



The Colour of the Night

Orphaned after a bushfire, eleven-year-old Shaun must now go to live with his aunt in the city. Here his world of benign nature meets the urban frontline head on. What can city life teach him, what can he offer the many troubled people he meets there?

The new novel from acclaimed author Robert Hollingworth, *The Colour of the Night* (Hybrid Publishing), centres on the increasing divide between nature and culture. During this era of great technological advancement, one question looms large: Do we lose anything if we leave the green world behind?

We live in a time of crisis: environmental degradation, drugs, terrorism, cyberlife, governments that lie, lost faith. People want instant gratification, few act without reward. It is a time of narcissistic individuality. As a result, the author suggests that many are left lonely, disconnected and disillusioned.

This is a story of polarities: the country and the city; nature and culture; the material and the digital; the spirit and the flesh; lost faith and renewed hope. Well known for his masterful storytelling, *The Colour of the Night* is a tale of compelling human insight.

Key Information

- Critically acclaimed author of *They Called Me The Wildman* and *Smythe's Theory of Everything*
- Author has considerable experience of bushfires – the Ash Wednesday fires destroyed the well-known Lorne landmark home that his father built & he lost friends in the Black Saturday fires that also nearly took his home
- Author is excellent media talent and available to custom write on related topics
- Author website: www.roberthollingworth.com.au

About the Author

Robert Hollingworth is a successful and talented visual artist as well as a respected writer. As an award-winning artist he has held thirty solo shows since 1980 and has works in more than twelve public collections. Hollingworth's literary works include his memoir, *Nature Boy* 2004, and *They Called Me the Wildman: The Prison Diary of Henricke Nelsen* 2008 which was shortlisted for the SA Premier's Literary Awards Fiction prize in 2010 and, since 2009, has been included on both the Victorian and NSW Premier's Reading Challenge List. Robert Hollingworth's last work of fiction was *Smythe's Theory of Everything* (Hybrid Publishers, 2011).

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