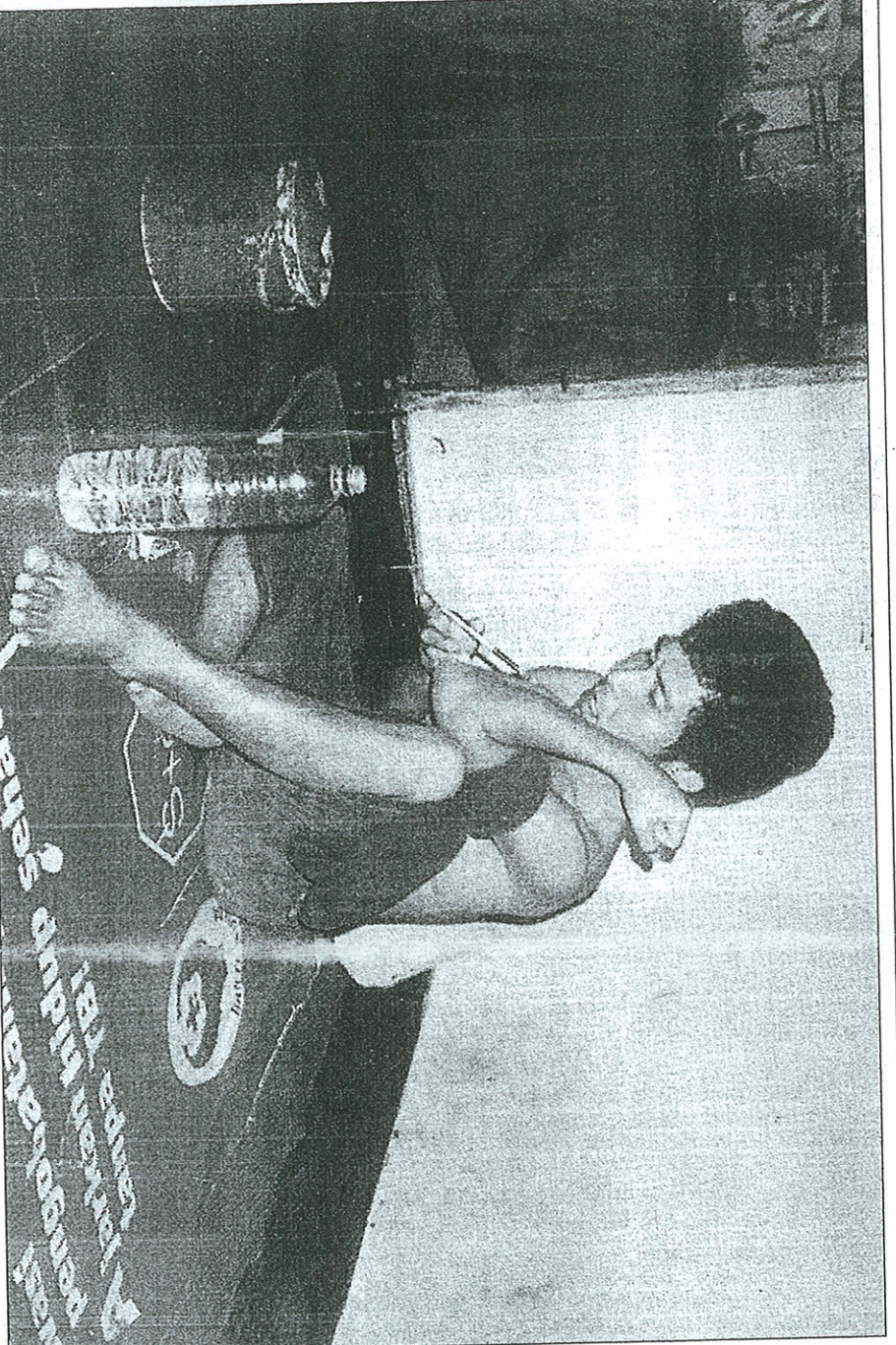


Extra books



A prisoner shoots up in a cell at Hotel Kerobokan... anything is available at a price.

No-holds-barred look at Hotel Kerobokan

TRAVELLING to Indonesia and fancying a look at the seamy side of life?

