## Shark Net Robert Drewe

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An artist marooned on a remote island in the Arafura Sea contemplates his survival chances. He understands his desperate plight and the ocean's unrelenting power. But what is its true colour? A beguiling young woman nurses a baby by a lake while hiding brutal scars. Uneasy descendants of a cannibal victim visit the Pacific island of their ancestor's murder. A Caribbean cruise of elderly tourists faces life with wicked optimism. Witty, clever, ever touching and always inventive, the eleven stories in The True Colour of the Sea take us to many varied

coasts: whether a tense Christmas holiday apartment overlooking the Indian Ocean or the shabby glamour of a Cuban resort hotel. Relationships might be frayed, savaged, regretted or celebrated, but here there is always the life-force of the ocean - seducing, threatening, inspiring. In The True Colour of the Sea, Robert Drewe - Australia's master of the short story form - makes a gift of stories that tackle the big themes of life: love, loss, desire, family, ageing, humanity and the life of art. An Australian Passion Penguin Group Australia

"With a cast of characters reminiscent of the French film Am é lie, F é ret-Fleury creates a world that is delightful and enchanting...Light and sweet as a bonbon, this little confection of a book is delicious."—Kirkus Reviews For fans of Am é lie and The Little Paris Bookshop, a modern fairytale about a French woman whose life is turned upside down when she meets a reclusive bookseller and his young daughter. Juliette leads a perfectly ordinary life in Paris, working a slow office job, dating a string of not-quite-right men, and fighting off melancholy. The only bright spots in her day are her m é tro rides across the city and the stories she dreams up about the strangers reading books across from her: the old lady, the math

student, the amateur ornithologist, the woman in love, the girl who always tears up at page 247. One morning, avoiding the office for as long as she can, Juliette finds herself on a new block, in front of a rusty gate wedged open with a book. Unable to resist, Juliette walks through, into the bizarre and enchanting lives of Soliman and his young daughter, Zaide. Before she realizes entirely what is happening, Juliette agrees to become a passeur, Soliman 's name for the booksellers he hires to take stacks of used books out of his store and into the world, using their imagination and intuition to match books with readers. Suddenly, Juliette 's daydreaming becomes her reality, and when Soliman asks her to move in to their store to take care of Zaide while he goes away, she has to decide if she is ready to throw herself headfirst into this new life. Big-hearted, funny, and gloriously zany, The Girl Who Reads on the M é tro is a delayed coming-of-age story about a young woman who dares to change her life, and a celebration of the power of books to unite us all.

#### Montebello Fremantle Press

Seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject English - Pedagogy, Didactics, Literature Studies, grade: 2, University of Innsbruck (Department of English), course: The Urban and the Rural in Australian Literature, language: English, abstract: In my paper I want to talk about the book The Bodysurfers (Robert Drewe) by focusing on the description of the different landscapes and the way people identify with it. I also find it important to mention the mixed feelings of the different characters, all of them living by the coast. While I was reading the book, I could notice the rather different ways of describing the landscapes, each narrator and character senses the surroundings differently. The environment in which the characters are living is one of the main topics of the book, it focuses on the descriptions and provides the reader with the opportunity to 'live' the book and to understand in a better way, how important the sea and the beach are for Australians. In The Bodysurfers the beach is the most popular and

most described landscape. It is fantastic how many different ways of 'seeing' and 'feeling' the beach can be found in this book and how different varieties of language can influence the reader by providing him with many ways of understanding the characters. The Bodysurfers is not an easy book, maybe you have to read it twice, but it can give you a perfect possibility to deal with other nations and cultures and to distinguish between different characters and their ways of speaking and telling. When I was dealing with my topic I was impressed how ones opinion can change while reading a book, e.g. in one story the beach is described as a lonely and quiet place, in another story as a sand heap full of rubbish. In my paper I want, above all, to show these different ways of describing, on the one hand, describing by using different sorts of language and on the other hand describing, by 'feeling' and observing the place you live in. I want to show, that these depict

