

New Books

Congratulations to all our UTS Writers' Alumni authors who have released new books. Please, do support our UTS authors and the UTS Coop Bookshop. Here are the details of our new books for Autumn 2015.

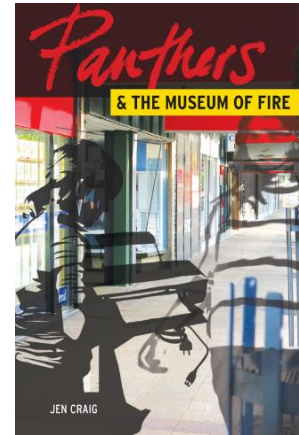
Panthers and the Museum of Fire



Photo: Pierre Loti

Jen Craig's latest book, a stream-of-consciousness novella, *Panthers and the Museum of Fire* received a terrific five-star review in Bookseller + Publisher last month. Watch out for a forthcoming review in *UTS Connect*.

Angie Andrewes at *bookseller and reviewer* wrote that Jen Craig's brilliant and experimental novella, "*Panthers and the Museum of Fire*, will be among my top reads for the year...*Panthers* is a complex work of fictionalised-memoir in the style of writers such as Karl Ove Knausgaard and Sheila Heti. Fans of Joyce and Virginia Woolf may also be interested, as will many writers...".



Panthers and the Museum of Fire, Jen Craig, Spineless Wonders, \$22.99. ISBN 9781925052145, March)

King of the Road

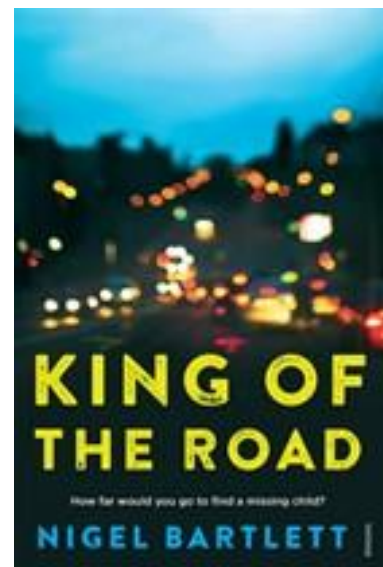


Nigel Bartlett is a freelance writer and editor who has worked for many of the best-known publications in Australia. He's a former deputy editor of *GQ Australia* and *Inside Out* magazines and has been a regular contributor to *Belle* and *Sunday*, the colour

supplement for the *Sunday Telegraph* and *Sunday Herald Sun*. In addition, he's freelanced for numerous other titles, ranging from *Who* to *Sunday Life* and *Harper's Bazaar*, as well as a number of high-profile websites.

In 2012 he completed a research masters in creative writing at the University of Technology, Sydney. He lives in the inner-city suburb of Redfern. In 2014, Nigel was a panel speaker at the UTS Writers' Alumni 10th Anniversary event at the UTS Aerial Function Centre, where he was joined by Bem Le Hunte, Bronwyn Mehan and Delia Falconer. He has also contributed to *Writers Connect*.

When David's 11-year-old nephew goes missing and he finds the finger pointed at him, he has no choice but to strike out on his own – an unlikely vigilante running away from the



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police and his own family, and running towards what he hopes desperately is the truth about Andrew's disappearance.

David Kingsgrove is a man on a mission. An ordinary man – and an extraordinary mission. It is a mission that will turn him into someone he never thought he would be: the [King of the Road](#), the loner on the highway, the crusader for a sort of justice he has never before had to seek.

David's crusade to find Andrew will also take him into his own dark heart – to do things he never thought he would have to do, and go places he has never wanted to go. And the choices David makes lead us all to ask: *How far would I go to save someone I love?*

This is a compelling story that is almost impossible to stop reading – a hero's journey, of sorts, with a momentum that is breathtaking even while the subject matter is confronting.

Vintage Australia RRP \$32.99. ISBN: 9780857985408

More, including reviews at: <http://www.randomhouse.com.au/books/nigel-bartlett/king-of-the-road-9780857985408.aspx#sthash.RBAJUban.dpuf>

Joanne Burns: *brush*

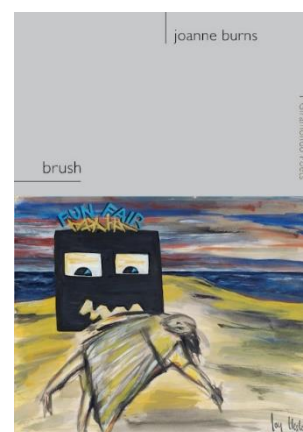
Joanne Burns taught Marjorie Lewis-Jones a lot about writing during Majorie's time at university. In her review of joanne's recent poetry collection, *brush*, Marjorie reveals what she relishes in this work.

