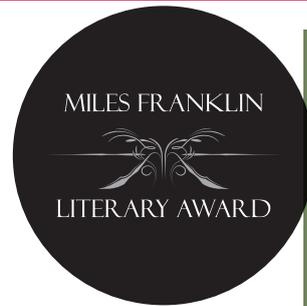


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## FROM THE HEART

by **KIM SCOTT**



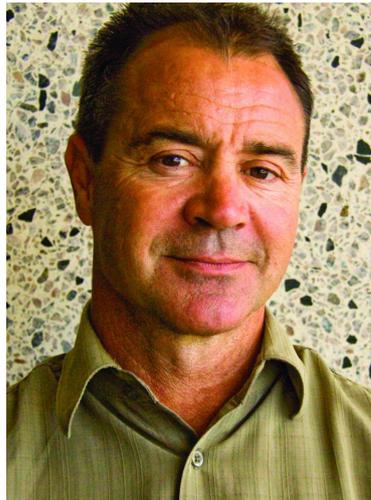
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### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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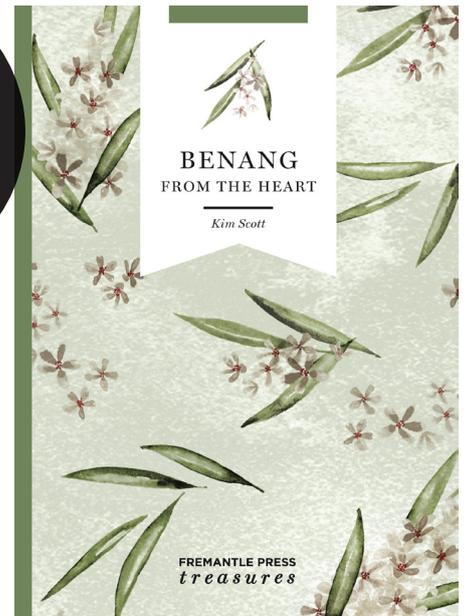
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