

# RIVER OF SALT

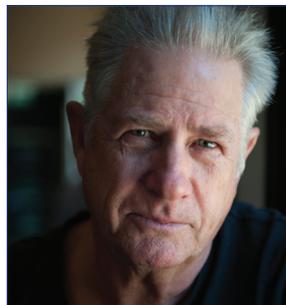
by **DAVE WARNER**

## ABOUT THE BOOK

1961, Philadelphia. After having to give up his brother to save his own life, hitman Blake Saunders flees the Mob and seeks refuge on the other side of the world. Two years later he has been reborn in a tiny coastal Australian town. The ghosts of the past still haunt him but otherwise Coral Shoals is paradise. Blake surfs, and plays guitar in his own bar, the Surf Shack. But then the body of a young woman is found at a local motel, and evidence links her the Surf Shack. When Blake's friend is arrested, and the local sergeant doesn't want to know, it becomes clear to Blake – who knows a thing or two about murder – that the only way to protect his paradise is to find the killer.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dave Warner is an author, musician and screenwriter. He originally came to national prominence with his gold album *Mug's Game*, and his band Dave Warner's from the Suburbs. In 2017 he released his tenth album *When*. He has been named a Western Australian State Living Treasure and has been inducted into the WAMi Rock'n'Roll of Renown.



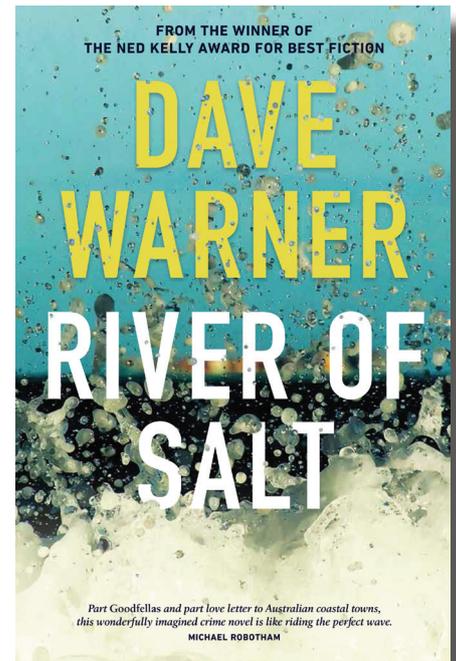
## NOTES

- This is the fourth novel by Dave Warner to be published by Fremantle Press.
- *Before it Breaks* won the 2016 Ned Kelly Award for Best Crime Fiction. Its sequel *Clear to the Horizon* was longlisted for the award in 2018. *Clear to the Horizon* was also longlisted for the International Dublin Literary Prize.
- Wavesound will publish the audio edition of the *River of Salt*.

## PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

'Part *Goodfellas* and part love letter to Australian coastal towns, this wonderfully imagined crime novel is like riding the perfect wave.' Michael Robotham

'Dave Warner captures the heyday and spirit of the surf music scene perfectly. This is a pitch-perfect crime thriller of epic twists and turns.' Jim Skiathitis, composer, guitarist, *The Atlantics*



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