

NEWS FROM BEHIND THE SHELVES



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MEET SOME OF OUR STAFF - SHARON AND JULES...

Sharon has lived in Exmouth for 30 years - and is still loving it! She has been Coordinator of Library Services since 2008. When she is not working, she enjoys her garden, home and getting out in the natural environment. Sharon likes to read Crime, Thrillers and of course Romance and is currently laughing her way through Kitty Flanagan's audiobook "Burning Bridges".

Jules has lived in Exmouth for 14 years and has been working in the library for the past seven years. She loves the outdoors and also dabbling in all sorts of crafts, particularly card making. Jules enjoys reading every genre of book, from quirky off beat types to true crime/ serial killers. She finds listening to an audiobook whilst crafting is a winning combination!



Jules and Sharon

Book Sale



THE LIBRARY HAS A SHELF
DEDICATED FOR BOOK
EXCHANGE AND SALES,
INCLUDING EX LIBRARY STOCK.

Only adult fiction books in good condition
will be accepted for exchange.

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| Fiction Books | \$3 |
| Non-Fiction & Biographies | \$1 |
| Kids Books | \$1 |
| Audio Books | \$1 |
| Magazines | 50c |

Cash only - no EFT avail

TIM WINTON AWARD FOR YOUNG WRITERS

This creative writing award is open to Western Australian school students from year 1 to year 12 and encourages imagination, innovation and creativity.

Stories submitted must be an original piece of prose writing, no more than 2000 words in length.

*Entries must be the sole work of the entrant.
Entry is limited to one per person.*

*Entries for the Tim Winton Awards opened at 9.30am on Monday 20 July 2020. To enter, register and submit your story online before **5.30pm on Friday 14 August 2020.***

For Tim Winton Award Information visit - www.subiaco.wa.gov.au



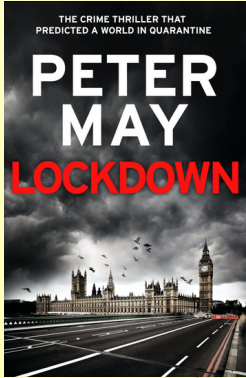
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Book Review

"LOCKDOWN"

BY PETER MAY



Lockdown is a 2020 mystery thriller by Scottish crime writer Peter May, set against the background of a deadly influenza pandemic. Detective Jack MacNeil investigates the discovery of fresh human bones at a building site for a temporary hospital. He and forensic scientist Dr. Amy Wu piece together scant clues to track the killer, even as more people are murdered – all against the backdrop of a deadly virus that has felled at least half a million people and left London isolated under martial law. Shops are closed, funerals are cancelled, people wear protective face masks, makeshift military hospitals are built inside national landmarks, and millions have contracted the virus, including the British Prime Minister.

Does this sound familiar? May actually wrote the novel 15 years ago (following the outbreaks of SARS and bird flu), but in 2005 it was rejected by 10 publishers who insisted that the portrayal of London being shut down by a flu epidemic was "ludicrous, wholly unrealistic and sci-fi fantasy". It was only during the COVID-19 crisis, at the suggestion by a fan that May should write about a pandemic, that he recalled that he already had and after an overnight decision by his editor, the book was finally published. Ironically, it was only available as an ebook for the first month because the publishing staff were all in 'lockdown'. May donated the money from his advance for the book to charities supporting health workers, victims and others suffering as a result of Covid-19.

INTERESTING TRIVIA

You may not know of the name Thomas Midgely (1889-1944) but you will probably know some of his "clever" inventions:



1) In 1921 he added lead to petrol to make car engines run better...unfortunately, lead poisoning over decades caused considerable health problems which is why we now need lead free petrol.

2) In the 1930's he developed CFC gas to make fridges (and other products) work better... unfortunately, this gas caused great harm to the ozone layer, impacting climate change and is now banned for use around the world.

3) He designed a machine that helped him move in bed when he was disabled by Polio. Unfortunately, one night he got caught up in the straps and strangled to death.

Poor Thomas - a chemist with great ideas but disastrous results!

kids corner



It's been lovely to see so many of our younger members visiting during the school holidays.

Storytime is back on every Tuesday at 9:30am in the library. Spaces are limited - Please call to book your spot.

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The library is thriving!



WE HAD 1609 PEOPLE ENJOYING THE LIBRARY SPACE DURING THE JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Answers to the Previous Quiz

THE COAT OF ARMS FOR EACH STATE/TERRITORY IS:



SA



VIC



ACT



NSW



NT



QLD



TAS



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