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James Boyce is the multiple award-winning author of *Born Bad, 1835* and *Van Diemen's Land*. He has a PhD from the University of Tasmania, where he is an honorary research associate of the School of Geography and Environmental Studies.

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