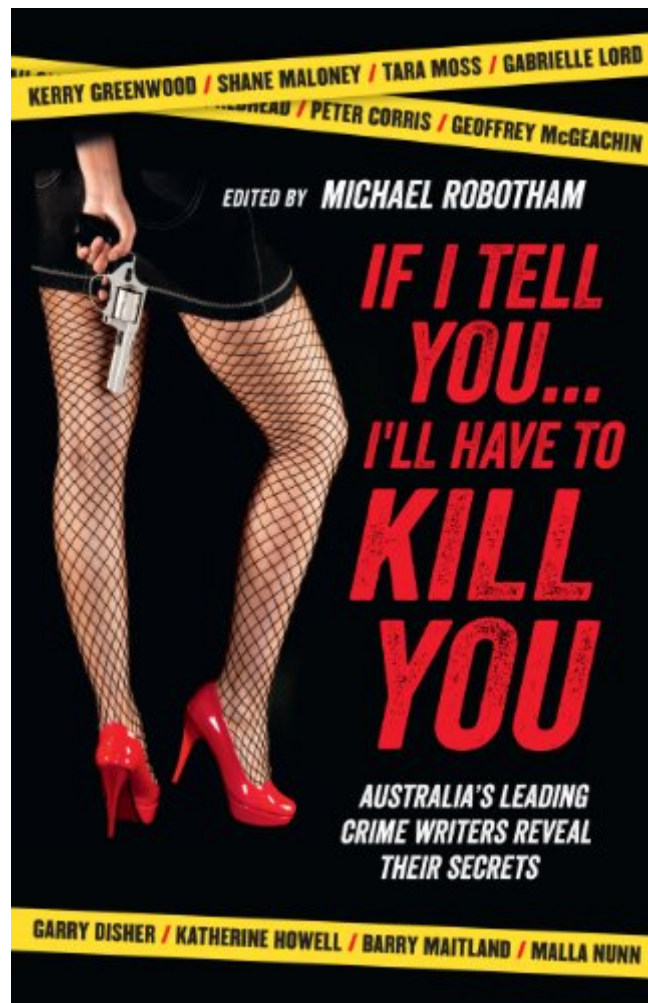




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If I Tell You I'll Have To Kill You: Australia's Top Crime Writers Reveal Their Secrets



Synopsis

Crime fiction is the single most popular genre in international publishing and Australia has some of the finest practitioners when it comes to walking the mean streets and nailing the bad guys. Whether you're a fan of crime fiction, true crime or a would-be crime writer, this collection of essays will provide laughter, understanding, insight, ideas, advice and hopefully some inspiration. Learn about Shane Maloney's near-death experience in a freezer, Leigh Redhead's adventures as a stripper and Tara Moss taking a polygraph test to prove her doubters wrong. There are stories of struggle and triumph, near misses and murderous intent, as our best crime writers lay bare their souls and reveal their secrets as never before, along with their rules for writing and reading lists. But beware. They will have to kill you...

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Being an Aussie and a crime writer as well (albeit a genre not mentioned in this book, comedy crime) I was especially interested in this collection of essays from top Australian crime writers about they began their careers in crime writing, what their writing processes are, and their 'must-read'

books, amongst lots of other facts. It's fascinating to discover how diverse their backgrounds are and how differently writers in the same genre view and practise their craft. The essays are short and easy to read and written in such a way that readers will find them entertaining and writers will find them motivational and full of useful tips on writing and being published.

Buying this book, on spec and on trust, I didn't know what to expect. What it delivered was more than I could have hoped. What it delivered was more than some sort of manual but rather a series of assurances from people who have earned respect in their craft, that above all, an aspiring writer should, first of all, write. And not just to write but to write unencumbered by expectations, just to write because it's what you have to do. All the rest comes after. Thanks to everyone who contributed to this series of essays, you took down so many perceived barriers. And you made me laugh too, always a good thing.

Some really strong, actionable takeaways here for people who are working on books.

Writers from diverse backgrounds reveal why they write - they draw on their "other lives" - for example law degree, forensic psychologist - and how that has inspired them to write fiction. Interesting stuff.

Great insight into how the good suspense/thriller writers do it. A good addition to my how-to-write shelf!

Every writer has something to offer, excellent reading for anyone but especially for aspiring crime writers. Lots of great advice and plenty of humour. A book to read and re-read.

I thought it was going to be a crime novel and it was just about how individual writers develop a story and how they manage the writing. Probably helpful for developing writers.

Thoroughly enjoyed this book. Well written (of course) amusing and gives access to an author or two I had not read. Listed are favourite authors and books by each author's contribution. Well recommended

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