and illustrated storytelling Shaun Keenan, Kieran Jack, N.S. Kane <i>Moderator: Timothy Parish</i>	1030-1115	Main concerns when building your world Amie Kaufman, L.L. Hunter, Damien J. Coluccio <i>Moderator: Stephanie Said</i>
1130-1215	Sci-Fi & Horror Panel Maria Lewis, Caleb Finn, Caroline Angel <i>Moderator: Leanne Tempest</i>	1130-1215	Age specific writing Kate Cypress, Samantha-Ellen Bound, Hayley Gannon <i>Moderator: Lorena Carrington</i>
1230-1315	New Releases Jennifer Tanti Loren Tuxford J.J. Fryer H.G. Ahedi (Harbeer Ahedi) Serra Rose Michele Finey	1230-1315	Break
1330-1415	How has generative AI affected you as an author Phillipa Nefri Clark, GR Thomas <i>Moderator: Blair Stratton</i>	1330-1415	Tips and tricks to writing for the neurospicy Rebecca Kerr, Jessica Ten Vaanholt, Elise Carlson <i>Moderator: Stephanie Said</i>
1430-1515	Utilising social media Kirsty Roby, Cecilia Huang <i>Moderator: Sarah Arbuthnot</i>	1430-1515	Growth of representation in literature C.S. Pacat, J.C. Rycroft, Mari Costa <i>Moderator: Celeste Hawkins</i>
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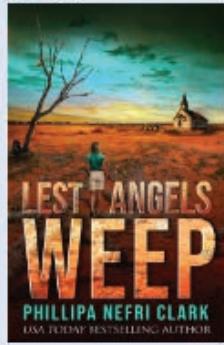
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1120-1150	Lorena Carrington
1320-1340	Deborah Frenkel
1520-1540	Bianca Edgar

SUNDAY 22ND
FEBRUARY 2026

1020-1040	Deborah Frenkel
1120-1150	David Pearson
1320-1340	Jennifer Tanti

Children's area activities (all weekend)

1000-1600

The Giant collage facilitated by Loren Carrington

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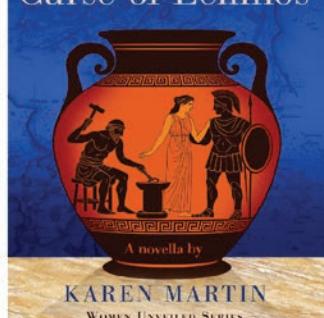

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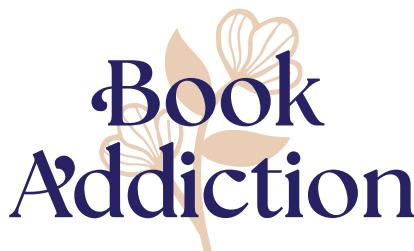
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