Feminism, Misogyny, and Where We Go From Here Hachette UK

Some relevant facts about Grace Malloy. Apart from being named after a 100 000-year-old skeleton, she was twenty-nine and for much of the past three years she'd been hiding from an erotomaniac. Physically and emotionally besieged, Grace attempts to claw back from her personal territory by abandoning her innercity life as a film reviewer and fleeing to the remoteness of the Kimberley — where existence and territory have altogether wider implications. Lying low, working in a wildlife park, she slowly reclaims her sanity. Her only links to the outside world are her father and her stalker. Intricately plotted, breathlessly paced, Grace reflects on the countless varieties of love and the nature of fear. At once intimate and grand in scale, this disquieting and provocatively witty novel reveals the full vigour of an artistic vision

in turn poetic and cinematic."Drewe is one of the most significant novelists currently working." The Guardian"Pacy, scary, dripping with atmosphere." The Times

Penguin Special W. W. Norton & Company

In the warm alkaline waters of the public bath a headstrong young engineer accidentally collides with a beautiful actress. From this innocent collision of flesh begins a passion that takes them from the Wiltshire Downs to the most elemental choices of life and death in the Australian desert. Their intense romance is but part of the daring story that unfolds. Mingling history, myth and technology with a modern cinematic and poetic imagination, Robert Drewe presents a fable of European ambitions in an alien landscape, and a magnificently sustained metaphor of water as the life-and-death force.

The Shark Net Delacorte Press

Montebello confirms Robert Drewe's place as one of Australia's finest literary voices. In the sleepy and conservative 1950s the British began a series of nuclear tests in the Montebello archipelago off the west coast of Australia. Even today, few people know about the three huge atom bombs that were detonated there, but they lodged in the consciousness of the young Robert Drewe and would linger with him for years to come. In this moving, frank yet humorous sequel to The Shark Net, Drewe travels to the Montebellos to visit the territory that has held his imagination since childhood. In the aftermath of both man-made and natural events that have left a permanent mark on the Australian landscape and psyche -- from nuclear tests and the mining boom to shark attacks along the coast -- Drewe examines how comfortable and familiar terrain can quickly become a site of danger, and how regeneration and love can emerge from chaos

and loss.'A beautifully crafted book . . . it switches effortlessly between travel literature, reportage, local history, nature writing and film and literature criticism . . . a perfectly integrated work of art. Drewe's literary instincts are as impeccable as his ear for the English language is unfaltering' Weekend Australian 'Free-ranging . . . entertaining, readable' Northern Rivers Echo'A fine way for this eminent writer to follow up the brilliant Shark Net' Bendigo WeeklyRobert Drewe was born in Melbourne and grew up on the West Australian coast. His novels and short stories, as well as his prize-winning memoir The Shark Net, have been widely translated and adapted for film, television, radio and theatre around the world. He was literary editor at The Australian before he began writing fiction, and a two-time recipient of the Walkley Award for excellence in journalism.

Robert Drewe's the Shark Net Penguin Group Australia
From a floury encounter on a baker's work table to the art of sitting backwards on chairs, from budgie training to spontaneous human combustion, this collection showcases the nonfiction writing of one of Australia's best-loved authors. These pieces encompass suburban portraits and coastal living, affectionate nostalgia and the absurdity of the every day. They are endearing and often hilarious snapshots of life from a master novelist who has turned the column into an artform.

Past the Shallows Penguin Group Australia

Welcome to the Northern Rivers, where the 'local wildlife' can refer to more than just the exotic native fauna. After a decade spent in this picturesque corner of Australia, home of chocolate-coated women, pythons in the ceiling, online Russian brides, deadly paralysis ticks, and the mysterious Mullumbimby Monster, Robert Drewe wiped the green zinc cream from his face and set down some of the unusual wildlife experiences that the far north coast of New South Wales -

