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Tuesday 25th August, 2009.

Victoria University Conference Centre - 300 Flinders St, Melbourne.
Session Time: 9.00am - 3.30pm. Seminar registration from 8.00am.

An inspirational one-day seminar for primary and secondary teacher librarians and teaching professionals in the areas of English and Literacy.

Featuring:

Andy GRIFFITHS

Author of the **JUST** and
SCHOOLING AROUND series

Morris GLEITZMAN

Author of **BOY OVERBOARD**, **ONCE** and
GRACE (to be released August 2009)

Isobelle CARMODY

Author of **THE GATHERING**, **OBERNEWTYN
CHRONICLES** and the **LITTLE FUR** series

Randa ABDEL-FATTAH

Author of **DOES MY HEAD LOOK BIG IN THIS?**
and **WHERE THE STREETS HAD A NAME**

Alice PUNG

Author of **UNPOLISHED GEM**
and Editor of **GROWING UP
ASIAN IN AUSTRALIA**

Robert HILLMAN

Biographer and Co-author of
THE RUGMAKER OF MAZAR-E-SHARIF

Amra PAJALIC

Author of
THE GOOD DAUGHTER

Tony THOMPSON

Teacher and Author of **SHAKESPEARE:
THE MOST FAMOUS MAN IN LONDON**



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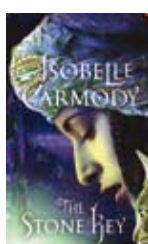
Andy Griffiths

Andy Griffiths is one of Australia's funniest writers for children. His books have sold over 4 million copies worldwide, have featured on the New York Times bestseller lists and have won over 40 Australian children's choice awards. Andy will be delivering the seminar's keynote address, *Books, Brains and Cellophane: How reading colours our world.*

Isobelle Carmody

Isobelle has guided the imaginations of Australian children to other worlds for more than 15 years, on the wings of such celebrated novels as *THE GATHERING*, *THE OBERNEWTYN CHRONICLES* and her most recent series for younger readers, *LITTLE FUR*.

Isobelle will present an address titled *Fantastic Voyages: Taking young minds to new worlds.*



Morris Gleitzman

Morris' children's books have been published in the UK, the USA, Germany, Italy, Japan, France, Spain, Portugal, Holland, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Indonesia and Czechoslovakia, Russia and China. His books are set in Australia, Afghanistan, England and Poland and collectively have won just about every children's literature award in Australia.

GRACE is the much-anticipated sequel to *ONCE* and *THEN* - fiction for younger readers set against the backdrop of the Holocaust. Like much of Morris' work for children, these novels incorporate humour with serious issues, and make up the foundation for his address, *The Light and the Dark.*

Randa Abdel-Fattah

Randa Abdel-Fattah is a 28-year-old author, mother and lawyer, born in Australia of Palestinian and Egyptian parents. Randa's first novel *DOES MY HEAD LOOK BIG IN THIS?* explores the world of young Muslim-Australians, while her most recent work, *WHERE THE STREETS HAD A NAME* takes readers to Israel.

Randa is active in the interfaith community and a member of the Coalition for Peace and Justice in Palestine and will introduce the *Windows Into Other Worlds and Cultures* panel.

Robert Hillman

After many years of teaching in high schools and university, Robert Hillman now works as a full-time writer and biographer. He co-authored *MY LIFE AS A TRAITOR*, a young Iranian woman's account of the realities behind the turmoil of the modern Middle East, and *THE RUGMAKER OF MAZAR-E-SHARIF*, the true story of an Afghani refugee who fled torture and certain death at the hands of the Taliban.

Alice Pung

Alice's debut novel *UNPOLISHED GEM* was shortlisted for several awards including the Victorian and New South Wales Premier's Literary Awards and combines the story of Pung's life growing up in Melbourne's Western suburbs with the inherited stories of the women in her family. In 2008, Alice edited *GROWING UP ASIAN IN AUSTRALIA*, a collection of personal tales by prominent Asian-Australians.

Amra Pajalic

Amra Pajalic was born in Melbourne's Western suburbs to parents of a Bosnian background, much like the protagonist in her recently released debut novel. *THE GOOD DAUGHTER* is written from the point of view of Sabiha, a 15 year old Muslim Bosnian girl trying to fit into suburban Australian society addressing problems of cultural identity in the day-to-day lives of teenagers.

Tony Thompson

Tony Thompson has taught English and Literature in a number of Melbourne high schools and is currently teaching in the Liberal Arts area at Victoria University. He has written articles about education for *The Age* and other publications. His first book, *SHAKESPEARE: THE MOST FAMOUS MAN IN LONDON* was published this year. Tony will present an address titled *Prospero's Books: The rough magic of Literature in the classroom.*

Robert, Alice and Amra will present a panel titled *Windows Into Other Worlds and Cultures.*



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An individual email address is required for each participant to confirm registration. A tax invoice for \$240.00 (includes \$21.82 GST) will be emailed to each participant as soon as their registration is processed. For registrations of more than 3 participants, please use multiple forms. Morning tea and lunch provided (gourmet catering by Mary & Steve).