

THE
**LITTLE
BOAT**
ON
**TRUSTING
LANE**
by MEL HALL

ABOUT THE BOOK

Richard runs his alternative healing centre from an old houseboat in a scrapyard on Trusting Lane. The *Little Mother Earth Ship* provides spiritual sustenance at regular meetings of the Circle of IEWA. While Richard plies his new age wisdom, disciples Finn and August keep the whole enterprise afloat. But warning letters from the council are piling up down the side of the fridge and the arrival of a new mystic Celestiaa Davinaa is about to rock their world. How many alternative healers can one small boat hold before the enterprise capsizes?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mel Hall is a writer and musician based in Walyalup (Fremantle), Western Australia. Her fiction has been longlisted for major writing awards, such as the Peter Carey Short Story Prize (2019), the Fogarty Literary Award (2019) and the Carmel Bird Digital Literary Award (2018). Her novella *The Choir of Gravediggers* was published by Ginninderra Press in 2016, and her short fiction has appeared in *Westerly*, *The Sleepers Almanac* and other Australian journals.



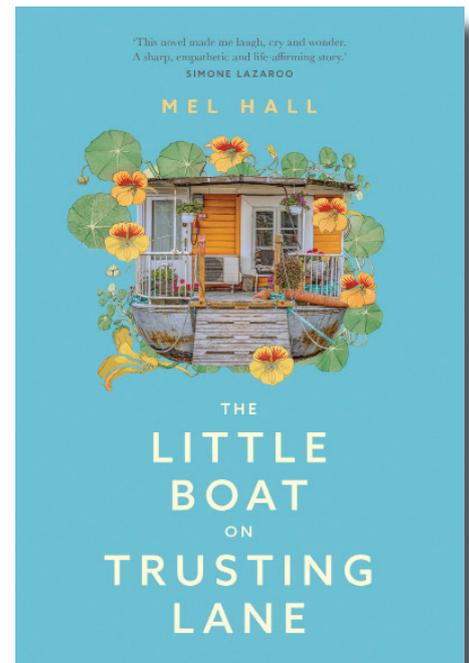
NOTES

- This novel explores the intersection between capitalism, liberal individualism and the contemporary alternative wellness industry.
- The author was one of 30 chosen for a two-year long mentorship, the Four Centres Emerging Writers Program, and has extensive media and event training.

PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

Simone Lazaroo said, 'This novel made me laugh, cry and wonder ... Her characters' problems are both regional and global, their insights hard-won, yet often humorous.'

Rashida Murphy said, 'the nutmilk chai latte and hemp brigade have a new champion.'



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