



## SENIOR LIBRARY BOOK SNAP

**You are guaranteed to love books by Jackie French, our next Awesome Aussie Author!**

### **Awesome Aussie Author!**

#### **Fast Facts**

**Name:** Jacqueline Anne French, also known as Jackie French

**Born:** 1953 in Sydney

**First novel:** Rainstones

**Latest novel:** Clancy of the Overflow (The Matilda Saga #9)

**Next novel:** The Angel of Waterloo

**Random fact:** Out of all the books Jackie has written her favourite is 'Goodbye Mr Hitler.' She describes it as the "...best, most profound and most necessary book that I have written. It was also the most difficult... Even speaking of it brings me to tears, but they are tears of gratitude."

### **Mini Book Bites - see if a book is to your taste?**

#### **The night they stormed Eureka**

*"A story about dreams, gold, rebellion ... and an unlikely friendship across time. It's 1854, and the Ballarat goldfields are a place of dreams and rebellion as Sam, a homeless teenager, is called back to the past to join the Puddlehams, who run 'the best little cook shop on the diggings'. The Puddlehams dream of buying a hotel with velvet seats, while others dream of freedom from the British crown, away from the rule of wealthy landowners and corrupt officials. As the summer days get hotter, and the miners' protests are ignored with catastrophic results, Sam experiences first-hand the power of a united stand which will change her life forever."*

A wonderful story that mixes time travel with a famous event from Australian history. Engaging, exciting and emotional, readers will feel like they are actually there witnessing history take place. A great book for those wanting to learn more about Australian history but in an easier and more engaging way.

### **Refuge**

*"When a boat carrying a group of asylum seekers is sunk by a freak wave, Faris wakes from the shipwreck in an Australia he's always dreamed of. There are kangaroos grazing under orange trees and the sky is always blue. On a nearby beach, Faris meets a group of young people who have come from far different times and places. They are also seeking refuge, and each has their own story of why they had to leave their own country to make a new life for themselves. It is only when Faris chooses to return to 'real life' and find his father in Australia that he learns the extraordinary truth about the friends he made in the golden beach."*

'Refuge' is a beautiful story with an important message. With a unique style Jackie French provides a detailed look at how and why people have migrated to Australia over the years as well as giving the reader a closer look at modern migrants and why they undertake an often highly dangerous journey to start a new life in our country. An award-winning book and a must read!

### **Pharaoh**

*"The people call Prince Narmer 'the Golden One' Handsome and talented, he is destined to be King of Thisis, the greatest town in Egypt and, for Narmer, the centre of the world. Then a devastating accident forces him to give up his right to the throne and sends him journeying across the ancient Middle East with the mysterious trader, the crippled Nitho and a tamed wildcat called Bast. And as he travels he learns that Thisis is actually a very small place indeed. But can he ever truly forget his homeland? During on last visit to Thisis, he will discover what it really means to be a leader, and will find his destiny being fulfilled beyond his wildest expectations."*

'Pharaoh' is a fantastic book that tells the story of the very first Pharaoh of Egypt. Filled with rich and exciting detail of this fascinating but little-known time period, author Jackie French successfully brings predynastic Egypt to life. With a thrilling story of discovery and wonderfully written and memorable characters, this novel will be a hit with both history lovers and anyone who enjoys a good story.

### **Year 12 Library loans**

Year 12 students this week would have received an email from Mrs Comiskey with details of all of their Library loans. Students are welcome to keep any or all of these books until after they have finished their HSC exams. All of these books however will need to be returned to the IRC before students will be able to officially sign out of the College later this year.

If you have any questions regarding your Library loans please see or email Mrs Comiskey or Mr Smith.

**Mrs Annette Comiskey & Mr Michael Smith**

Senior Library Team

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