

## MEDIA RELEASE

# ELSEWHERE *in* SUCCESS

IRIS LAVELL

‘a beautifully written account of ordinary suburban lives lived in flux, pain and hope’

*Chris McLeod*

### ABOUT THE BOOK

In a suburb called Success, failure is not an option.

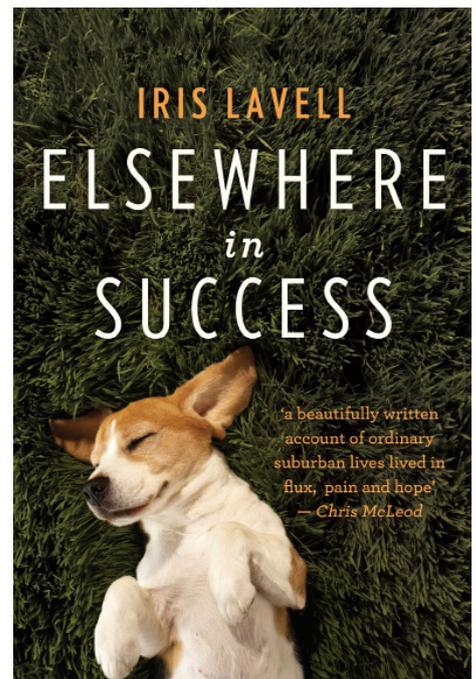
Harry and Louisa look like an ordinary couple. They live in an ordinary house in an ordinary street in a suburb called Success. Harry says it is better to let sleeping dogs lie. But Buster their dog isn't one for lying still, and even Harry can't resist digging up the lawnmower he finds buried in the yard. Louisa, too, wishes things would just stay as they are. But sometimes, if you dig a little deeper, past the losses, the secret longings, the broken dreams, you find the most surprising things.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Iris Lavell has written four one-act plays, which have been produced and performed in Perth, with one travelling to Scotland for the Edinburgh Fringe in 1999. As an actor, she performed in more than forty plays through Kaff Theatre, the Collective Unconscious theatre company, The Blue Room, and Murdoch University. She has worked for many years as a psychologist, in a range of fields, but most often in the area of vocational rehabilitation for people with disabilities.

### NOTES

- A fictional exploration of the lives of a de-facto baby-boomer couple who, like most Australians, live in the burgeoning outer suburbs.
- In 2008 Lavell was runner-up in the short story section of the Trudy Graham Literary Award and her work has been published in the anthologies *Thirst* and *An Alphabetic Amulet*.



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