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## THE FREMANTLE PRESS ANTHOLOGY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIAN POETRY

edited by  
**JOHN KINSELLA and TRACY RYAN**

### ABOUT THE BOOK

*The Fremantle Press Anthology of Western Australian Poetry* is a comprehensive survey of the state's poets from the 19th century to today.

Featuring work from 134 poets, and including the work of many WA Indigenous poets, this watershed anthology brings together the poems that have contributed to and defined the ways that Western Australians see themselves.

### ABOUT THE AUTHORS

John Kinsella's many books of poetry include *Armour* (2011) and *Jam Tree Gully* (2012). He is Professor of Literature and Sustainability at Curtin University, an Extraordinary Fellow of Churchill College, Cambridge University, and a Professorial Research Fellow at the University of Western Australia. Awards include the Christopher Brennan Award for Poetry, Arts Queensland Judith Wright Calanthe Award for Poetry, Western Australian Premier's Book Award, *The Age* Poetry Book of the Year, and the Adelaide Writers' Week Poetry Prize.

Tracy Ryan is an award-winning poet born in Western Australia who has also lived in England and the United States. She has worked in libraries, bookselling, editing, and community journalism, and has taught at various universities. Her previous poetry titles with Fremantle Press include *The Argument*, *Fremantle Poets 1: New Poets* (editor), *Scar Revision*, *Hothouse*, *The Willing Eye*, *Bluebeard in Drag* and *Killing Delilah*. Tracy Ryan is also the author of three novels: *Sweet*, *Jazz Tango* and *Vamp*. Her work has been commended in the National Book Council Banjo Award, twice shortlisted in the Western Australian Premier's Book Awards, in *The Age* Book of the Year Award and the Adelaide Festival Award for Literature. She has won the *Australian Book Review* Poetry Prize and the Western Australian Premier's Book Award (twice).

### KEY POINTS

- Edited by multi-award-winning Western Australian poets.
- A strong collection of historical and contemporary work with many poets still active members of the Australian poetry scene.
- An excellent resource for schools and tertiary institutions for teaching Australian literature. Teaching notes will be available from [fremantlepress.com.au](http://fremantlepress.com.au).
- The introduction by John Kinsella and Tracy Ryan contextualises Western Australian poetry within the broader framework of Australian literature.



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