Then volunteer your services as a drug mule and *really* get down and dirty.

It seems that, in spite of glaringly obvious, in-your-face signs warning of the death penalty for drug traffickers, there are plenty of people prepared to spurn the beautiful beaches and luxury resorts in order to risk becoming residents of Hotel Kerobokan.

It would probably be fair to say this book is ugly — Bonella writes a no-holds-barred account of life in Bali's most notorious prison.

The result of hundreds of interviews with prisoners, the book confronts a side of life which reflects the antithesis of the glitzy tourist attractions we have come to expect from this popular holiday spot.

Learn about life in the filthy, disease-ridden cells where raw sewage spills from the hole-in-the-ground toilet shared by all the cells' inmates, along with the rats which feed upon it.

Inmates who are stoned or drunk appear to be the norm. Corruption is rife among the guards, who organise wild

HOTEL KEROBOKAN
By Kathryn Bonella
(Pan Macmillan, \$35)

"sex nights" for the inmates — at a price.

Murder, suicide and violent attacks are commonplace, with all kinds of drugs available to those who can pay.

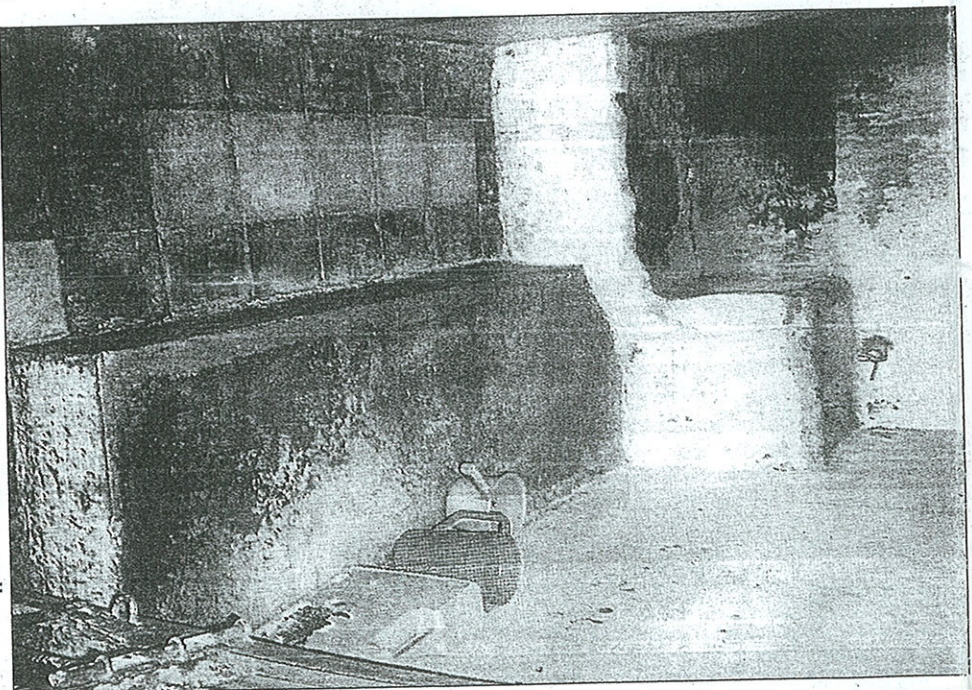
The notorious "tikus" cell is the terror of Hotel K's inhabitants.

Here prisoners are stripped down to their underwear and locked in the filthy concrete chamber for months, often crushed together with other "badly-behaved" inmates. Australian death row prisoner Scott Rush described an experience in tikus where he had to "lie like a dead man" until his punishment was over.

But behind these forbidding walls it is the corruption that will most shock readers, with the book depicting the gaoi's role in providing high-grade drugs to visitors and dealers on the outside.

For parents with children travelling to Indonesia, this book is an essential read — prior to zipping up that boogie board cover.

— CHERYL DAWFREY



Hotel Kerobokan's notorious punishment cell.

NOW that Channel Nine's *Underbelly*: The Golden Mile has begun airing, it's clear that Snitch is a great spoiler for anyone who can't wait for the series to come to a head.

