



FRIENDS OF THE BAILLIEU LIBRARY

Annual Dinner

Wednesday 23 September 2015 7 pm for 7:30pm

Graduate house

220 Leicester Street, Carlton VIC 3053

Cost: \$90 per person, including 3-course meal and wine

Guest speaker : **Gideon Haigh**

Gideon Haigh has been a journalist for more than thirty years, contributed to more than a hundred newspapers and magazines, written thirty-one books and edited seven others.

His book *On Warne* won the British Sports Book Awards Best Cricket Book of the Year Award, the Cricket Society and MCC Book of the Year Award, the Jack Pollard Trophy, and the Waverley Library Nib Award; it was also shortlisted for the Australian Book Industry Awards Biography of the Year, the Victorian Premier's Literary Awards, and the Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature. *The Office: A Hardworking History* won the NSW Premier's Literary Awards Douglas Stewart Prize for Non-fiction. He won the John Curtin Prize for Journalism in the Victorian Premier's Literary Awards in 2006 for his essay "*Information Idol: How Google is making us stupid*".

Other recent titles include *Uncertain Corridors: Writings on Modern Cricket*, *End of the Road?* on Australia's automotive industry, *The Deserted Newsroom*, about media in a digital age; and *Asbestos House: The Secret History of James Hardie Industries*.



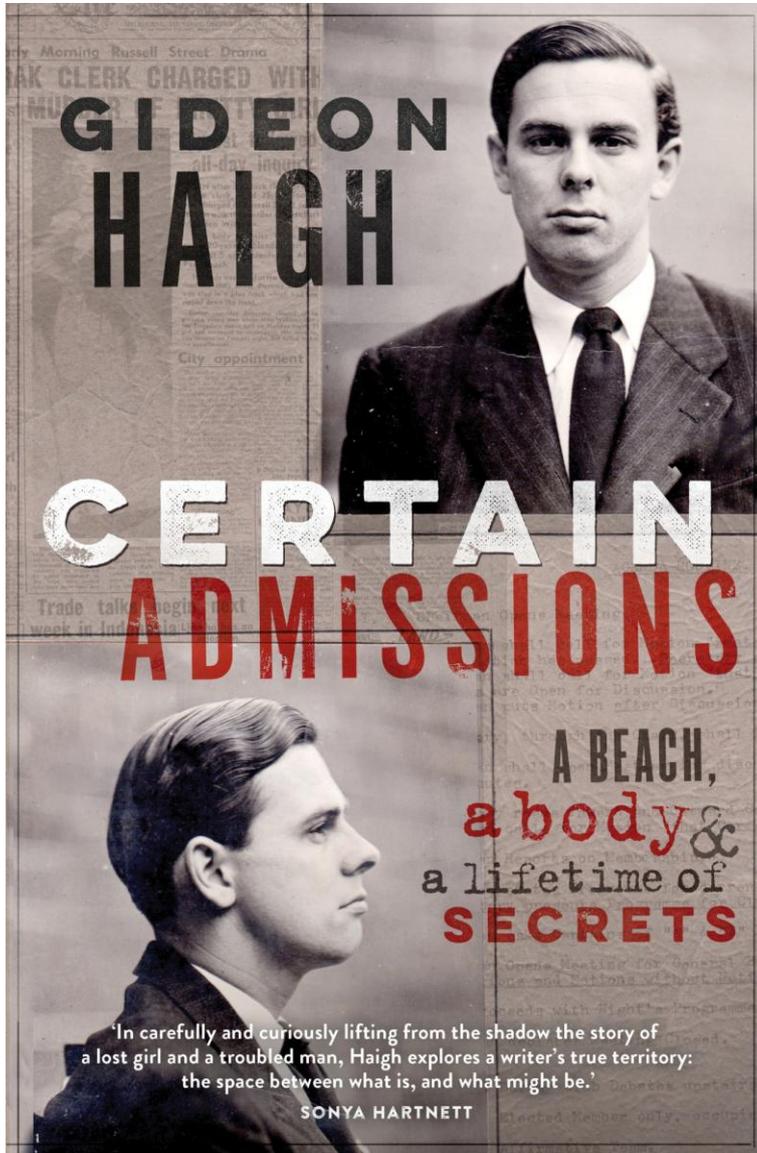
RSVP by Friday 18 September 2015 to:
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The Annual Dinner is the Friends' major fund raising event for the year,
We welcome all those interested in the Library to attend and consider joining the Friends.



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***Certain Admissions* is Australian true crime at its best, and stranger than any crime fiction. It is real-life police procedural, courtroom drama, family saga, investigative journalism, social history, archival treasure hunt - a meditation, too, on how the past shapes the present, and the present the past.**

On a warm evening in December 1949, two young people met by chance under the clocks at Flinders Street railway station. They decided to have a night on the town. The next morning, one of them, twenty-year-old typist Beth Williams, was found dead on Albert Park Beach. When police arrested the other, Australia was transfixed: twenty-four-year-old John Bryan Kerr was a son of the establishment, a suave and handsome commercial radio star educated at Scotch College, and Harold Holt's next-door neighbour in Toorak.

Police said he had confessed. Kerr denied it steadfastly. There were three dramatic trials attended by enormous crowds, a relentless public campaign proclaiming his innocence involving the first editorials against capital punishment in Australia. For more than a decade Kerr was a Pentridge celebrity, a poster boy for rehabilitation – a fame that burdened him the rest of his life. Then, shortly after his death, another man confessed to having murdered Williams. But could he be believed?

'The trial of John Bryan Kerr was the first murder trial that I read about in detail, as a boy of eleven. I longed, even then, to know the whole story. Gideon Haigh's book has made the wait worthwhile.' **Gerald Murnane** *'Gideon Haigh understands the real tragedy of murder - it is never really solved.'* **P. M. Newton**



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Names of Guests	
Dietary Requirements	

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Joining the Friends allows you to support the University Library collection.

For more information on the **Friends of the Baillieu Library** see...

<http://www.unimelb.edu.au/culturalcollections/links/baillieufriends.html>

The University of Melbourne Library has a long history of support by friends since George McArthur gave his outstanding collection to the University over 100 years ago. This was the Library's first major bequest. Since then, the Library has received many gifts, including works from collectors' own libraries and bequests or donations which have allowed it to acquire many outstanding publications. The Library still needs the active support of Friends to help it buy items of special importance. Without the support of the *Friends of the Baillieu Library*, rare books are increasingly beyond the Library's means. The value of the work of the *Friends* is amply demonstrated by their help in acquiring many notable works.

Free Parking is available for those attending functions at Graduate House, Enter from Church Street (off Bouverie Street)

