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**Gerald Murnane** was born in Melbourne in 1939. He has left Victoria only a handful of times and has never been on an aeroplane. His first novel, *Tamarisk Row*, was published in 1974, and was followed by seven other works of fiction, most recently, *Barley Patch*. He has also published a collection of essays, *Invisible Yet Enduring Lilacs* (2005). In 1999, Gerald Murnane won the Patrick White Award. In 2009 he won the Melbourne Prize for Literature.

**Wayne Macauley** is the author of three novels, *Blueprints for a Barbed-Wire Canoe* (2004), *Caravan Story* (2007) and *The Cook* (2011), and the short fiction collection *Other Stories* (2010). He lives in Melbourne.

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