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## Western Australian Public Libraries Online Book Club

Western Australian Public Libraries has partnered with PBC Guru to create a virtual book club for patrons and the community covering lifelong learning, personal growth, fiction, non-fiction, and other genres readers are interested in. The book club will connect through a private forum where all participants can discuss the current book and network with each other.

- The book club will read one book every two to three months, so you'll have plenty of time for each book.
- There are no membership or subscription fees. Joining the book club is completely free!

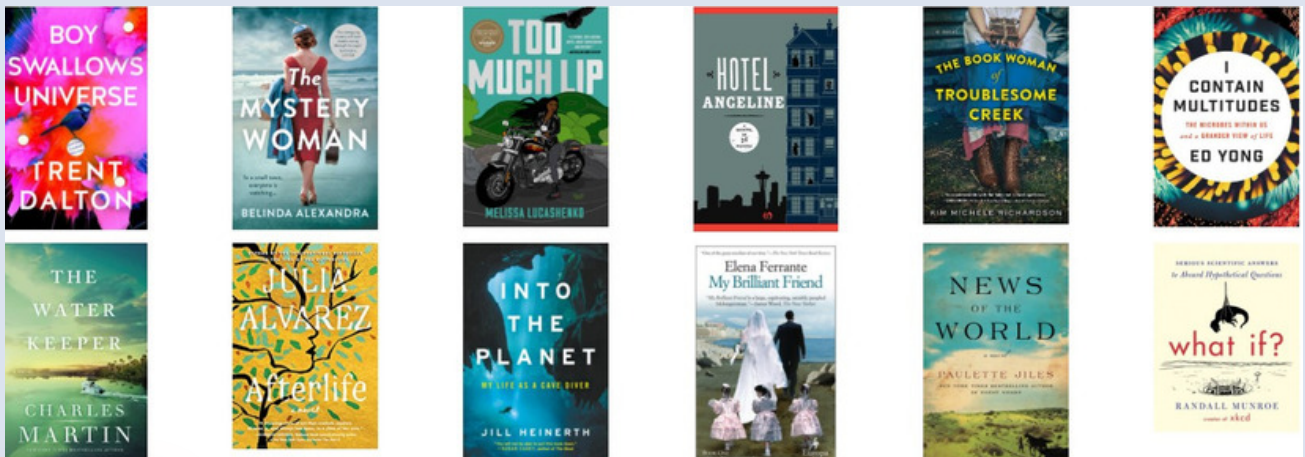
Just go to this link and follow the instructions: <https://www.pbc.guru/WAPLibrary>

There are suggestions of how to source your book on the Book Club site.

Please note: Exmouth Public Library is in the process of being added to the Freeding App.

## The Books

The first three titles below will be read from January-March 2021. Choose one, two, or all three. It's your choice! The remaining titles are selections that may be chosen in the future.



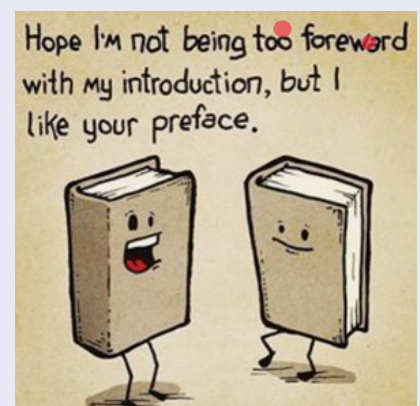
Library  
Lovers  
Month

Do you judge a book by its cover?  
Why not try a blind date  
with a book?



Each February, we like to celebrate Valentine's Day with our blind date 'mystery' book selections. Why not give one a try? If things don't work out, just return it with no hard feelings.

Will your book date be a biography, thriller, romance, fantasy or memoir? Who knows, you might get lucky with literature!



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# BOOK REVIEW

## BOY SWALLOWS UNIVERSE

BY TRENT DALTON

AVAILABLE AT  
EXMOUTH  
LIBRARY OR  
ONLINE VIA THE  
FREE LIBRARY  
APPS

This book is Brisbane based journalist Trent Dalton's debut novel. It won 8 of its 10 book nominated awards in 2019.

The story is a coming of age tale of 'Eli Bell' growing up in Darra, an impoverished suburb in Western Brisbane, in the 1980s. A lost father, a mum in jail, a heroin dealer for a stepfather, a notorious crim for a babysitter and a mute brother who communicates by drawing words into the air that only Eli can decipher. Sound far-fetched? – Ironically, some of the elements in the book are based on Dalton's real life, including the family friendship with the real 'Slim' Halliday, a convicted killer and gaol escapee.

Eli is just trying to get through teenage life. He's got his wits and seems happy enough, but his circumstances give him a confused moral compass and trying to be good is fraught with obstacles. To make things more complicated, he's also about to fall in love!

It is a confronting story with violence, criminal/drug behaviour, dysfunctional families and a lot of swearing. It's certainly not a genre for everyone but it does have a soft side that delves into the bond of brotherhood, family ties, friendship and love.

The story is so popular, it is currently being adapted into a stage show and TV drama.

THE AUDIOBOOK  
NARRATED BY STIG  
WEMYS WON 2019  
AUDIOBOOK OF THE  
YEAR.

# February MOVIE DATES

11th: "Agatha and the Truth of Murder"

25th: "Book Club"

ESCAPE THE HEAT AND ENJOY  
A  
FREE MOVIE

MEET AT THE LIBRARY AT 1PM  
MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT  
THE LIBRARY



## KIDS CORNER...



Storytime is back on!  
For kids 0-5yrs

Come and join us on Tuesdays at 9:30am for some rhymes, a story and a craft.

Bookings highly recommended as places are limited.  
Contact Exmouth Library, details below.



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