

Coffee Stained Pages: Issue 4

The latest from 'Writers Plot Readers Read'.

May 2016

Au Contraire this coming weekend.

Au Contraire 2016 is the 37th National Science Fiction & Fantasy Convention for New Zealand (NatCon for short). Run over Queens Birthday Weekend 3-5 June, 2016, at the CQ Hotel in Cuba Street, Wellington.

The Sir Julius Vogel awards will be announced – all the best to the finalists (especially the authors that are in the shop).

Best Novel

Ardus by Jean Gilbert

Currents of Change by Darian Smith

Sun Touched by J.C. Hart

Best Novella / Novelette

The Way the Sky Curves by J. C. Hart

Burn (Maiden, Mother, Crone, Bk 1) by J. C. Hart

Best Youth Novel

Brave's Journey by Jan Goldie

Best Short Story and Best Collected Work

Shifting Worlds: short stories by Darian Smith

Further details about Au Contraire can be found at - <http://ac2016.cons.nz/>

New This Week:

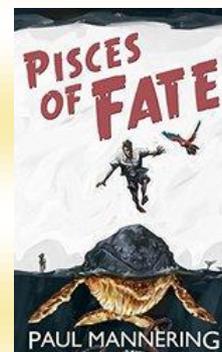
Pisces of Fate by Paul Mannering

Sequel to *Engines of Empathy*

When Ascott Pudding's parents died, he ran to the ends of the earth – or to the tropical Aardvark Archipelago, which is essentially the same thing. But distance is relative and now a retired god has turned up with more bad news: Ascott's sister, Charlotte, is probably dying too.

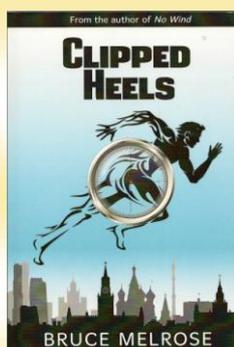
Charlotte isn't the only endangered Pudding. Before Ascott can go home and save his sister from uncertain death, he'll have to escape a homicidal octopus, a migrating whale pod, and several varieties of pirate – not to mention the great secret of the Aardvark Archipelago.

It's bigger than fish ...



Clipped Heels by Bruce Melrose

Sequel to *No Wind*



Former world champion 1500m runner John Kelly's racing days may be behind him now, but his winning attitudes are focused on the runners he's training – especially Sam Miller, the easygoing young charmer who hasn't got a clue how far his talent could take him.

Can Kelly find ways to realize Sam's potential on the international track circuits while keeping him away from his many female admirers – including Kelly's daughter Mirka – and other distractions?

Join an older, wiser John Kelly as he battles gangsters, rivals, public opinion and self-doubt to help his young protégés make their mark in the competitive world of international track racing.

Writers Plot Readers Read competition

To go into the draw to win a set of the first four of the **Byte books by Cat Connor** on kindle or ePub, email us at writersplotreadersread@outlook.com with “Byte competition” in the subject line - and answer the following question in the body of the email:

Which is the first book in the byte series?

1. Eraserbyte
2. Terrorbyte
3. Psychobite
4. Exacerbyte
5. Killerbyte
6. Soundbyte
7. Flashbyte
8. Databyte

Please state your preference either kindle or ePub in your email.

Draw will take place on June 8th.

There will be four winners.

Winners will be announced on Facebook on June 9th, 2016.

Recommended Reading for the cold weather....

Looking for some warm romance and intrigue?



The Immortality Clause by Abigail Hawk (Sweet or Spicy edition)

For as long as Claudia Bell could remember, she'd known that there was something very wrong with our world. There were too many inconsistencies. What she finds is not what she expected. Thrown into a world of danger and intrigue, she discovers that the very people she is trying to unmask have their own designs on her. The fact that she even knows about their existence puts her life in danger – but could she live with herself if she left the truth hidden forever?

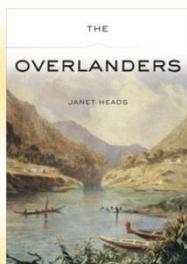
Got the acting bug – involved with theatre?

New - *Stage Journeys: 10 Short Plays from New Zealand*

A collection of 10 award-winning New Zealand plays, each 10 minutes long with no more than 3 onstage characters. Written by 9 talented New Zealand playwrights, suitable for all audiences, each writer promises to take you on a rollercoaster ride of theatrical delight-from comedy through to drama and beyond. With slick plots and dialogue which jumps from the page, these plays are begging to be performed.



Enjoy learning about New Zealand with some Historical Fiction



The Overlanders by Janet Heads. 1853. Peter Paterson wants to escape; he and his sister travel to the new colony of New Zealand. Scottish Captain Andrew Mackenzie joins them and the three, accompanied by their Maori guides travel over land from Auckland to Wellington then on to Dunedin, where danger and testing times intervenes, forcing them to rely on each other. The three search for a place to settle, to leave their demons behind and find peace. Will they find what they are looking for or will they abandon their dream and catch a ship home to England?

On the Bookshelf:

Check out the website under the Home page, blog – the latest from the shop.

<https://writersplotreadersread.wordpress.com/blog/the-latest-from-writers-plot-readers-read/>

We have the newsletters and video tidbits of books that can be found on our shelves.

You can also subscribe to the Writer's Plot Readers Read Youtube channel.

What's On:

School holiday course – July 11th-15th (inclusive) from 11am to 12:30 pm

We are now taking registrations.

Writing group – with Cat Connor

Meets at the bookshop every 3rd Saturday 11am - 12:30pm

Next meeting 18th June. \$5pp

Daytime writing for individuals – writing desk, refreshments, internet access, inspiration from being surrounded by books. \$5 for half day; \$10 full day – discounts for continued use.

Poetry Evenings

3rd Tuesday of the month. Next meeting: 21st June 2016 from 7pm – 8:30pm

Share your favourite poems with others, read your own work, mix with people who love poetry.

A reminder that all books can be purchased on line at our website –

<https://writersplotreadersread.wordpress.com/buy-now/>