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READER'S FEAST ♦ CRIME & JUSTICE

International best-selling crime writers join with some of Australia's best at this year's *Reader's Feast ♦ Crime and Justice Festival*, July 17, 18 & 19 at Melbourne's historic Abbotsford Convent. The festival is unique in the world and combines high quality crime fiction with discussion of issues of the law, human rights and social justice.

The wide range of topics for discussion this year will include the politics and culture of killing, creating a sense of place in crime fiction, the fairness of the justice system, murder within the medical system, the legacy of the JFK assassination, undercover police work, corruption, an historic look at crime fiction in Australia and writing cult television.

Three of our international guests hail from the US: **Lamar Waldron**, the author of *Legacy of Secrecy: the long shadow of the JFK assassination* was called 'the ultimate JFK historian and examiner' by *Variety* and promises to offer some fascinating insight into the legacy of this turning point in American politics and history.

Scott Frost is both a screenwriter whose credits include *Twin Peaks* and *The X-Files* and the author of the successful Lieutenant Alex Delillo crime novels.

Author of *No Angel*, **Jay Dobyns**, alias Jaybird, is a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives undercover agent who infiltrated the Hells Angels motorcycle club

From Canada, **Linwood Barclay** is the extraordinarily successful crime writer whose first novel *No Time For Goodbye* was Richard & Judy's Bookclub's highest selling novel ever.

And from Scotland, **Stuart McBride** has been described as 'the most exciting thing to happen in British crime fiction in years' and 'Ian Rankin on Speed.'

Australian crime fiction will also be well represented by, amongst others, **Barry Maitland, Garry Disher, Kerry Greenwood, Mark Abernethy, Robert Sims, Fiona McIntosh, Robert Gott** and award winning newcomer, **Nick Gadd**.

Respected author and scholar, **Lucy Sussex**, will talk on the life and work of Australia's first ever female crime writer, Mary Fortune – a tale replete with bigamy, drunkenness, homelessness and sexual speculation! And **Andrea Goldsmith** will look at the notion that what an author puts into fiction would be, in the current climate, illegal if put on the web or in most non-fiction.

Running alongside the crime fiction side of the program will be some serious discussion and insight into real-life crime, the law, social justice and the big issues that confront us. **Rochelle Jackson**, author of *Inside their Minds: Australian Criminals*, will delve into the criminal psyche, while forensic psychiatrist **Dr Rob Kaplan** will look at medical murder.

To compliment Jay Dobyn's account of his time with the Hell's Angels, former Australian police officer, **Colin McLaren**, will tell of his infiltration of the Griffith mafia.

Looking at police corruption from the inside will be **Domenico Cacciola**, who breaks his silence after 35 years with the Queensland police, working alongside some of the corrupt police exposed by the Fitzgerald Royal Commission.

And former presenter of *The Law Report* on Radio National and author of *Gangland Australia*, **Susanna Lobez**, will talk about murder and mayhem in Australasia.

And in the festival's 'soapbox', My Idea of Justice, renowned philosopher **Raimond Gaita**, lawyer and freelance columnist/writer **Irfan Yusuf** and co-author of *Radical Melbourne* **Jeff Sparrow** will give their views on the state of the world.

Tickets to *Reader's Feast* ♦ *Crime and Justice Festival* go on sale on June 27 through www.crimeandjusticefestival.com

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