

SYDNEY WRITERS' FESTIVAL



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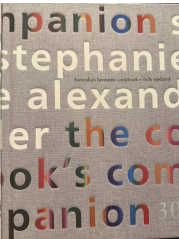


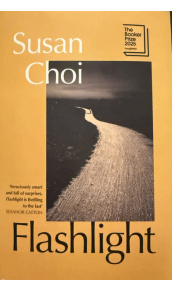
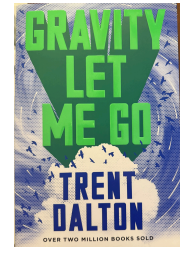




21-24 MAY 2026

INCLUDING LOCAL EVENTS AT BROOME PUBLIC LIBRARY



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THURSDAY 21 MAY	FRIDAY 22 MAY	SATURDAY 23 MAY	SUNDAY 24 MAY
<p>8-8.55AM</p> <p>THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY: FIGHTING AUTHORITARIANISM WITH A.C. GRAYLING Hear how Professor of Philosophy A.C. Grayling outlines the fragility of democracy in the face of rising authoritarianism in For The People, followed by a discussion chaired by Nick Bryant and Rosalind Dixon. Presented in collaboration with the UNSW Resilient Democracy Lab.</p>  <p>10-10.55PM YANN MARTEL: SON OF NOBODY Unravel ancient traditions of storytelling with the Booker Prize-winning author of Life of Pi, Yann Martel, as he discusses his new novel, Son of Nobody. With ABC Radio National's Claire Nichols. Presented in partnership with ABC Radio National.</p>  <p>12-12.55PM STEPHANIE ALEXANDER: THE COOK'S COMPANION 30TH ANNIVERSARY Hear from Australia's beloved chef Stephanie Alexander on the 30th anniversary of her essential kitchen resource and one of our favourite cookbooks, The Cook's Companion. With chef Adam Liaw.</p> <p>1- 1.55 PM COOKING 'THE COOKS COMPANION' WITH TRISH local event A hands-on local cooking demonstration with Broome's very own Trish Pepper. Guaranteed to be delicious! Bookings essential.</p>  <p>2-2.55PM BRINGING THE PAST TO LIFE Sink into stories from near and far in this Festival favourite event with Robbie Arnott, Yann Martel and Tasma Walton, in conversation with ABC Radio National's Kate Evans.</p>  <p>4-4.55PM DAVID SZALAY: FLESH Hear 2025 Booker Prize winner David Szalay trace the evolution of his singular, propulsive novel Flesh and the slowly unravelling life of its protagonist. With Michelle de Kretser.</p>	<p>8-8.55AM</p> <p>BIG HISTORIES Revisit the past to find solutions for the present and future with bestselling author Amitav Ghosh and existential risk researcher Luke Kemp, with host Clare Wright.</p>  <p>10-10.55AM SUSAN CHOI: FLASHLIGHT Join 2025 Booker Prize-shortlisted writer Susan Choi as she discusses family, absence and alienation in her new novel Flashlight, in conversation with Beejay Silcox. Supported by the Literature Translation Institute of Korea and the Korean Cultural Centre Australia.</p> <p>12-12.55PM TRENT DALTON: GRAVITY LET ME GO Join multi-award-winning writer Trent Dalton to discuss his latest novel, Gravity Let Me Go, and its themes of love, family, ambition and deception. In conversation with Cassie McCullagh. Supported by Vision Australia.</p>  <p>2-2.55PM GREAT ADAPTATIONS Get behind-the-scenes insight into adapting stories from page to screen with writers Mick Herron (Slow Horses) and Suzie Miller (Prima Facie) in conversation with Benjamin Law.</p>  <p>4-4.55PM FLORENCE KNAPP: THE NAMES Explore the profound force of family and the life-defining act of naming a child with bestselling debut author of The Names, Florence Knapp, in conversation with ABC Radio National's Claire Nichols. Florence Knapp appears thanks to the support of The Salon.</p>	<p>ALL EVENTS AT BROOME PUBLIC LIBRARY</p> <p>10-10.55PM THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY: TRUMP'S AMERICA WITH JON SOPEL Join journalist and writer Jon Sopel as he considers how to withstand the forces eroding democracies worldwide, in conversation with Nick Bryant and Rosalind Dixon. Presented in collaboration with the UNSW Resilient Democracy Lab.</p> <p>1- 1.55 PM BROOME WRITERS' GROUP WORKSHOP #1 - local event Be inspired to follow your own writing journey. Adults only.</p> <p>2-2.55PM FANTASTICAL WORLDS Hear international bestselling writers Lev Grossman, R.F. Kuang and Garth Nix discuss their careers, their enthusiasm for fantasy and the genre's dedicated readers. With host Carody Culver.</p> <p>3-3.55PM BROOME'S BIGGEST BOOKCLUB - local event. Calling all bookclubs and readers. Read 'Green Dot' by Madeleine Gray, and join us for a social event with some bookish fun and conversation. Use Libby App.</p> <p>4-4.55PM RODDY DOYLE IN CONVERSATION Listen as Irish author of Booker Prize-winning Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha Roddy Doyle discusses his life's work and latest novel, The Women Behind the Door. With Kate Evans. Supported by the Consulate General of Ireland and Culture Ireland.</p>	<p>CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR TIMELY UPDATES & LOCAL SESSIONS</p>  <p>10-11AM POWER UP WITH DAV PILKEY See Dav Pilkey (Captain Underpants, Dog Man) draw his beloved characters live and hear his inspiring life story. Prepare yourself for some hilarious onstage antics! Rec. ages 6+</p> <p>11- 11.55 PM  BACKROOM PRESS FOLDED FABLES - BACKROOM PRESS - local event Broome's homegrown publisher hosts a fun, creative writing event. Who know where it will take you?</p> <p>12-12.55PM ANTOINETTE LATTOUF: WOMEN WHO WIN Reflect on powerful examples of feminist victories throughout history with journalist and human rights advocate Antoinette Lattouf in her latest book Women Who Win. In conversation with Jo Dyer.</p> <p>1- 1.55 PM BROOME WRITERS' GROUP WORKSHOP #2 - local event Be inspired to follow your own writing journey. Adults only.</p> <p>2-3PM MICK HERRON IN CONVERSATION Listen as Mick Herron reveals the details of the latest instalment in the Slough House thrillers, where theft, secrets and blackmail unnerve his band of failed spies. With Michael Williams. Supported by Vision Australia.</p> <p>MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEB PAGE</p>  <p>All times are AWST*</p>

DOOR PRIZE FOR ONE LUCKY ATTENDEE - ART NOUVEAU PUZZLE AND BOOK VOUCHER