In fact, Snitch's storyteller was a technical advisor for the series. Dubbed as "crooked cops and Kings Cross crims by the man who saw it all", Snitch is an account by an unknown member of the Kings

SNITCH
As told to Jimmy Thompson
(Allen & Unwin, \$25)

Cross scene, dubbed "The Inspector" from around the time that the Woods Royal Commission was taking shape.

The Inspector began his career at the Cross as a

doorman at the Pink Pussyca, and became a player with all the big boys that will be characterised in the third *Underbelly* series — Sam and John Ibrahim, Bill and Louis Bayeh, the list goes on — but was also a police informant.

He ended up giving evidence at the Woods Royal Commission into police corruption, again detailed in the book.

Snitch takes an insider's look at the Cross's world of protection rackets, brothels, and bribery, and is a credible account of the late 1980s and early 1990s in one of Australia's seediest suburbs.

Even for those who aren't fans of *Underbelly*, Snitch still gives a great account of some of the most notorious cops and criminals in Sydney.

— RACHAEL BRAIN

FOR KIDS

HOW TO HEAL A BROKEN WING
By Bob Graham (Walker Books)

This story begins with a bundle of soft feathers crashing into a building high above the city and falling with a soft THUD! Will find a bird that has fallen from the sky. The bird feels sad and helpless, so he decides to take care of it. He takes it home, and after many days, nights, weeks, months and full moons, the broken wing is healed. This book is a heart-warming tale for children aged up to 10.

— OLIVIA STREET, aged 8

THE FLOODS — Who Wants To Be A Billionaire?
By Colin Thompson. (Random House)

The beloved family of witches and wizards, the Floods, are back in action with their brand new novel, *Who Wants To Be A Billionaire?* The Floods family and their friends, the Huberts, have travelled to New York for a summer school by Quicklime College. The summer program specialises in making money, and in the Floods' case, billions. After all, they are witches and wizards and they are going to do a much better job than the humans will.

— TABI DEMPSEY, 13

STEPHENIE MEYER
By Marc Shapiro (Macmillan, \$17)

The unauthorised biography of the creator of *Twilight* will take you right into the finest detail of the real journey of what *Twilight* has become. Questions which hundreds across the world have asked such as: where did the idea for *Twilight* come from? Why did Stephenie write her other best seller *The Host*? Why is Stephenie spelt with an e? How did her Mormon religion affect her writing? What motivated her to write the four books in the saga? Questions like these and many more are answered in this great book written for true fans.

— TABI DEMPSEY, 13

BOOK WINNERS

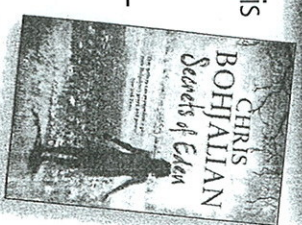
Four lucky readers of *The Examiner* have each won a copy of the book *1918, The End Of The Great War And The Shaping Of History*, courtesy of the publishers, Exisle.

They are Jan Cleaver, of Blackstone Heights; P. Claudio, of Newham; Charles Jones, of Riversdale and Mrs G. Ackerly, of George Town.

The winners will be notified by mail.

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This weeks staff pick is
Secrets of Eden
by Chris Bohjalian



"There" says Alice Hayward to Reverend Stephen Drew, when she comes up out of the water after her baptism. Just a few short hours later, Alice is dead, shot by her abusive husband who turned the gun on himself soon after. Tortured by the cryptic finality of that short utterance, Reverend Drew feels his faith in God slipping away as he tries to unearth the truth by Alice's death. Only new arrival Heather Laurent — the enigmatic author of successful books about angels — seems able to save him from slipping into depths of despair.

Heather has her own story. She survived a childhood culminated in her own parents murder-suicide, so she identifies deeply with Alice's daughter, Katie, offering herself as mentor to the girl and a shoulder for Stephen. But then the state attorney begins to suspect that Alice's husband may not have killed himself... and finds out that Alice has a secret only her minister knew.

Related through the eyes of four different narrators, *Secrets of Eden* is both a haunting literary thriller and a deeply evocative testament to the inner complexities that mark all our lives. A riveting page-turner in which nothing is precisely what it seems.

Read and recommended by Maria.

R.R.P. \$32.99

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