



2007 BYRON BAY WRITERS FESTIVAL

Festival Writer: Marele Day

Marele Day is an award-winning writer whose previous work experience ranges from fruit picking to academic teaching. She has traveled extensively, lived in Italy, France and Ireland, and survived near shipwreck in the Java Sea.

A contributor to numerous anthologies, Marele is the editor of *How to Write Crime* (Ned Kelly Award, 1996) and has written a guide, *Successful Promotion for Writers*. Her novels include the Claudia Valentine mysteries - *The Life and Crimes of Harry Lavender*, *The Case of the Chinese Boxes*, *The Last Tango of Dolores Delgado* (USA Shamus Award, 1992) and *The Disappearances of Madalena Grimaldi*.

In 1997, her bestselling literary novel, *Lambs of God*, was published to acclaim in Australia and overseas, and film rights optioned by Twentieth Century Fox. She has also published a collection of crime-comedy stories, *Mavis Levack, PI*, and most recently, *Mrs Cook: The Real and Imagined Life of the Captain's Wife*.

Marele is an experienced teacher and mentor, and presents creative writing courses throughout Australia.

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