



August Friends

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Russell Miller AM

Consumer Protection in 26 Editions

Date: Wednesday, 10 August

Time: 12:30 pm

Venue: Ferguson Room

Cost: free

Author! Author!

with Kate Grenville

Date: Sunday, 18 September

Time: 3:30 pm

Venue: Bookplate, afternoon tea provided

Cost: Friends \$12, non-members \$17

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I know it's only August, but I'd like to whet your appetite with our plans for a wonderful Sunday afternoon at the Library in September. Let me set the scene for you—think of the Library's café Bookplate and our beautiful Leonard French stained glass windows, think of having fresh coffee and chocolate slice while listening to one of Australia's eminent writers speak about her work—now, let me give you a sample:

'The way the woman stood with her hands on her hips, looking down the street as if she owned it, he could imagine her life, a proper life anchored solid to the ground. There would be a big cheerful husband, uncomplicated children, fat red-cheeked grandchildren calling her Nanna. He could imagine the kitchen out on the farm, with the radio going on top of the fridge, the big bowl of eggs with the chook-poop still on them, the fridge door covered with magnets that said things like Bless this Mess.'

The writer is Kate Grenville and the extract above, from her novel, *The Idea of Perfection*, tells how Douglas Cheeseman, an awkward engineer, 'the sort of divorced man you'd never look at twice', first sees Harley Savage. It is five years since *The Idea of Perfection* (bestseller and winner of Britain's most

valuable literary award, the Orange Prize, 1999) had readers up all night, but the wait is over as Kate's new novel, *The Secret River* has just been released.

Do come and join us for afternoon tea to hear Kate talk about her work and read from *The Secret River*. There will be time to ask Kate questions and get copies of her work autographed (books will be on sale in our Bookshop before and after the event). Don't forget to reserve a seat; as places are strictly limited.

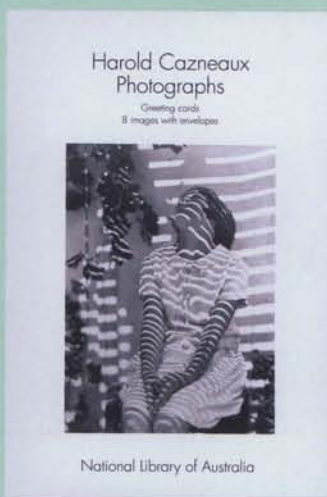
Meanwhile, for something completely different, come along and hear Russell Miller AM, Canberra lawyer and author of the 26 editions of *Miller's Annotated Trade Practices Act*, speak on the world of consumer protection. Russell has represented clients in the national capital for over 25 years. His work has ranged from Australian Competition and Consumer Commission applications to Ministerial representations in telecommunications, transport, mining, health, automotive and defence industries.

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