

## E-news February:

### BRISBANE WRITERS FESTIVAL 9 - 13 SEPTEMBER 2009

We are delighted to confirm the Brisbane Writers Festival will once again take place over five days at the State Library of Queensland from the 9 - 13 of September 2009. Word Play, the Youth Literature Program, will expand this year to include grades 4 - 12, and take place on from the 9 - 11 of September 2009. Already the office is a-buzz with activity and BWF 2009 is shaping up to be full of excitement, learning and surprises.

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### AND THE WINNERS ARE...

Each month we are giving away a book to a selected BWF member to say thank you for their on going support. The winners for are...

#### January

Lexie Mitchell Jack by Judy Johnson &

#### February

A Beautiful Place to Die by Malla Nunn

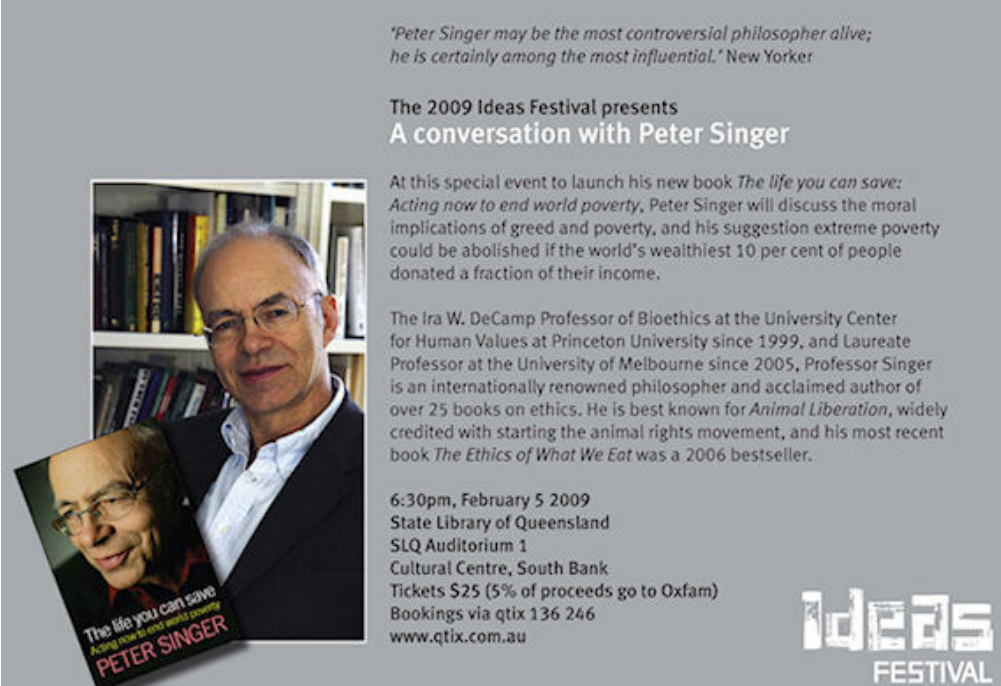
February Zoe Younger Life on the Refrigerator Door by Alice Kuipers

Interested in becoming more involved with BWF - [become a member!](#)

The 2009 AGM will take place at 12 Merivale Street on the 31st of March from 7pm. If you are a member please come along and vote for the 2009 Management Committee. More details will be sent later in the month.

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On Thursday we are going to see Peter Singer at the Ideas Festival. Hope to see you all there!



*"Peter Singer may be the most controversial philosopher alive; he is certainly among the most influential." New Yorker*

**The 2009 Ideas Festival presents  
A conversation with Peter Singer**

At this special event to launch his new book *The life you can save: Acting now to end world poverty*, Peter Singer will discuss the moral implications of greed and poverty, and his suggestion extreme poverty could be abolished if the world's wealthiest 10 per cent of people donated a fraction of their income.

The Ira W. DeCamp Professor of Bioethics at the University Center for Human Values at Princeton University since 1999, and Laureate Professor at the University of Melbourne since 2005, Professor Singer is an internationally renowned philosopher and acclaimed author of over 25 books on ethics. He is best known for *Animal Liberation*, widely credited with starting the animal rights movement, and his most recent book *The Ethics of What We Eat* was a 2006 bestseller.

6:30pm, February 5 2009  
State Library of Queensland  
SLQ Auditorium 1  
Cultural Centre, South Bank  
Tickets \$25 (5% of proceeds go to Oxfam)  
Bookings via qtix 136 246  
[www.qtix.com.au](http://www.qtix.com.au)

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### Meet Nadeem Aslam - "Wasted Vigil"

Kiryama Prize winner, Longlisted for the Booker Prize & Shortlisted for the Impac

Tuesday 10th March, 6 for 6.30pm start @  
Avid Reader: 193 Bundry Street West End

Tickets \$5 Bookings essential  
3846 3422 or [books@avidreader.com.au](mailto:books@avidreader.com.au)  
For BWF subscribers the event is FREE just mention the password  
"BWF" when booking!



*"An ambitious and moving look at the human cost of Afghanistan's war-torn reality."* - Publishers Weekly

*"The story that binds these people together is spellbinding - a beautifully drawn web of the fragile connections of trust, misunderstanding, memory, sacrifice... Nadeem Aslam is a master of words and arresting images."* - The Times

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## CAFE POET PROGRAM

Submissions are now being sought for our **CAFE POET PROGRAM**. The Australian Poetry Centre is seeking poets, in each Australian State or Territory, interested to sit as 'poet-in-residence' in a cafe in their capital city for a period of six months getting free tea or coffee while you write. Please apply by emailing [admin@australianpoetrycentre.org.au](mailto:admin@australianpoetrycentre.org.au) with an expression of interest stating:

- a) all your contact details,
- b) what you would get out of being the poet in residence,
- c) a clear personal objective focussing on what you would like to achieve with your poetry in the six months and,
- d) a measurable public objective to benefit others, such as being prepared to give a reading at the end of it, or providing the cafe with a poem to display.

Deadlines for applications are Feb 20th, 2009.  
For more details see the website or call the office on (03) 9527 4063.

That is all the news for now.  
Until next time,

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