## Australian/Outback Noir: Thursdays with Murder 7/9/20 at 1:00 pm (via Zoom)

## Peter Temple (1946-2018)

Peter Temple was an international journalist and editor. Born in South Africa in 1946, he moved to Sydney, Australia in 1980 and in 1982 moved to Melbourne to become the founding editor of Australian Society magazine. He also taught journalism, editing and media studies at the university level. Temple turned to fiction writing in the 1990s. Peter Temple was the first <u>crime</u> writer to win Australia's top literature award, the Miles Franklin. He is survived by his wife and son. *The Broken Shore* (2005): winner of the CWA Golden Dagger, Ned Kelly Award – Best Novel, Colin Roderick Award, Australian Book Industry – General Fiction Book of the Year Sample of other books by this author: *Shooting Star* (1999); *Truth* (follow-up to The Broken Shore, 2008); the Jack Irish series - *Bad Debts* (1996), *Black Tide* (2000), *Dead Point* (2000), & *White Dog* (2004), the first two of which have been turned into TV movies.

## Jane Harper (b. 1980)

Jane was born in the United Kingdom and moved to Australia with her family at age eight. She spent six years in Boronia, Victoria, and during that time gained Australian citizenship. Returning to the UK with her family as a teenager, she lived in Hampshire before studying English and History at the University of Kent in Canterbury. Jane worked for several years as a senior news journalist for the Hull Daily Mail, before moving back to Australia in 2008. She worked first on the Geelong Advertiser, and then the Herald Sun in Melbourne in 2011. In 2014, Jane submitted a short story which was one of 12 chosen for the Big Issue's annual Fiction Edition. That inspired her to pursue creative writing more seriously, breaking through with The Dry at the Victorian Premier's Literary Awards in 2015. Jane lives in bayside Melbourne with her husband and their two children.

The Dry (2016): winner of the CWA Golden Dagger, Davitt Awards Best Adult Novel & Readers' Choice, Ned Kelly Award – Best First Fiction, Australian Book Industry Book of the Year & General Fiction Book of

Ned Kelly Award – Best First Fiction, Australian Book Industry Book of the Year & General Fiction Book of the Year. Additionally, in 2015 this debut novel won the \$15,000 prize for an Unpublished Manuscript at the Victorian Premier's Literary Awards.

Other books by this author: *Force of Nature* (second Aaron Falk novel, 2018), *The Lost Man* (2019), *The Survivors* (upcoming: Feb. 2021)

## Read-a-likes

Besides other books by Jane Harper and Peter Temple, you may be interested in books by author Garry Disher, and/or the following:

The Dark Lake by Sarah Bailey

Marlborough Man by Alan Carter

Crucifixion Creek by Barry Maitland

And Fire Came Down by Emma Viskic

Crimson Lake by Candice Fox

Only Killers and Thieves by Paul Howarth

Only Daughter by Anna Snoekstra

The Natural Way of Things by Charlotte Wood

Scrublands by Chris Hammer

For those interested in an in-depth (yet accessible) look at Australian crime fiction, I recommend Down Underworld from the October 2011 issue of The Atlantic:

https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2011/10/down-underworld/308640