## MEDIA RELEASE

# Geraldine

### by Andrea Thompson

'Positively wonderful. *Geraldine* opened my eyes, knotted my stomach, and warmed my heart.' Vanessa Thornton, Jebediah

'A fresh approach to gender diverse topics, focusing on moments of light and hope rather than dwelling in darkness - something I believe we need more of in the works on bookshop shelves.' Books+Publishing

#### **ABOUT THE BOOK**

The story of a woman who changes the world that wants to change her. Geraldine is born with an adventurer's heart. Whether it's escaping from boarding school in Rhodesia, or buying hormones from the local speed dealer in Weston-super-Mare, Geraldine is open to all the world has to offer — even if the world doesn't quite know what to make of her. Arriving in Australia as an adolescent, Geraldine finds solace and self-discovery through music. As she grows into a woman, she not only inspires others but also learns to be accepted for who she truly is.

#### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Andrea Thompson is a music journalist, and artist manager and promoter. Born in the north of England in the Swinging Sixties, Andrea has worked through a range of jobs including trades assistant



in the north-west of Western Australia, factory worker, teacher and public servant, but her one constant is writing. Whenever the world makes her doubt herself, Andrea writes her way through the uncertainty.

#### **NOTES**

- An uplifting read that references the music of the 60s and 70s, and the Australian music industry in the 80s and beyond.
- Touches on historically significant moments surrounding the politics of gender-inclusivity in Western Australia.
- Andrea Thompson is a gender-diverse woman and a father. She is also a music reviewer and band manager who writes about the music scene from the 1970s onward.
- Andrea is a playwright with a one-woman show at Fringe Perth in February 2025.



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