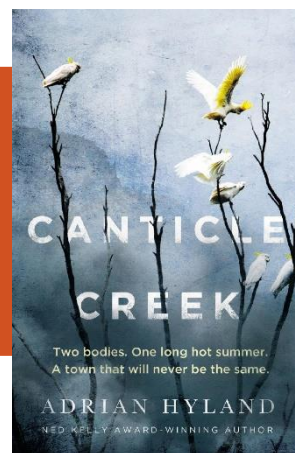




# Canticle Creek

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## Author Background

Adrian Hyland spent many years in the Northern Territory, living and working among First Nations people. He now teaches at LaTrobe University and lives in the north-east of Melbourne. His first novel, *Diamond Dove*, won the 2007 Ned Kelly Award for Best First Fiction.

His books have been published internationally, including in Britain and the US, and translated into a variety of languages, including German, French, Swedish and Czech.

## Book Summary

Two bodies. One long hot summer. A town that will never be the same.

When Adam Lawson's wrecked car is found a kilometre from Daisy Baker's body, the whole town assumes it's an open and shut case. But Jesse Redpath isn't from Canticle Creek. Where she comes from, the truth often hides in plain sight, but only if you know where to look.

When Jesse starts to ask awkward questions, she uncovers a town full of contradictions and a cast of characters with dark pasts, secrets to hide and even more to lose.

As the temperature soars, and the ground bakes, the wilderness surrounding Canticle Creek becomes a powder keg waiting to explode.

All it needs is one spark.

## Discussion Questions

- ❖ What was your favourite part of the book?
- ❖ How did you experience the book? Were you engaged immediately, or did it take you a while to "get into it"? How did you feel reading it—amused, sad, disturbed, confused, bored...?
- ❖ Are the main characters dynamic—changing or maturing by the end of the book? Do they learn about themselves, how the world works and their role in it?
- ❖ What surprised you most about the book?
- ❖ Did this book remind you of any other books?
- ❖ How has the past shaped the lives of the characters?
- ❖ Would you read another book by this author? Why or why not?
- ❖ What feelings did this book evoke for you?
- ❖ Is the ending satisfying? If so, why? If not, why not... and how would you change it?
- ❖ If you could hear this same story from another person's point of view, who would you choose?

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