

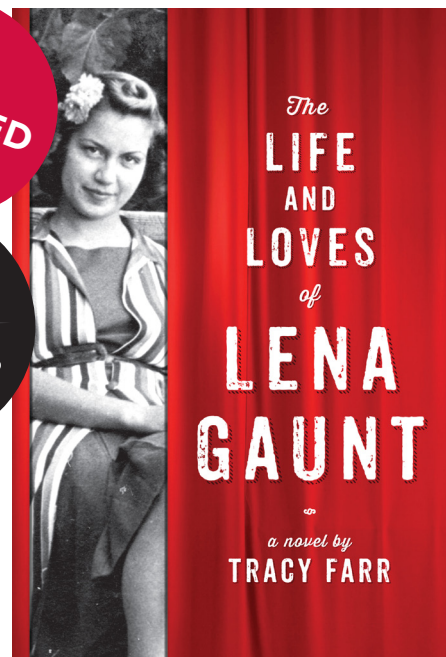
## ADVANCE INFORMATION

# The LIFE AND LOVES of LENA GAUNT

by TRACY FARR

RELISTED

MILES FRANKLIN  
LITERARY AWARD  
2013 Longlist



### ABOUT THE BOOK

This is the story of Dame Lena Gaunt: musician, octogenarian, junkie. Lena is Music's Most Modern Musician; the first theremin player of the twentieth century.

From the obscurity of a Perth boarding school to a glittering career on the world stage, Lena Gaunt's life will be made and torn apart by those she gives her heart to.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Tracy Farr is a novelist and short story writer who used to be a scientist. She grew up in Australia, and has lived in New Zealand for twenty years; she calls both places home. Her debut novel, *The Life and Loves of Lena Gaunt* (Fremantle Press, 2013), was longlisted for the 2014 Miles Franklin Literary Award, shortlisted in 2014 for the Western Australian Premier's Book Award and Barbara Jefferis Award, and published in the UK and US in 2016.



### NOTES

- The book was longlisted for a Miles Franklin Literary Award.
- Farr's other awards include: Varuna Second Book Fellowship (2015), Barbara Jefferis Award (Shortlisted 2014), *Sunday Star-Times* Short Story Award (Winner 2014), Western Australian Premier's Book Award (Shortlisted 2014), R.A.K. Mason Writers' Fellowship (2014) and BNZ Katherine Mansfield Award (Runner-up 2001).
- Farr's second novel, *The Hope Fault*, is due out in March 2017.

### PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

'compelling reading.' *The Listener*

'Farr's prose soars ... this sparkling debut novel captures the spirit of an accomplished woman as she reflects on the arc of her long life.'

*Adelaide Advertiser*

'Tracy Farr's beautifully written and well-crafted novel combines music and art as she moves the reader around the globe through the dazzling 30s and 40s.' *The West Australian*

'I was completely engrossed in Lena Gaunt's heartfelt story. [Four stars out of five]' *Books+Publishing*

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