

WHERE *the* LINE BREAKS by MICHAEL BURROWS



ABOUT THE BOOK

The Unknown Digger is Australia's most famous WWI poet. But for decades, his identity has remained a mystery. Enter Matthew Denton – a PhD student at University College, London – who believes the unknown digger to be fact one of Australia's greatest war heroes: Lieutenant Alan Lewis VC of the 10th Light Horse. As the story of Lieutenant Lewis, fighting his way across Sinai, Palestine, Jordan and Syria unfolds, the question of what makes him a poet, a lover and a hero becomes a troubled one. Meanwhile, in the footnotes, scholar Matt Denton is fighting his own battles with romance and with academia as he attempts to rewrite literary history.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Michael Burrows was born and raised in Perth, Western Australia. As a middle child in the creative chaos of six children, all of whom grew up to have some kind of artistic streak, he never stood a chance. After travelling to London to work at the 2012 Olympics and backpacking through Europe for a year, the great British weather persuaded him to settle in the UK. Michael completed his MA in 2017 at City, University of London, where he wrote the first draft of this novel.

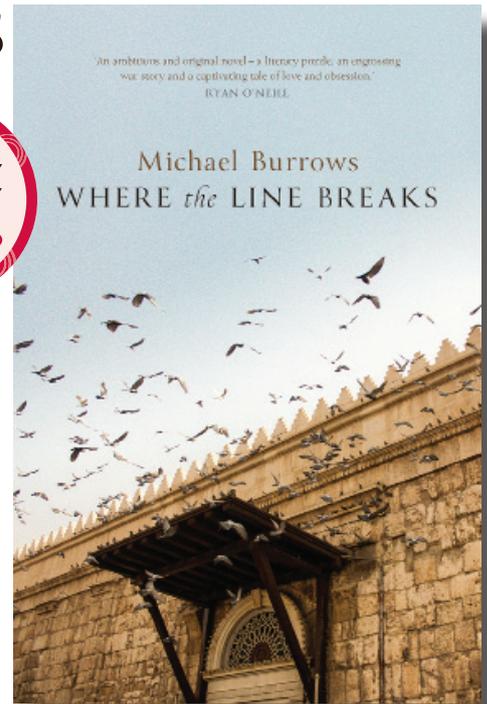


MEDIA NOTES

- Michael Burrows is an outstanding speaker and an intriguing new Australian writer to watch. He will be in Australia to promote his novel in April 2021 and can be booked for events through Fremantle Press.
- *Where the Line Breaks* is his first novel and was shortlisted for the 2019 Fogarty Literary Award for 18 to 35 year old Western Australian writers.
- He is the younger brother of picture book author and illustrator Fiona Burrows.
- The book's challenging and unconventional narrative was inspired by a visit to Gallipoli and Lone Pine. It invites us to interrogate our heroes and question the historical 'facts' of WWI.

PRaise FOR THE BOOK

'An ambitious and original novel – a literary puzzle, an engrossing war story and a captivating tale of love and obsession.' Ryan O'Neill, author of *Their Brilliant Careers*



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