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Welcome to my August newsletter.

Here is an update on what I've been doing, what I'm reading and listening to and what is coming up.

(Of course if you would rather not receive any future newsletters please unsubscribe at the bottom of the page.)

Both my Daphnes are flowering!

Brilliant author and fabulous friend Anne Gracie gave me this lovely daphne to celebrate the release of *The Near Daphne Experience*. The scent is divine.

I'm crossing my fingers that my book is thriving as well as the plant!

I have been out and about visiting bookshops and meeting lots of amazing booksellers. It is such a privilege to chat with so many passionate lovers of books and get loads of recommendations. If you want to find the perfect book for you just ask a bookseller.



My Launch

July 17th was one of the most exciting days of my life. Thank you to everybody who helped me celebrate the launch of The Near Daphne Experience. Special thanks to the fabulous Anne Gracie, Affirm Press Sales Director Keiran Rogers, Jaye from Mary Martin books and Erica for the fabulous food from the Gasworks Café. A good time was had by all!



If you couldn't make it to my launch The Near Daphne Experience is now available in most book shops.

[Or purchase online here](#)

Cooking, Drinking and Reading

Some suggestions courtesy of Inside Gold Coast magazine.



TAKE A BREAK & BINGE ON THESE ...

Our local experts have found you the perfect trio, to shock and surprise you!



HOW dangerous could it be to help an old school friend find love?

The *Near Daphne Experience* is a witty, original debut novel from Australian author Alison Reynolds. It explores relationships and their breakdowns and how dangerous it can be to search for love.

Dr Daphne Buckley has been treating JC at the Peaceful Glades Psychiatric facility for some time. She has high hopes for his rehabilitation, even if she's the only one.

In search of her own great love, Daphne submits a classified to the paper. She is smart and determined but how good is her judge of character, really?

Told through a series of letters and other correspondence from her judgemental and smothering mother, her high school best friend and a rotating roster of other quirky and curious characters, *The Near Daphne Experience* will continue to shock and surprise you until the very last page.

BOOK: *The Near Daphne Experience* by Alison Reynolds RRP \$32.99.

Available at Bookface, Pacific Fair. T: 07 5592 1700



Book recommendation by Bookface's Store Manager Gina Martin.



GSM. What's that all about? It is an acronym for Grenache, Syrah, and Mourvedre. Three wine varieties that love to be blended together and are well known for their generally full-bodied, spicy, powerful and silky complex red fruit flavours with fantastic ageing potential.

From the Barossa Valley, Brave Souls GSM 2020 is approachable and delicious. Crimson red in colour, with lifted youthful redberry, cinnamon and anise spice aromas. A delicious, fleshy and rounded Grenache based wine with silky tannins and texture.

But - like all pedigree GSM wines - has the ability to mature well for the medium to longer term. Just like *The Near Daphne Experience* novel will surprise you until the very last page, this wine will leave wanting more until the last glass.

WINE: Brave Souls GSM 2020, Barossa Valley SA RRP \$25.

Available at Somm Wine Store, 2245 Gold Coast Hwy, Mermaid Beach. T: 07 5647 6057



Wine recommendation by Somm Wine Store's Joe Caruso.

IM trying to grow the idea of chocolate as a food and flavour experience. Sure, classics are classics for a reason but there's also room for contemporary updates and experimentation. Bold combinations of flavours. Chocolates that almost don't look like chocolate.

If you're a chocolate lover ready to try something surprising and new, the *Tasmanian Pepperberry Caramel filled chocolate pralines* might be just the thing. Originally created for a client who wanted to showcase native Australian flavours for their international guests. It certainly does that.

The caramel provides the richness and sweetness we all love and it's cut through with the fruity, earthy and fragrant pepperberry. A unique Aussie flavour bomb inside a fine dark chocolate shell. The Tasmanian pepperberry is an exciting bushfood you can use in both sweet and savoury dishes. It adds depth and character to the classic caramel and pairs well with chocolate. Spice up your life!

CHOCOLATE: *Tasmanian Pepperberry Caramel - 12 chocolate pralines* RRP \$33.

Made to order for you by Little Cocoa. www.littlecocoa.com.au

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Chocolate recommendation by Little Cocoa's Alicia Chapman.