See Marjorie's Review: *burns' brush bristles and the sparks fly* in this issue.

Brush

Giramondo Publishing RRP: \$24

Other books by joanne burns: *footnotes of a hammock*, an *illustrated history of diaries* and *amphora*.



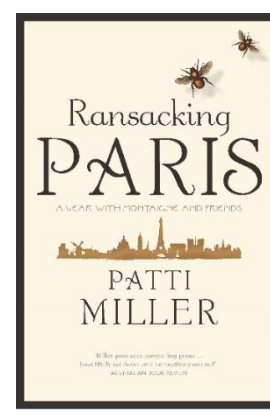
Patti Miller, author of many fine books, has released another new book: *Ransacking Paris: a Year With Montaigne and Friends*. Published by UQP this month, April 2015 (Please see New Books).



It's story of a literary year spent writing and reading in Paris, getting to know the city and the French memoirists; Montaigne, Rousseau, de Beauvoir and others. It explores truth and illusion, self-knowledge

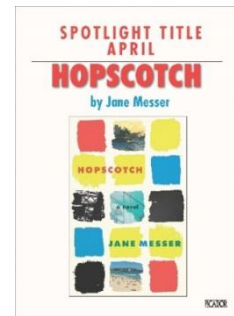
and identity – and evokes the beauty, the contradictions and the daily life of contemporary Paris. Reviewed in the Sydney Morning Herald: <http://www.smh.com.au/entertainment/books/in-ransacking-paris-patti-miller-meets-ghosts-of-french-writers-20150403-1mcptr.html>

For more see [http://www.uqp.uq.edu.au/book.aspx/1338/Ransacking Paris](http://www.uqp.uq.edu.au/book.aspx/1338/Ransacking%20Paris)



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Jane Messer, another well-known UTS Author has a novel *Hopscotch* out this month published by Picador Pan MacMillan. and later in the year a radio drama *Dear Dr Chekhov* is being broadcast on Radio National (August 21 and 23 to coincide with the anniversary of Chekhov's birthday of August 22). <http://janemesser.com/hopscotch-novel/>

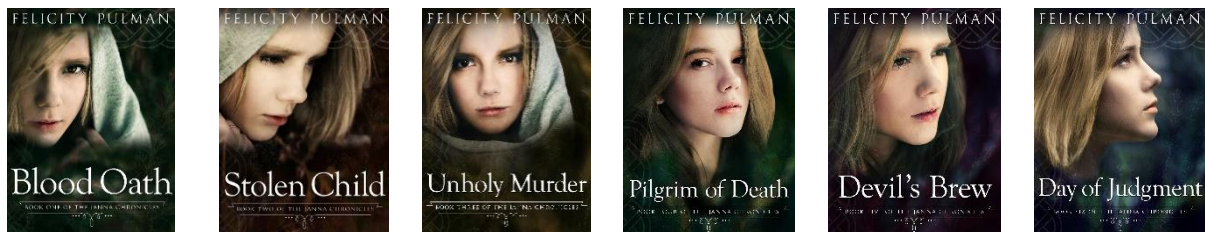


Felicity Pulman has released a series of books – Four *Janna Chronicles* are already out, with the whole series due out by June. The books are all published by Momentum (Pan Macmillan) available as e-books but also as print copies through Lightning Source. The first three are now out in paperback; the next three will follow.

In order, the books are: #1 *Blood Oath*; #2 *Stolen Child*; #3 *Unholy Murder*; #4 *Pilgrim of Death*, with #5 *Devil's Brew* out in May, and #6 *Day of Judgment* in June.

For a taste of the storyline: *After Janna's mother, a wortwyf and healer, dies in mysterious circumstances, Janna vows to avenge her mother's death and bring a murderer to justice. This medieval crime series is set during the 1140s, at the time of the bitter and treacherous civil war between King Stephen and the Empress Matilda, and follows Janna's quest to find her unknown father: a quest which challenges her heart and her safety as she follows clues which take her from forest to farm, abbey, Stonehenge and into the heart of the royal court in Winchester, solving many crimes and mysteries along the way.*

The books are available from all e-book retailers, and more information may be found on: www.momentumbooks.com.au



Do you have a book you would like reviewed in UTS *U: magazine*?

Fiona Livy is currently compiling new books to review in *U: magazine* (each issue *U: magazine* reviews books written or edited by current and former staff and students).

If you are a UTS alumni or know of any UTS Alumni with new books due for release in 2015. Please send us the author's name, and book title and publisher's name (if possible).

Would you like to review books?

If you currently work at UTS, please also let me know if you are interested in reading the books and writing reviews for [U: magazine](#).

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