



2007 BYRON BAY WRITERS FESTIVAL

Festival Writer: James Phelan

Born 21st May 1979, James Phelan has been a published writer since the age of 21 when his first feature piece appeared in Melbourne's *The Age* newspaper. James has since gone on to write for various publications in Australia, both with fiction and non-fiction.



James holds a Master of Arts degree in Writing from Swinburne University, a course where he now tutors around 300 students per year. In 2006 James was awarded the Swinburne's SUPRA scholarship to study his PhD in Writing over three years.

The non-fiction author interview book, *Literati: Australian Contemporary Literary Figures Discuss Fear, Frustrations and Fame* was published by John Wiley & Sons to rave reviews in August 2005.

Hachette Australia published the novel *Fox Hunt* in August 2006, introducing an exciting new series of contemporary thrillers. *Patriot Act*, the explosive second book in the Fox series, will be published August 2007.

James has a passion for the promoting literacy in Australia. He is involved in many creative writing groups and regularly talks at literary events. He is a member of the Australian Society of Authors, Fellowship of Australian Writers, and state writers' centres. He lives in Melbourne.

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