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true passion

brisbane writers festival
9 - 13 September 2009

FEATURED AUTHORS

Anne Summers

[Anne Summers](#) joins BWF for three thought-provoking sessions to discuss everything from her latest book *The Lost Mother: A Story of Art and Love* to her various roles as a journalist, editor, writer, businesswoman, and government advisor to Bob Hawke and Paul Keating. Don't miss the opportunity to meet and chat with this motivating Australian woman, who attends the *Author at My Table* Literary Lunch as a featured author. Following a delicious two-course meal, Anne will participate in a panel hosted by Network



Ten's Georgina Lewis, where she will share her own creative inspirations and offer insights into her writing.

Sessions with Anne Summers include:

Friday, 11 September 2009

12:00 PM Author at My Table: Literary Lunch. [Read more...](#)

4:00 PM The Lost Mother sq Auditorium 2. [Read more...](#)

Sunday, 13 September 2009

12:30 PM Little Books on Big Themes. [Read more...](#)

John R. Talbott

There has never been a more relevant time for financial literature than now, and former investment banker for Goldman Sachs, [John R. Talbott](#) delivers the goods.

John R. Talbott famously predicted the American housing crisis in *The Coming Crash of the Housing Market* and is the author of *Obamanomics*, and most recently *The 86 Biggest Lies on Wall Street*. He is a leading correspondent on CNN, Fox News, CNBC, CBS Marketwatch, and has written for *The Wall Street Journal*, *Financial Times*, and *The Boston Globe*.

**Sessions with John R. Talbott include:****Thursday, 10 September 2009**

4:15 PM *The 86 Biggest Lies on Wall Street*. [Read more...](#)

Friday, 11 September 2009

5:30 PM *Globally Bereft: After the Crisis*. [Read more...](#)

Saturday, 12 September 2009

12:45 PM *The GFC: Oracles, Realists and Saviours*. [Read more...](#)

STAFF PICKS - BERND NEUMANN**Behind the Williamson Scene**

If your wife wrote your biography, what would she have to say about you? After thirty years of writing poignant and often-political plays about Australian life and culture, David Williamson's career has often seen him in the public eye, befriending leading figures such as Peter Carey, Gough Whitlam, and Bruce Beresford. Journalist and author Kristin Williamson however, takes us behind the scenes to share the private life of a leading playwright.

[Book tickets...](#)

Author at My Table Literary Lunch

I always enjoy a good meal, washed down with a couple of glasses of crisp, white wine or a

cold beer on a warm, spring day. Gather a group of friends together for this year's *Author at My Table* Literary Lunch: you're guaranteed stimulating conversation; you never know who you'll meet; and of course, there's bound to be a fabulous cheese selection. Hosted by Mantra's Stone Restaurant and Bar at South Bank, tickets for this intimate, two-course meal with authors such as Nick Earls and Anne Summers include an afternoon of entertainment, with a panel hosted by Channel Ten's Georgina Lewis.

[Book tickets...](#)

Those Magnificent Men: Writing Men into History

A writers festival is often seen as a woman's domain. I invite any of you males to consider volunteering at the Brisbane Writers Festival office next year. Luckily we have sessions such as this one to reassert a healthy balance! What better environment to uncover the mysteries of our magnificent (and sometimes not-so-magnificent) origins, than a session hosted by men who have traced and written about other men throughout history from Neanderthal to contemporary. Of course, women are welcome to attend!

[Book tickets...](#)

True Crime

On the topic of mysteries, join retired detective Clive Small and investigative reporter Adam Shand, as they take to the stage with international author Lisa Unger to talk true crime. I love a spine-chilling thriller that hooks me from the first page through till the very last, and this session promises to have that same effect, as these True Crime professionals discuss everything from their own personal, thrilling experiences to the real-life mysteries that inspired hit TV shows such as *Underbelly*.

[Book tickets...](#)

WORKSHOPS AND MASTERCLASSES

Workshops and Masterclasses are selling FAST! Don't miss your chance to learn from the best in the industry in our exciting Workshop and Masterclass program - there is something for everyone.

Why not try *Blogging from Remote Corners of the World* with Australian Geographic Young Adventurer of the Year, **Chris Bray**. Find out *What an Agent can do for you*, with UK-based agent **Sarah Ballard** and Brisbane-based **Margaret Kennedy**. Or, come and find the words that fit into the everyday practice of food writing with renowned Benowa Waters restaurateur

Gay Bilson in *Memoirs with Food*.

[Read more about our Workshop and Masterclass program.](#)

With very few tickets left, book today and secure your place. The Festival starts soon and there is still a chance to expand your mind and do something different. Go on. Book now at www.qtix.com.au

MAGAZINE COMPETITION

Anytime is a good time to check out **Good Reading** - an online resource provided free to State Library of Queensland members. Good Reading is offering a special incentive for a limited period only.



(31 August to 14 September) direct access to the online magazine for BWF readers. Check out the magazine and enter a **Competition to Win** a book featured at the Festival. Click [here](#) for competition details.

MONTHLY BOOK WINNER

Congratulations to Mary Dickenson, our lucky September book winner!

You too could go into the draw each month to win a book . Become a member and go into the draw to win lots of wonderful prizes, such as movie tickets and other great give-aways.

For more information on membership benefits, [Click here.](#)

TICKET GIVEAWAYS

With the Festival only days away, we are pleased to offer some free double passes to the following sessions:

Rich AND Green

Economic opportunities will open up when corporations and governments lead the new clean industrial revolution. Find out why the green are RICH with **Mark Diesendorf, Ben McNeil**

and **Andrew Westoll**.

[Read more...](#)

rock n roll is a primary colour

With his memoir *Shots* just released, **Don Walker** is probably better known as the pen behind Cold Chisel hits such as Khe Sanh. For him, rock 'n' roll is not a composite - it just is.

[Read more...](#)

Banking in Japan is Suicide

Share personal reflections on suicide, life as a banker through boom/bust Japan and the Lehman's collapse with **Erica Sontheimer, Mark Chou and Colin Mills**.

[Read more...](#)

The Urban Revolution

Welcome to the Urban Revolution by **Jeb Brugmann** urges us to consider cities as the medium for revolutionary change.

[Read more...](#)

True Crime

Join **Lisa Unger**, literary author; **Adam Shand**, *The Skull: Informers, Hit Men and Australia's Toughest Cop*; and **Clive Small**, *Smack Express - How Organised Crime Got Hooked on Drugs*.

[Read more...](#)

Ask Bettina Arndt Anything

In her new book, *The Sex Diaries*, **Bettina Arndt** proposes a new approach to how couples can enjoy regular sex - and sustain loving relationships, with her characteristic humour and insight. In this exciting session, Ask Bettina Arndt Anything!

[Read more...](#)

For your chance to grab one of our free double passes, email your details and preferred event to info@brisbanewritersfestival.com.au. Entries close 3 September 2009. Only the winners will be contacted.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Festival!

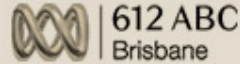
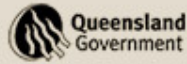
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