



# James Phelan

Author

James Phelan is the author of 21 novels, including thrillers, young adult and middle grade fiction. He is noted for a fast paced writing style that appeals as much to boys as girls. James is a highly entertaining and engaging speaker who has delivered keynotes and presentations all around the world and divides his time between Melbourne and New York.

As a teenager James discovered a love of thrillers, of being entertained and informed along the way. He has written four series of novels ranging from primary school aged readers with THE LAST THIRTEEN (Scholastic 2013) to fast paced thrillers such as THE SPY (Hachette 2013).

**James has a passion for promoting literacy in Australia. He is involved in many creative writing groups and regularly talks at literary events. He is a member of the Australian Society of Authors, Fellowship of Australian Writers, and state writers centres.**

After studying Architecture and English Literature, and graduating with a PhD in Writing, James developed the idea that became his first published book. He worked at The Age for five years, and has published fiction and non-fiction. He has been a full-time novelist since the age of 25.

**“James was absolutely wonderful and thoroughly entertained us all with his stories.”** *Teacher Librarian, St Carlo Borromeo, Greenvale*

**“This debut author has put in a finely honed story which proves the thriller genre is alive... Can’t wait for the next one.”** *Sunday Times*

**“Phelan, a Melbourne writer, understands his genre and works it with confidence.”** *The Sydney Morning Herald*

**“James Phelan is like a hound in his quest for greatness and Fox Hunt could be the launching pad”** *The Border Mail*



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