

Festival Dates, Locale, Program Release

The inaugural Reader's Feast Crime & Justice Festival will take place on

18, 19 and 20 July 2008

The program will be published in

**The Age Newspaper
Saturday 21 June 2008**

**The program will also be available in-store from Saturday 21 June.
It will appear on Crime & Justice website from Saturday 21 June.**

The program can be posted out to you if you would like us to do so; please email events@readersfeast.com.au to confirm you would like a posted copy of the program and indicate if we have your mailing address from your original email to us. If not, please supply your mailing address.

The three day festival will be held at

**The Abbotsford Convent
1 St. Heliers Street, Abbotsford.**

This remarkable arts and cultural precinct was, for over a century, a home and refuge for thousands of girls and women.

Run by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd order of Catholic nuns, it was home to orphans, wards of the State, and others considered to be, in the parlance of the day, in 'moral danger'.

The Sisters of the Good Shepherd have a long tradition of social justice awareness and action and so it is fitting to host this festival within the grounds of the former convent.

A few words on our festival

“Booksellers are the purveyors of our dreams and aspirations. Many people have been inspired by books. Many books have changed our world. For me, this festival brings together the two ends of a spectrum often seen as alien to one another, law and justice, crime and justice.”

Brendan Kilty SC, Dublin Ireland

"Australian readers have an appetite for informative discourse and there is an imperative for social justice and human rights to be discussed. Our collective attention to these issues is critical to ensure that the light on abuses shines brightly and in so doing brings about change.”

Mary Dalmau, Reader's Feast Booksellers

"She's (Dalmau) taking crime fiction seriously. She's saying it's not just about death in the vicarage and obscure poisons, little villages, tea and crumpets. We've moved on from Miss Marple in crime fiction towards a lot of younger writers who are actually using the crime novel to try and say something serious about the state of the world."

Ian Rankin, Writer, Edinburgh, Scotland

What engages me about a well written crime fiction novel is the way it takes me to worlds very different from my own and is instructive on human nature. These books are usually indicative of what happens when an individual behaves in a destructive manner and the responses this behaviour elicits.

Mary Dalmau, Reader's Feast Booksellers

Some of the guests thus far announced

Brendan Kilty SC

Malcolm Fraser, former Prime Minister

Kerry Greenwood

Lenny Bartulin

Sidney Bauer

Marshall Browne

Lauren Crow

Garry Disher

Robert Gott

Dorothy Johnston

Gabrielle Lord

Barry Maitland

Victoria Marles

PD Martin

Rod Quantock

Leigh Redhead

Michael Robotham

Angela Savage

Arnold Zable

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