

Thursday 23 May

- 11am** Author Sarah Todman in conversation with her mother, author Frances Harding, whose narrative non-fiction work *The Accidental Australians* explores the family saga of penniless Greek migrants Harry and Jimmy Coronos and the hotel empire they built in Western Queensland.
- 3pm** Heather Reyburn leads a conversation 'from beginner to winner', in conversation with poet Janet Munro and writer educator Tanya Vessey
- 7pm** Fantasy and other worlds become real if you spend enough time with them as an author! Join Tim Hunter and Nathan Taylor as they share insights into their own books, and how they help others see their words in print.

Friday 24 May

- 11am** Considering a faith-based life from a writers perspective with Adele Jones, Nola Passmore, and Jessica Kate. What are the 'do's and don'ts' and quite simply, the 'non-negotiables' in this context. Dive deeper into the pages with this panel in-conversation.
- 3pm** Tara Louise East digs deep with award-winning author of 'Three Times Buried' Jane Smith as they discuss the vagaries of methodical research combined with the rich stories of the past.

Saturday 25 May

- 11am** Multi-award winning author Jessica Ritchie catches up with the regions edgiest writers Nikki Mottram, Georgia Harper, and Sarah Todman, as they discuss their contemporary best sellers.
- 3pm** Marrison Thomas leads a conversation with Jill Metcalfe and Julianna Kelly, sharing how their characters came to life on the pages, and how they occupy their writers thinking even now.

Sunday 26 May

- 11am** Rory Mathers checks in with Jane Palmer, Irena Kobald, Terese Eglinton, and Megan Carige about children's picture books, and seriously kicking goals.
- 3pm** Thomas Alan, Emma Mactaggart, and Kathleen Kelly wax lyrical about the highs and lows of a writerly life. Win some, loose some.

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