

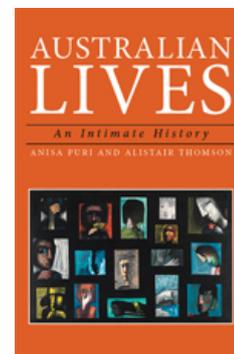


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## Publishing

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*Australian Lives: An Intimate History* is a book rich with testimony from diverse Australians about the history of everyday life across the past century. In this book, readers follow 50 'ordinary' Australians, born between 1920 and 1989, who narrate their experiences as children and teenagers, in midlife and in old age, about faith, migration, work and play, aspiration and activism, memory and identity, joy and sorrow.



*Australian Lives* illuminates Australian life by showing how Australians from all walks of life have been shaped by contemporary history and how, in turn, they have made their lives and created Australian society.

Drawing upon interviews recorded by the Australian Generations oral history project, *Australian Lives* is also a book with a difference: e-book users can listen to hundreds of interview extracts by connecting direct to the National Library online archive to hear interviewees tell their stories in their own voices.

*'Life is long. When you're forty-eight, there's been a lot of stuff that's happened (laughs). It's got elements of comedy and there are elements of heartache and drama and thriller and it's got so many things in it.'* Rhonda King, born 1965

*'I really like the idea that in maybe a hundred years someone could listen and hear about my life to learn about what living in 2012 or 2013 was like. Think that's really cool.'* Adam Farrow-Palmer, born 1988

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**Events (with various interviewees to speak):**

- 22 May: David Astle to launch at the Royal Historical Society of Victoria/Oral History Special Event
- 31 May: Professor Frank Bongiorno to launch at the NLA
- 17 June: Lisa Murray, City Historian, Sydney to launch at Gleebooks with Clare Monagle as MC
- 9 September: A special launch event presented by the History Council of South Australia/Oral History Australia SA/NT Branch.

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