

# WPDN Bookclub

Weds  
1st July 09

Ira Raymond  
Room  
Bar Smith  
Library

1.00 pm -  
2.00 pm

## FIRST PERSON Author Fiona McIntosh

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**If I thought I'd be forgiven I'd admit...** I just don't like summer.

**When I look in the mirror...** I think a great deal about cosmetic surgery.

**My family says...** what's for dinner, relentlessly from 4pm onwards.

**My favourite word is...** no, but it's taken me a very long time to learn how to say it.

**My favourite book of all time is...** *Tigana* by Guy Gavriel Kay, because it makes me cry, makes me angry, makes me elated and has inspired me for my own writing.

**I was embarrassed when...** I walked out one day without my skirt done up properly and I was wearing a g-string and had to pass a building site.

**My biggest regret is...** not taking up my place at university when I was 18.

**If I ran the world I'd...** make it compulsory to have car-free capital cities.

**I laugh every time...** I watch repeats of *Absolutely Fabulous*.

**Right now I'm reading...** to improve my knowledge of Cornish tin mining. I know, it's just too sexy.

**I last cried when...** our beloved border collie, Kipper, died in October, 2008.

**The one thing I'd change about myself is...** my atrocious impatience with everyone and everything.

**My biggest fear is...** spiders. Huntsmen make me panic and scream, even though I'm not a screamy sort of person.

**The person I admire most...** from my own area of work is Bryce Courtenay. He's been Australia's best seller for as long as I can remember, and still he finds time and motivation to help other writers.

**My greatest extravagance is...** winter boots. You can never have too many pairs.

**My friends think I am...** far too competitive on card nights.

**My favourite place on earth is...** Tasmania. Hmm, but then there's Paris, Venice, Florence, London, New York ...

**The most useful advice I ever got was...** to trust my instincts and follow my dreams.

**As I've got older I've discovered...** my tastes are far more expensive than my bank balance.

**The thing I hate most is...** regist.

**My most treasured possession is...** my family and my electronic Buzz Lightyear.

**The music I'd like at my funeral is...** a selection from Simply Red and Marvin Gaye. *Fiona McIntosh's second crime novel, Beautiful Death, is published this month by HarperCollins (RRP \$32.99\*).*

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