

Narrelle M Harris

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NEW: National Year of Reading 2012

Narrelle is a passionate and voracious reader, and an enthusiastic Friend of the National Year of Reading (<http://www.love2read.org.au/friends.cfm>). As an experienced public speaker, she has prepared a new talk to mark the NYR:



Growing up Reading

In this talk, Narrelle discusses learning what reading meant to her mother and father, what it was like growing up in a house full of books, and what reading meant to her as a child and as an adult.

After the talk, Narrelle engages the attendees in a discussion of their own experiences of reading, their favourite books and what they have meant (and still mean) to them. It's an inspirational celebration of the joy of reading.

"If you need a well spoken author who captivates the audience, I highly recommend Narrelle."
- Josie Mitzi, **Craigieburn Library**

Narrelle's rate for the talk is \$250, which covers a 45-minute talk and an extended discussion and question period afterwards.

If you would like to engage Narrelle as a speaker for your library or organisation, contact her on **0421 024 474** or narrelle@iwriter.com.au.



Narrelle M Harris is a Melbourne-based writer with four novels, one play and several short stories under her belt to date.

Her first novel, crime/thriller, *Fly By Night* (2004), was nominated for a Ned Kelly Award. Her other published novels are *Witch Honour* (2005), *Witch Faith* (2007) and *The Opposite of Life* (2008). Other short works have been

published in *Outside the Law 3* and *Best Zombie Tales Volume 2*.

Narrelle's iPhone app, *Melbourne Literary*, was released in 2010. A collection of her short stories will be published by Twelfth Planet Press in late 2011 under the title *Showtime*.

Narrelle has a background in theatre and public speaking. She speaks at libraries, bookstores and other events. In 2009, Narrelle was a regular guest on radio show *The Outland Institute* on Joy 94.9FM, as the show's book expert. She has been a guest speaker at the MEAA and ASA's conferences on the subject of e-readers and apps.

Find out more at her website: www.narrellemharris.com

*"Narrelle's talk about her book *Opposite of Life* was great - she was a vibrant and interesting speaker who takes an obvious delight in her work and has a lot of fun with it. There was a lot of interaction with the audience, with many great questions being asked. A very worthwhile event."*

- Christine Hornby,
Community Programs
Librarian, **Brunswick Library**



"Narrelle is an inspirational speaker/author who threaded a wonderful tale of discovering a way to develop believable fantasies.

Her knowledge of developing her story through geography, her travels and experiences kept the audience totally captivated for over an hour with lots of interesting questions and answers at the end of the session. Definitely worthwhile for those who love writing."

– Judy Cousins, **Emerald Library**



Other talks

Narrelle has three other talks that she regularly presents:

- **Where do you get your ideas?**
Narrelle actually answers one of the tricky questions most frequently asked of writers.
- **Building believable fantasy worlds.**
What techniques do writers use to create worlds and characters that the reader can believe in, no matter how fantastical the setting?
- **The Vampire Metaphor.**
Narrelle discusses the history of the vampire novel and examines the different metaphors vampires represent in fiction.

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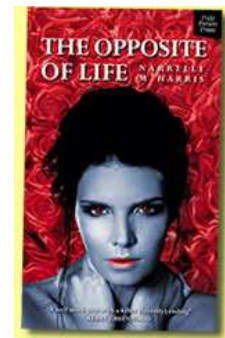
Praise for *The Opposite of Life* (distributed by Peribo, www.peribo.com.au)

"It's certainly a most unusual vampire novel. Lissa Wilson [is] a wonderful character; not because she's an heroic supergirl, but because she rings true. If you can get this book, do."

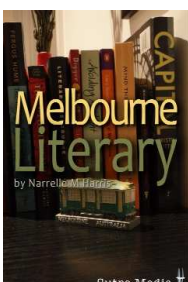
- **Charlaine Harris**, author of the *Sookie Stackhouse/True Blood* novels.

"Harris shows a deft descriptive touch and an eye for setting... Melissa has the right combination of fragility and sass to carry the story."

- **Jason Nahrung**, *The Courier-Mail* (Brisbane)



Praise for Melbourne Literary



"Despite living in Melbourne for 30 years and studying Australian Literature at university, I learned more from this app than I did from my formal studies. I love it!" - **superpengsheila**

"I often find myself, with a few minutes to kill, randomly clicking somebody from the list. It never fails to provide me with that little piece of trivia for the day." - **bridielle**