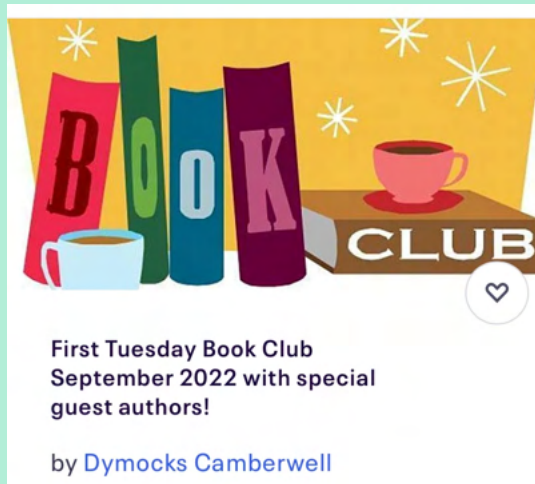
Upcoming Events

Port Fairy Literary Weekend. September 2-4

I am so excited to be appearing at the Port Fairy Literary Weekend. There is a fabulous line up of authors and special events. Port Fairy is one of my favourite towns and we have been holidaying there for many years. If you have never been there this is a great excuse to make the effort and see what you have been missing while being entertained by some of Australia's top authors.



[Tickets for Port Fairy Literary Weekend here.](#)



Dymocks Camberwell First Tuesday Book Club, September 6th.

Being a long time Rivoli and Dymocks Camberwell customer I am thrilled to be part of the panel for their First Tuesday Book Club in September. It is always a fascinating night with a great selection of authors sharing their journey and providing an insight into their latest book. I would love to see you there, and make sure you say hello after the event.

Tickets available here but be quick it does sell out!

[Tickets for First Tuesday Book Club here](#)

My reading pile!



I have just finished the wonderful *The Rake's Daughter* by [Anne Gracie](#). So good! Witty and warm with such real characters, I really cared what happened to them.

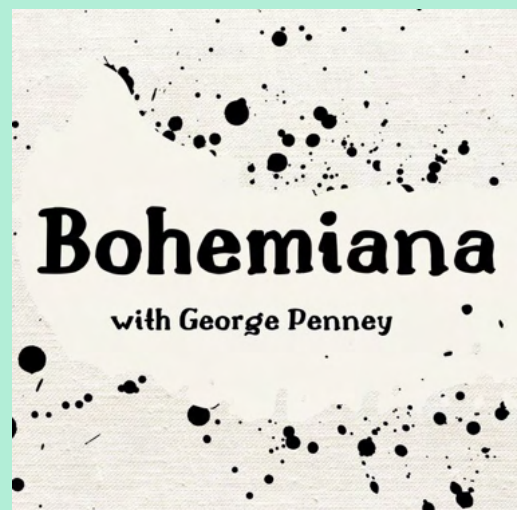
What I am listening to.

Bohemiana

I felt so privileged to be invited to be a guest on George Penney's *Bohemiana* Podcast. George is a fiction author who welcomes writers, performers, artists and other fascinating people who've forged an unconventional life. George's warmth and humour provide guests with a space to talk about what they're most passionate about in whatever way they'd like.

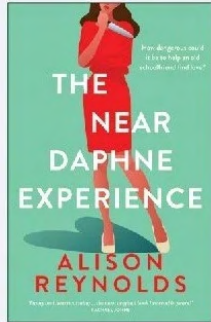
Episodes dropping every Tuesday.

[Available here](#)



(True confession I haven't been able to bring myself to listen to my episode. I had so much fun and was so engrossed I have no idea what

Some nice words about The Near Daphne Experience



THE NEAR DAPHNE EXPERIENCE

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Daphne is a psychiatrist living in Victoria's western district.

Among her patients is Jonathan Cullinan, a psychopath who killed his sister and writes to Myra Hindley. Away from work, Daphne is searching for the great love of her life, aided by much advice from her mother, Mariana, and high school best friend, Celeste, wife of Digby and mother of Emily and Tom.

Daphne believes love is just around the corner. There are plenty of options, from respondents to her 'looking for love' classified,

or dates with men that Mariana finds for her. Even ponytailed advertising man Harley, who attracts women like bees to honey, might be the one. If only Daphne would listen to Mariana's advice – which she sees as helpful, but Daphne finds overbearing.

We never hear from Daphne herself, but through emails, letters and text messages from Mariana, Celeste, Harley, Digby, Johnathan and others, we go on a hilarious journey through Daphne's love quest – and all the other messy aspects of her life – and find out just how far Daphne will go to achieve her goal.

Sometimes love is found in unexpected places – and sometimes it's right under your nose. This epistolary novel is clever, funny and had me laughing out loud.

★★★★☆ Affirm Press \$29.99

Reviewed by Melinda Woledge

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I was trying to take a photo of the city lit up pink to salute Olivia Newton-John and somehow ended up with this photo!



Until next time... Warmest wishes, Alison

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