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THE BREAK

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ABOUT THE BOOK

The south-west coast is the kind of place where people escape to. Unless you have lived there all your life, in which case, you long to get away. Rosie, a young journalist working for an ambulance-chasing editor, and Cray, a mineworker, chuck in their jobs for a sea change in Margaret River. Liza and Ferg along with their son Sam have been in Margies forever, working their youth away on a farm.

The area is under pressure from developers, and the two families come together in the community's efforts to prevent unwanted change. But when a natural disaster strikes change is inevitable.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Deb Fitzpatrick lives and works in Fremantle, WA. She has a Master of Arts (Creative Writing) from UWA and occasionally teaches professional writing and editing at Curtin University. Deb is the author of *The Amazing Spencer Gray*, a novel for younger readers (2013). Her two novels for young adults – *90 packets of instant noodles* (2010) and *Have you seen Ally Queen?* (2011) – were both awarded Notable Books by the Children's Book Council of Australia.

NOTES

- The events described in this book have their climax in a fictional reimagining of the Gracetown cliff collapse, which occurred at Huzza's Beach on 27 September 1996, and claimed the lives of nine people from a local school. To date, the Gracetown cliff collapse is Western Australia's worst natural disaster.
- This is the first adult novel from children's author Deb Fitzpatrick.

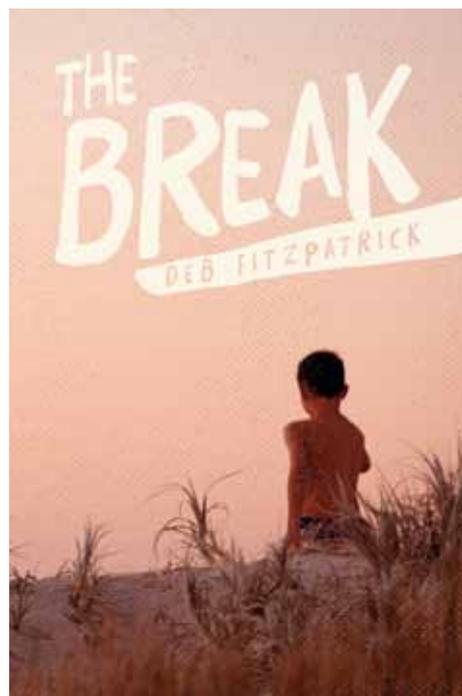
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'... freighted with fine writing and insights into human nature.'
Weekend Australian

'The Break will resonate with fans of Tim Winton. 4.5 stars.'
Books+Publishing

'Fitzpatrick is a writer to watch.'
The West Australian

'Terrific read ...'
The Examiner



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