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Australian Literature Festival at Sea

ships were steam powered ferries - the first in the area and over the next few years Cunard branched out to ocean steam, providing a regular mail service to Prince Edward Island, along the coast and, later, across the Atlantic. Cows were kept on board for fresh milk every day. During the 1840s, Charles Dickens sailed with Cunard to Boston, and the first Cunard Taitelberg took place. In 1910, Samuel Cunard, a war veteran and timber merchant from Halifax, Nova Scotia, established the Cunard Line.



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Find yourself captivated by award-winning authors and fellow readers on the inaugural 5-night Australian Literature Festival at Sea, curated in partnership with Australia's oldest bookstore Dymocks.

With a line-up of acclaimed authors including Alexander McCall Smith, Fiona McIntosh, Anita Heiss, Graeme Simsion and Anne Buist, Paul Cleave, Sue Williams and Elizabeth Stanley, this sailing is the perfect way to indulge your love of literature, surrounded by the spectacular vistas of Australia's coastline.

Take part in thought-provoking talks with likeminded literature enthusiasts. Hear accomplished authors part ways with the secrets of their creative process. Finesse your own literary skills during hands-on workshops and interactive Q&As. And gain a fascinating glimpse into the art of storytelling, from celebrated writers who have taken the literature world by storm.

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Alexander McCall Smith

*International acclaimed
bestselling author*

British author, Alexander McCall Smith, has written more than 100 books and is one of the world's best-loved writers. A writer of novels, short stories (including stories set in Australia), operatic libretti and poetry, he is perhaps best known for his acclaimed series 'The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency', which has sold over 20 million copies. On board McCall Smith will share his remarkable story in intimate talks and Q&A sessions. He will join a panel of authors as they take guests on their writing journeys and discuss literature trends.



Fiona McIntosh

*Leading Australian author
of adult and children's books*

Fiona McIntosh is one of Australia's favourite storytellers across various genres. She is author of the hit Jack Hawksworth crime series, the fourth instalment of which (Dead Tide) ranked #1 bestselling Australian fiction title in its first week of release.

Fiona is also a writer of blockbuster historical fiction and hosts one of Australia's most successful writing masterclasses. During talks and Q&As, McIntosh will reveal the source of her inspiration. She will also host a series of lectures~ offering guests the opportunity to learn first-hand from this acclaimed author.



Dr Anita Heiss

Author, poet and travel writer

Join Anita as she takes you through the power of storytelling, shedding light on her experiences as an Indigenous writer, navigating the worlds of literature and advocacy.



Sue Williams

Author, travel writer and journalist

Sue will bring her extensive knowledge of editorial and travel writing and will be presenting workshops~ on how to write travel stories, memoir and fiction.



Graeme Simsion & Anne Buist

Authors

Graeme takes you an anecdotal journey through his creative process and Anne delves into the delicate interplay between psychology and storytelling.



Elizabeth Stanley

*Award-winning children's book author
and illustrator*

Elizabeth will conduct workshops~ on the art of writing for picture books and understanding visual literacy.



Paul Cleave

Award-winning author

Paul will share his creative process with you, expand on his source of inspiration, and take part in a panel discussion on literature trends with his fellow authors.



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