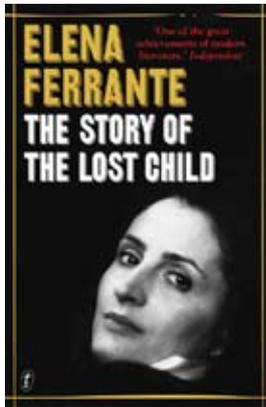


Book News From The Lane Bookshop

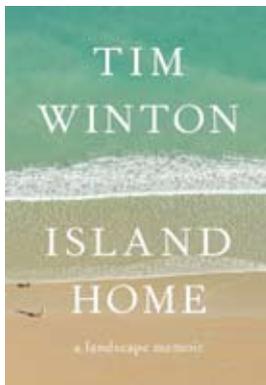
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The Story of the Lost Child by Elena Ferrante \$29.99

The Story of the Lost Child, the final volume in Elena Ferrante's Neapolitan Quartet, has arrived in store at last. The story of the friendship (and rivalry) between Lila and Elena, forged in a poor neighbourhood in Naples, has captivated readers around the world. In *The Story of the Lost Child*, Lila and Elena are grown women with children of their own. Lila has remained in Naples, Elena has escaped and forged a career as an author, but leaves her husband and returns to Naples to be with the man she loves. At times she revels in her success and thriving intellectual life, at times she regrets the sacrifices she has made, particularly as a mother, to achieve her independence. The women's relationship is Ferrante's vehicle for examining female identity in modern times. Through all four books the richly detailed narrative, fabulously addictive in itself, ponders this issue from every angle.

You will experience joy, sadness, fury, frustration and every other emotion you can think of as you follow Lila and Elena through their lives. This is seriously addictive stuff. Enjoy.



Author Event

In Perth's only event, Tim Winton will speak about his new book *Island Home* at The Perth Concert Hall on Wednesday October 7 at 6.30pm. Tickets are available from Ticketmaster or The Perth Concert Hall.

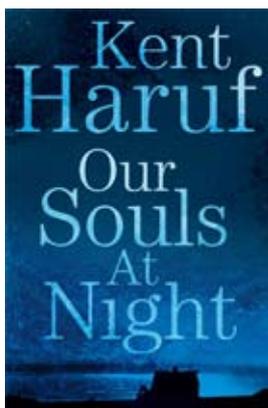
We are pleased to be co-hosting this event with Beaufort Street Books.



Ticketholders may present their ticket to either bookshop to purchase copies of *Island Home* at the special price of \$30 (RRP \$39.99).

Island Home is published on September 23. Tim will sign copies on the night and pre-orders are very welcome.

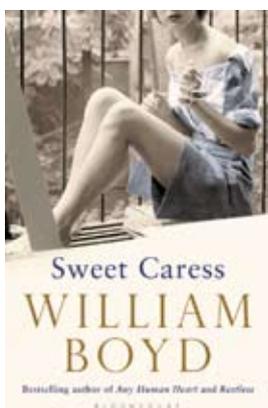
Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf \$32.99



Early one evening in the small town of Holt, widowed Addie Moore leaves her house, walks down the road and knocks on the door of Louis Waters. She has a proposition for him. She's lonely, and she thinks he might be too. She senses that Louis, a widower, is a good man and wonders if he would like to spend the nights with her. It's not a sexual proposition she explains, she just wants to have someone lie next to her, someone she could talk to, maybe confide in. Addie has decided she is done with living her life by other people's rules and she thinks Louis might feel the same. What unfolds is a tender story of the growing relationship between Addie and Louis. Marriage, parenthood, death and tragedy are all revealed in the night-time, and during the day, the people of Holt begin to talk. When Addie's grandson comes to stay over summer, Louis quietly forges a bond with the boy and the three become a family of sorts. Like all of Haruf's fiction *Our Souls at Night* is

tender, quiet and thoughtful. This small elegant novel is one to treasure.

Sweet Caress by William Boyd \$29.99



William Boyd's new novel is narrated by Amory Clay, an English photographer whose life spanned much of the twentieth century. Amory's father, a writer who hasn't put pen to paper since returning from the war, tries to kill both himself and his daughter while out driving one day. He spends much of his remaining life in an institution and Amory carries the scars of the incident. Gifted a camera by a much loved uncle, she determines to become a professional photographer, and over the years travels to Berlin, New York, Paris, London and Vietnam, eventually settling in Scotland with her family. As adventurous in her private life as she is in work, Amory is a fabulous creation; brazen, intelligent, funny and kind, making you want to turn every page just to discover what she will get up to next. A collection of wonderful photos is dispersed throughout the book, making it seem as though Amory Clay was indeed a real person upon whom Boyd based his novel. In fact,

she is entirely a product of his imagination, as are the journal entries interspersed with flashbacks which make up the story.

Author Event



Kerry O'Brien will introduce his new book *Keating* at Christ Church Grammar School Chapel on Wednesday October 28 at 7.30pm.

Tickets are \$15 and available from The Lane Bookshop.

