

# Everyday Madness

by **SUSAN MIDALIA**

## ABOUT THE BOOK

Life sucks when you are a vacuum cleaner-salesman facing redundancy, and your wife of nearly forty years fills your days and nights with incessant chatter. But when Gloria suddenly and alarmingly stops talking, the silence is more than fifty-nine-year-old Bernard can bear. In desperation, Bernard turns to his ex-daughter-in-law for help. Meg has issues of her own, and her bright and funny daughter Ella sometimes wonders if her mum is trying so hard to keep her safe it stops them both from spreading their wings. Will Meg's suspicious nature thwart her chance encounter with the kindly but enigmatic Hal? And is there still hope for Bernard and Gloria on the other side of silence?

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Susan Midalia grew up in the Western Australian wheatbelt and has lived in Perth for most of her adult life. She is the author of three collections of short stories, *A History of the Beanbag*, *An Unknown Sky* (written with the assistance of an Australia Council grant), and *Feet to the Stars*. Her collections have been shortlisted for the Queensland Premier's Award and twice for the Western Australian Premier's Book Award. She retired from teaching in 2007 to become a full-time writer and freelance editor.



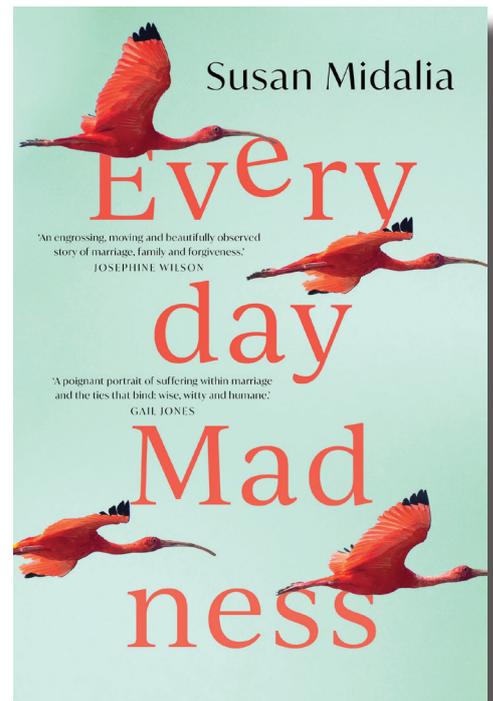
## KEY POINTS

- Susan's short stories have been published in *Westerly*, *Southerly*, *Island*, *Review of Australian Fiction*, *Wet Ink* and two anthologies. Her academic work has been published in *Australian Literary Studies*, *Westerly* and *World Literature Written in English*.
- Susan's first novel, *The Art of Persuasion*, was published in 2018. by Fremantle Press and will be relisted to support the launch of her new book.

## PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

'A poignant portrait of suffering within marriage and the ties that bind: wise, witty and humane.' Gail Jones

'An engrossing, moving and beautifully observed story of marriage, family and forgiveness.' Josephine Wilson



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