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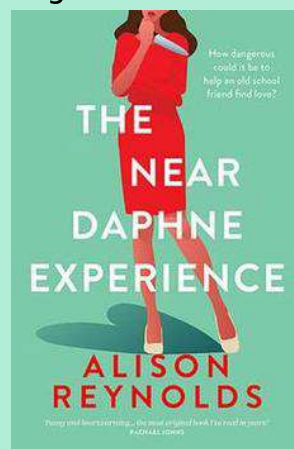
Welcome to my latest newsletter.

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

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Novel Update.

After what seems forever The Near Daphne Experience is out. Hopefully you can find it in your favourite bookshop. I am so thrilled to let it go out into the world!



[Purchase online here](#)

In other news.

After weeks and weeks of wafting around in Melbourne's long summer, winter hit with a thud. I don't know why but the cold of a Melbourne winter always surprises me. But I'm loving the chance to wear scarves and coats and curl up on the couch to catch up on my reading. I'm also busy writing my next adult novel while doing publicity for *The Near Daphne Experience*. Everybody's invited to my book launch on July 17. More details later in the newsletter.

The KidLitVic Meet the Publishers conference back in May was a huge success. Hundreds of children and YA writers and illustrators had the opportunity to meet Australia's finest publishers, editors and agents. The support of the children's literary community, both creators and publishers, for this conference always astounds me. The publishers are generous and wise and the creators are amazing. Contracts have already be signed following on from this year's event! There are advantages to the conference being held online, but you can never recreate the buzz of all being together in the one room. Maybe next year...

My First Review

Readers who loved Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman will love The Near Daphne Experience by Alison Reynolds

Alison Reynolds has written a warm, witty, slow burn of a novel that blindsides you with a perfectly crafted twist that will leave you both cackling in delight and sitting up in shock. Both deliciously evil and evilly delicious, The Near Daphne Experience is crafted in a way that puts the reader at the center of the story. Through emails, letters and text messages from friends and family, we get a picture of this psychiatrist looking for love and slowly realise that the Daphne that her friends and family see, may not be the real Daphne after all.

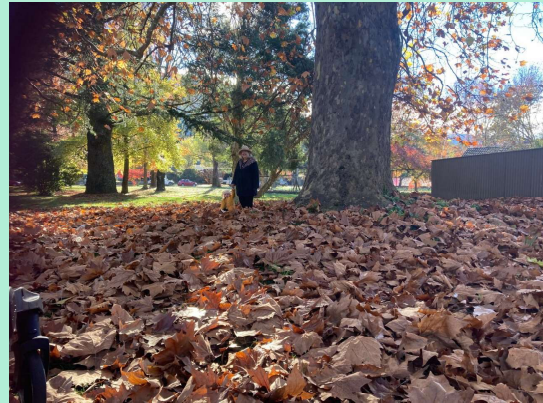
Reynolds is a master of both comedy and tension and by the time I was a quarter of the way through the book, it had grabbed me and I couldn't put it down. It was a read-in-one-sitting experience with a pay-off "gotcha" moment that is so rare in fiction and such a delight when it's right.

The Near Daphne Experience is something you have to experience yourself. If I could give it 6 stars I would.

Good Reads - Georgina Penney

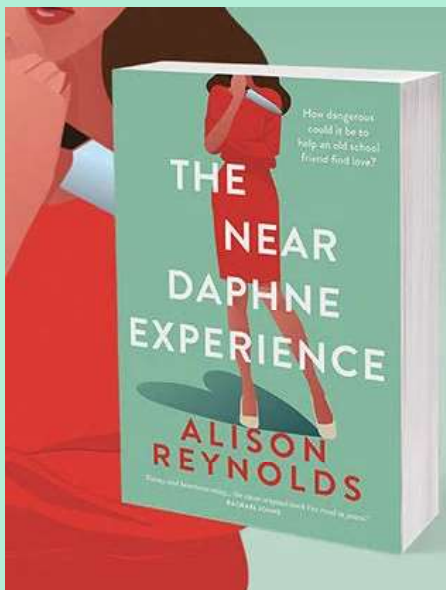
Where have I been?

After the conference, I had a fun-filled weekend in Bright with family. Autumn leaves fell, the air was crisp and rowdy board games at night. Who else likes to play board games?



We visited Wandiligong where many years ago our family participated in a tree planting in the gully. The bare landscape now overflows with mature trees. (That's how old my children are now!)

The General Store hasn't changed though!



BOOK LAUNCH

THE NEAR DAPHNE EXPERIENCE

Sunday 17 July 3pm
Gasworks Theatre Foyer,
Albert Park

I would love you to help me celebrate the launch of my debut adult book, **THE NEAR DAPHNE EXPERIENCE!** There will be drinks and nibbles and a Q & A with the amazing and amusing writer Anne Gracie.

It's free, but please book through Trybooking below as there are limited tickets.

I would love to see some of you there! Please RSVP by 11th July 2022.

[Book Here](#)

What I have been reading.



What I am listening to.

Desert Island Discs

I've been listening to Desert island Discs, a BBC institution that's been on air since 1942. There are more than 3,000 episodes to choose from.

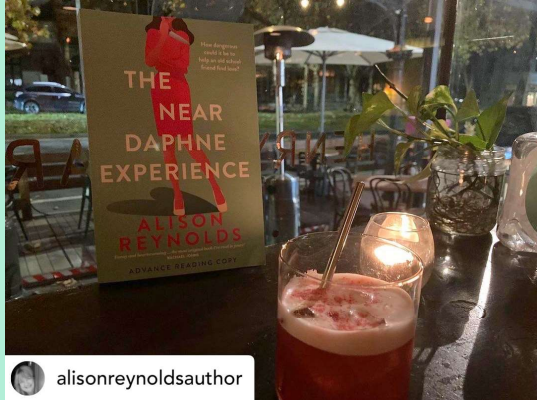
Each guest chooses 8 recordings, a book and a luxury that they would take if marooned on a desert island. It's fascinating to hear voices and stories of different people, often long gone. I often find the most



interesting ones are about people I've never heard of.

Looking for a Daphne Cocktail?

Then head to Henry Sugar in 298 Rathdowne St, North Carlton. Tell them I sent you! It's delicious!



I love a turnstile in the middle of nowhere! Why would they even need one in the middle of a paddock? Expecting crowds?



**Until next time... Warmest wishes,
Alison**

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