home of the world's greatest variety of ants - has to offer. Drewe's trademark gentle wit, acute observational powers and mastery of the English language are all on display in this collection of sketches and anecdotes based on the quirkiness of daily life. His sharp eye for human A Cry in the Jungle Bar Simon and Schuster foibles - including his own - is tempered with a generosity of spirit. Tall Kungadgee, Victoria, Australia. A weekend in late November, 2014. tales from Australia's master of the short story - but this time these short, short stories are true. 'Excuse me, mate,' he asked the fluorescently green, bespectacled, half-submerged man, who was trying to celebrate the 160th anniversary of the arrival of their ancestor Conor to put pen to paper while sitting in water, flicking ants off his work, and Cleary from Ireland. Hugh has been meticulously planning the event wincing as he shifted his buttock position. 'Is that how writers do writing?' 'Yep.' I frowned verdantly over my glasses. 'It's a very complicated job.' '..... for brilliant description, lively simile ..... and a gift for drama and narrative, Drewe is hard to match, and these small, apparently easy pieces have much in common with his more ambitious literary work.' Dennis Haskell, Review The Shark Net by Robert Drewe Penguin Group Australia

She thought of Billy, and how he would never say 'Bye, beautiful' to someone like her, that likely no one would ever say anything like that to her in her life, and how she could not do anything to change any of it. Sandy does not know if she would fit in anywhere, but she feels like a complete outsider in this hot wheatbelt town where her policeman father has just been transferred. And then she meets Billy, the part-Aboriginal mechanic's apprentice and town heart-throb. Sandy's feelings for him are overwhelming her, but she is about to find out that her greatest rival is her own sister, the alluring, confident Marianne. Set in Western Australia in the 1960s, this is a story of secrets and heartbreak, of families and changing times, by rising star

## The Shark Net Simon and Schuster

Julia Lawrinson.

Haunted by the brutal murder of a local couple, David heads to his weekend shack with his new lover, Lydia, and his children from his recently crumbled marriage. Together they find escape, if only briefly,

in the ocean and the bush. The Bodysurfers, the title story of Robert Drewe's classic first collection, is a vivid evocation of love, passion, terror and the beauty of the beach.

At Hugh and Christine Cleary's new vineyard, Whipbird, six generations of the Cleary family are coming together from far and wide for months - a chance to proudly showcase Whipbird to the extended clan. Some of these family members know each other; some don't. As the wine flows, it promises to be an eventful couple of days. Comic, topical, honest, sharply intelligent, and, above all, sympathetic, Robert Drewe's exhilarating new novel tells a classic Australian family saga as it has never been told before.

### The Shark Net Hamish Hamilton

The average Australian has conducted a lifelong love affair with the beach and the ocean shores, bays, dunes, lagoons and rivers of the coast. Until now, however, no one has attempted to match the ancient sensual and artistic preoccupation with the sea to the intuitive appreciation of the coast felt by modern beachgoers. In this illustrious international selection, Robert Drewe has drawn together twenty-five of the finest contemporary writers whose stories represent the most stimulating, startling, humorous and deeply moving writing about the beach.

# **And be Home Before Dark** Penguin Books

Presents a story of how an African teenager built a windmill from scraps to create electricity for his home and his village, improving life for himself and his neighbors.

# The Rip Penguin Group Australia

A fatal collision of three lives in the most intriguing and original crime story since In Cold Blood. In the spring of 1963, the quiet suburb of Belmont,

of the Boston Strangler. Sensing a break in the case that has paralyzed the city of Boston, the police track down a black man, Roy Smith, who cleaned the victim's house that day and left a receipt with his name on the kitchen counter. Smith is hastily convicted of the Belmont murder, but the terror of the Strangler continues. On the day of the murder, Albert DeSalvo—the man who would eventually confess in lurid detail to the Strangler's crimes—is also a renowned professor snaps, pulls out their gun, and start killing in Belmont, working as a carpenter at the Jungers' home. In this spare, powerful narrative, Sebastian Junger chronicles three lives that collide—and ultimately are destroyed—in the vortex of one of the first and most controversial serial murder cases in America.

Ruminations of a Reluctant Dog-Walker Grin Publishing This revelatory story of the most tragic, cruel, brave and misguided episode in Australia's history - the "saving" of a unique race, the Tasmanian Aborigines - is seen through the eyes of an obsessive young present day narrator. Breathtaking and visionary in its scope, The Savage Crows breaks new fictional ground in its affecting portrayal of the collision of worlds, generations and mythologies. from suburban apathy and cynicism blossoms a wild foolhardy and beautiful hinterland of time and space.

