The Edge of the World

BY MARCELLA POLAIN

** Shortlisted! Commonwealth Writers’ Prize
Best First Book**

‘an intense, stark, poetic ... moving work.’ Nicholas Jose

‘...blazes brilliantly with historical revelation, family suffering and intimate tales of lives densely woven across space and time. In it’s cleverly intricate structure and sumptuous prose, it honours the forms of tenderness and beauty that persist beyond loss. A lyrically haunting novel, utterly entrancing and compelling.’ Gail Jones

‘...an unforgettable, courageous and moving act of poetic testimony, which will make an important contribution to the rewriting of the historic truth of the Armenian Genocide.’ Marion Campbell

ABOUT THE BOOK

A powerful, monumental story of an Armenian family, spanning one hundred years, five countries and several generations. A family fragmented by genocide, exile and emigration, but which, through extraordinary acts of courage and compassion, is eventually brought together again — albeit utterly changed. A compelling, imaginative and beautifully written story of a remarkable family.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Marcella Polain was born in Singapore and immigrated to Perth when she was two years old with her Armenian mother and Irish father. She has a background in theatre and screen writing, and now lectures in the Writing program at Edith Cowan University. Her first poetry collection, Dumbstruck (Five Islands Press, 1996), won the Anne Elder Prize; her second, Each Clear Night (Five Islands Press, 2000), was short-listed for the West Australian Poetry Prize.

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