

MEDIA RELEASE

harmless

JULIENNE VAN LOON

‘... the whole canvas of Australian life – its ethnic diversity, its violence, its growing divisions of class and economic status, its convoluted history of linkage with South East Asia – is made vivid in this remarkable novella.’ *Janette Turner-Hospital*

ABOUT THE BOOK

Full of suspense, *Harmless* is the tightly woven story of eight year old Amanda, whose father is in prison, and Rattuwat, a Thai man burying his daughter in a strange land.

Abandoning their broken-down car on the way to the prison’s visiting hour, Amanda and Rattuwat venture into the trackless scrub of Australia’s outer suburbs. As the day heats up, the sense of menace intensifies and each of them enters the no-man’s-land between safety and peril.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Julienne grew up in country New South Wales and now lives in the Perth Hills. She is Senior Lecturer in Creative Writing at Curtin University. She is the author of *Road Story* (2005) and *Beneath the Bloodwood Tree* (2008). She won the Australian Vogel Award for *Road Story*, which was also shortlisted for the Commonwealth Writers Prize Best First Book (Asia and Pacific) and for the WA Premier’s Book Awards for Fiction. Julienne teaches writing at Curtin University in Perth, Western Australia. Her shorter works have appeared in *The Monthly* and *Griffith Review*.

KEY POINTS

The author’s first two novels were published by Allen & Unwin to strong national reviews (see below).

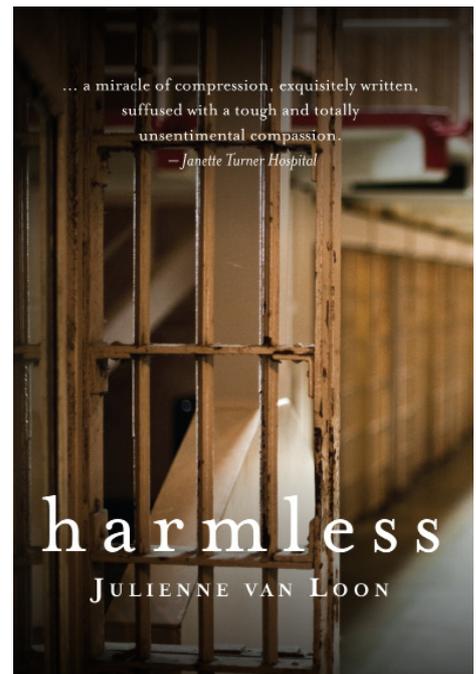
Drawing inspiration from a selection of ancient Buddhist morality tales, this suspenseful story explores the perimeters of city life where money is scarce, crime flourishes, and cultures fuse.

PRAISE FOR THE AUTHOR

‘Road Story is a striking debut by a young writer and bodes well for Julienne van Loon’s future work.’ *The Sydney Morning Herald*

‘Julienne van Loon’s desperate joyride, Road Story, is the best Vogel winner to come along since 1990.’ *Australian Book Review*

‘A toughly written, insistent novel that leaves us tasting red dust and the bitterness of unfulfilled, damaged lives.’ *The Australian*



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