

# TRUE WEST

by **DAVID WHISH-WILSON**

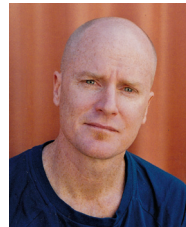
**KEYNOTE:** A fast-paced and unsettling action thriller based on historical fact. The book captures Perth's thriving Neo-Nazi movement of the late 1980s.

## ABOUT THE BOOK

Western Australia, 1988. After betraying the Knights bkie gang, seventeen-year-old Lee Southern flees to the city with nothing left to lose. Working as a rogue tow truck driver in Perth, he is captured by right-wing extremists whose combination of seduction and blackmail keeps him on the wrong side of the law and under their control. As the true nature of what drives his captors unfolds, Lee becomes an unwilling participant in a breathtakingly ambitious plot – and a cold-blooded crime that will show just how much he, and everyone else, still has to lose.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

David Whish-Wilson was born in Newcastle, New South Wales, but grew up in Singapore, Victoria and Western Australia. He left Australia aged eighteen to live for a decade in Europe, Africa and Asia, where he worked as a barman, actor, street seller, petty criminal, labourer, exterminator, factory worker, gardener, clerk, travel agent, teacher and drug-trial guinea pig. He now lives in Fremantle and coordinates the creative writing program at Curtin University.



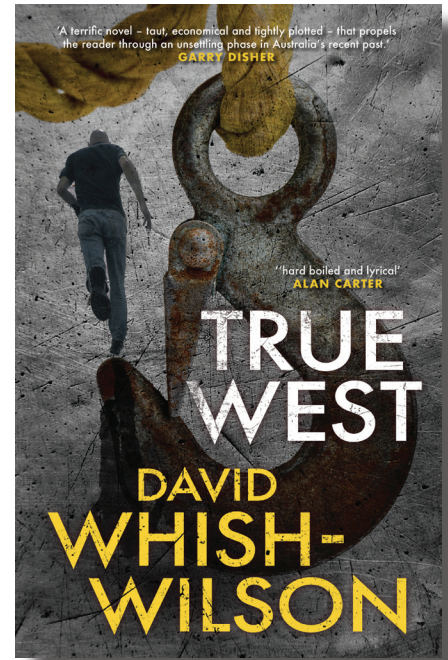
## NOTES

- Although based in the past its themes of hardline right-wing political movements, racial and religious intolerances, the rise of Pauline Hanson and extremism are all contemporary ones. This shows how we got where we are today with great potential for stories on what has been and what might yet be.
- David has published four crime novels: *The Summons*, *Line of Sight*, *Zero at the Bone* and *Old Scores*. *Line of Sight* was shortlisted for a 2011 Ned Kelly Award for Best First Fiction. His last book was the historical crime novel *The Coves*.

## PRAISE FOR *THE COVES*

'*The Coves*... [is] a true gem, providing a vivid and visceral glimpse into a time-period characterised by extreme change and cultural tension.'  
*Better Reading*

'Whish-Wilson has again delivered a fast-paced, entertaining and smarter than average crime novel.'  
*The Weekend Australian*



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