

# BURN PATTERNS

by **RON ELLIOTT**

## ABOUT THE BOOK

To her clients and colleagues, Iris is a therapist in a city psychology practice. But to the police and fire services, she is the Fire Lady – a profiler of arsonists.

After a troubled young man burns down her office, Iris just wants a quiet life. But her peace is shattered when a bomb goes off at a local school. Called in to help, Iris meets James, delusional and dangerous, and Chuck, a lone investigator tracking a serial arsonist he calls Zorro.

As public attacks become more orchestrated and brazen, Iris is soon embroiled in the investigation – as a profiler and as a suspect, and in serious doubt about her own sanity.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Ron Elliott is a scriptwriter, director and academic. His directorial credits include a feature film, *Justice*, and episodes of ABC programs such as *Dancing Daze*, *Relative Merits* and *Studio 86*. Ron has written for *Home and Away*, *Minty*, *Wild Kat*, *Ship to Shore* and many more children's television series. In 2001 he wrote the AFI-nominated telemovie *Southern Cross*. Ron also lectured in Film and Television at Curtin University.



## PRAISE FOR THE AUTHOR

'... a sparkling novel' *Adelaide Advertiser*

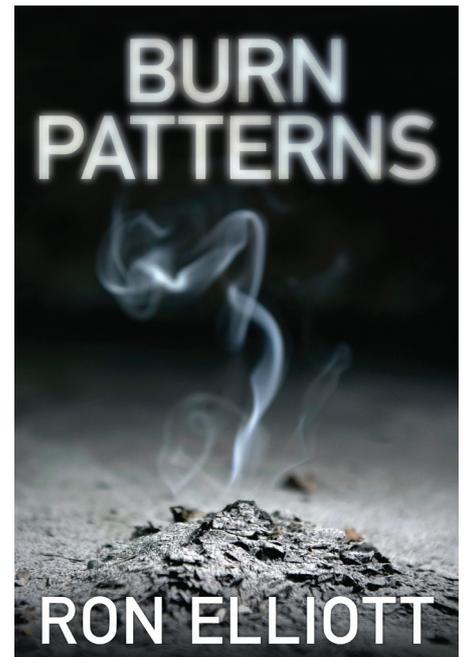
'This is a great yarn ...' *The Age*

'Delightful tale that mixes a little magic with some recognisable cricket characters and history.' *Herald Sun*

'After the fashion of the best crime novelists, screenwriter Elliott adopts a plain, quietly witty style with lots of dialogue, establishing his characters with expert brushstrokes and making the action gallop along.' *Sydney Morning Herald*

## KEY POINTS

- A topical crime novel inspired by the now all-too-common phenomenon of people deliberately starting fires.
- After receiving acclaim for his crime novellas published in the book *Now Showing*, Ron Elliott is back with a compelling full-length work.
- He is also the author of the novel *Spinner*.
- Book club notes will be available online from [fremantlepress.com.au](http://fremantlepress.com.au).



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