The Bodysurfers: Penguin Special Penguin Group Australia This text guide povides a fabulous and highly informative section on themes, issues and concepts - the most challenging aspect of text study for students. It contains sample exam questions and answers for students to use for essaywriting practise on the text. The Real Chopper Random House

When you think about school shootings, the first thing that will come to mind is troubled students going on a killing spree and murdering their peers without any good reason. Even though

Massachusetts, is rocked by a shocking sex murder that exactly fits the pattern similar crimes happened numerous times in the past, the thorough coverage of Columbine turned school shootings into worldwide news. The experts started to recognize it as a real problem because the frequency increased after 1999 even though the security at schools and universities improved greatly. But what happens when their colleagues?

> A Death in Belmont Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

The north-eastern goldfields of Western Australia gathered in all manner of exiles from across the globe: Italians, Yugoslavs, Britons; criminals, ex-servicemen, drunks, journeymen; those wanting to keep their heads down and those determined to hold them high. What they found there was both a fresh start and an abyss, where troubles underground were brought up to the surface and played out in the dusty streets. Roland Rocchiccioli spent his childhood watching the dramas of the town unfold: the pit ponies that lived in the mines and went blind when they resurfaced; the men who lay in the bushes outside his house, waiting to jump his stepfather; and the women who dispensed advice on 'the polio' with their cheese/lettuce sandwiches. He saw the population of crickets take over their chook house, the priest who wouldn't dance with women in public but bedded half the town in private, and the mother who refused to toe the line of 1950s Australia. In AND BE HOME BEFORE DARK, his confronting, revealing and frequently hilarious memoir, Roland recounts his formative years in the tough goldfields town, bringing to life his cantankerous mother, Beria, her husband, Ginger, and Slavic lover, Steve, along with an unforgettable cast of rogues and renegades. AND BE HOME BEFORE DARK is an evocative portrait of a unique childhood in an Australia that no longer exists, in the same vein as Raimond Gaita's Romulus, My Father and Robert Drewe's The Shark Net.

Women, Men, and the Whole Damn Thing Baker Academic It occurs to me that it might be cathartic to write a dog - walker's journal: the true, unsentimental ruminations of a dog - walker with things on his mind more important than dogs. A dog - walker who, frankly, prefers humans. A dog - walker who decides to make the most of this begrudged walk to mull over writing ideas and dilemmas. A prickly, grumpy, even sometimes hungover dog - walker.

#### **A Novel** Flatiron Books

'Listen to me,' my mother says. 'They've let off an atom bomb today. Right here in W.A. Atom bombs worry the blazes out of me, and I want you at home.' In the sleepy and conservative 1950s the British began a series of nuclear tests in the Montebello archipelago off the west coast of Australia. Even today, few people know about the three huge atom bombs that were detonated there, but they lodged in the consciousness of the young Robert Drewe and would linger with him for years to come. In this moving sequel to The Shark Net, and with his characteristic frankness, humour and cinematic imagery, Drewe travels to the Montebellos to visit the territory that has held his imagination since childhood. He soon finds himself overtaken by memories and reflections on his own 'islomania'. In the aftermath of both man-made and natural events that have left a permanent mark on the Australian landscape and psyche - from nuclear tests and the mining boom to shark attacks along the coast - Drewe examines how comfortable and familiar terrain can quickly become a site of danger, and how regeneration and love can emerge from chaos and loss. '[Montebello] has this wonderfully novelistic flow that draws you back to another time. William Yeoman, West Australian 'Superb writing and skilful interweaving of the different strands in

this book make it a pleasure to read.' Lisa Hill, ANZ LitLovers 'Creating ...... a complex picture out of discrete though related narrative chunks ...... Montebello is a fragmentary book but a perfectly integrated work of art. Drewe's literary instincts are as impeccable as his ear for the English language is unfaltering, and his latest memoir has all the more force for being set down with such a delicate hand.' Richard King, Weekend Australian 'This is a splendid memoir with many moods - delicate, tough, ironic, compassionate - that are beautifully controlled and paced.' Brian Matthews, ABR