



SLAV READING FORUM SERIES

Readers, Stories, Literacy

A forum for learning and discussion

Thursday February 25 2021

4pm for 4.15 start to 6.30

Afternoon tea and bookshop from 3.45 onwards

Primary to Year Eight Publisher Showcase

Melbourne Grammar School

Nigel Peck Centre for Learning & Leadership Theatre

Domain Road, Melbourne

In this first event of our 2021 series, we will be joined by nine publishers who will each have five minutes to share with us their releases for 2021.

We will be exploring books for primary and early secondary, making this event a must for anyone running a reading program at years seven and eight as well as primary practitioners.

- Allen & Unwin
- Affirm Press
- Berbay Books
- Ford Street Publishing
- Magabala Books
- Penguin Random House
- Text Publishing
- University of Queensland Press
- Wild Dog Books

SPECIAL GUEST

Sonya Hartnett, in conversation, on her new picture book *Blue Flower*.



A gentle exploration of a child's realisation that it is her individual differences and creativity that make her special, with stunning illustrations by the talented Gabriel Evans that delicately and sensitively convey the child's emotional journey.

A young child describes her qualms about going to school and how hard she finds asking the teacher for help, how she feels shy about making friends, not being funny or a fast runner. But through her love of art, a conversation with her mother and her observations about nature she comes to see that being different might not be a bad thing after all.

A beautifully told story about being happy in yourself for who you are from one of Australia's finest writers.

Sonya Hartnett's work has won numerous Australian and international literary prizes and has been published around the world. Uniquely, she is acclaimed for her stories for adults, young adults and children. Her accolades include the Commonwealth Writers' Prize (*Of A Boy*), The Age Book of the Year (*Of A Boy*), the Guardian Children's Fiction Prize (*Thursday's Child*), the Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year for both Older and Younger Readers (*Forest*, *The Silver Donkey*, *The Ghost's Child*, *The Midnight Zoo* and *The Children of the King*), the Victorian Premier's Literary Award (*Surrender*), shortlistings for the Miles Franklin Award (for *Golden Boys*, *Of a Boy* and *Butterfly*) and the CILP Carnegie Medal (*The Midnight Zoo*). Hartnett is also the first Australian recipient of the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award (2008).

SLAV Launch

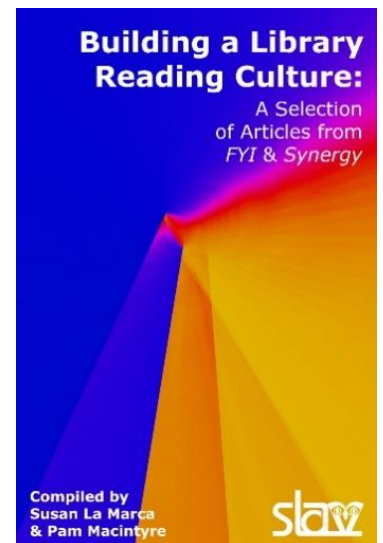
We are excited to be launching two new SLAV initiatives.

Our ebook *Building a Library Reading Culture: A Selection of Articles from FYI and Synergy*

This collection brings together over 40 articles from SLAVs journals *FYI* and *Synergy*. It is divided into three sections:

- Research and Reflections
- Practice
- Organisations

The book supports the creation of a reading culture in schools showcasing examples of best practice and offering ideas, inspiration and support.



We will also launch our new website

SHELF *talkers*

Shelftalkers is a home for student reviews and interviews offering a voice to young people on their reading experiences. Facilitated by school libraries shelftalkers will become an exciting engagement tool to facilitate discussion of both established and forthcoming titles and encourage reading and writing in your school community.

THE KIDS' BOOKSHOP



will be in attendance.

Attendees will receive:

- A certificate of participation
- Refreshments
- 10% discount on all books on the night
- Recording of the session
- Attendee bag of resources

REGISTRATION

Individual Session

\$45 face to face session – SLAV Members (February and October)

\$65 face to face session – Non-Members (February and October)

\$25 online session – SLAV Members (May and July)

\$40 online session – Non-Members (May and July)

All online and face to face registrations include recording

\$25 recording only – SLAV Members

\$40 recording only – Non-Members

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Series (all four sessions)

During 2021 the series will consist of two face to face events and two online events. See registration page for full details.

\$120 series ticket (transferable) - SLAV Members

\$180 series ticket (transferable) - Non-Members

Recording only – all four sessions

\$100 – SLAV Members

\$160 – Non-Members

<https://slav.wildapricot.org/event-4092945>

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