



Blueprints for a Barbed-Wire Canoe

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Blueprints for a Barbed-Wire Canoe, Wayne Macauley's first novel, is a bitingly dark take on the great Australian dream. Fable-like, effortlessly readable and ultimately moving, it shows us the depth of Macauley's talent.

Bram and his fellow residents are drawn by a dream: the promise of a freeway leading to a new suburb north of the city. The houses are built, but the freeway never comes. One by one, the dreamers leave, until only a small, hardcore group is left, including Bram, One-eyed Michael, and Michael's self-possessed daughter Jodie. As the disused houses crumble around them they barricade themselves in. They have a gun, a bulldozer, and a hellbent determination to stay till the end, whatever, whenever, that is. But the authorities have other ideas.

Wayne Macauley is a Melbourne writer. He is the author of three highly acclaimed novels, *Blueprints for a Barbed-Wire Canoe*, *Caravan Story* and *The Cook*.

'Wayne Macauley has the soul of a poet and his surreal novella is stunningly written...It is a satire of exquisite poise and confidence...If more Australian literature was of this calibre, we'd be laughing.' *Age*

'[It was] like falling into a bale of barbed wire in the dark and fighting to get out till morning. The more I struggled, the more it got under my skin.' *Bulletin*

'A salutary fable about the horrors awaiting our disaffected modern citizenry...lasting visual images and resonant symbolism.' *Sydney Morning Herald*

'Bewitching...ethereal...hallucinatory...In an era when many Australian novelists are playing it safe...Wayne Macauley is an ambitious talent worth watching.' *Wet Ink*

'Tapping the hidden heart of a different Australia...this is original Australian writing at its best.' *Courier Mail*

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