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Adelaide Plains Library to Host Authors

Mercedes Mercier and Denise Picton – In Conversation

Adelaide Plains Library is proud to announce Mercedes Mercier and Denise Picton as our guest speakers at the *Two Wells Bowling Club*, Old Port Wakefield Road, on Tuesday 25 October 2022 commencing at 1.00pm.

Released in June 2022, Mercedes Mercier's debut novel **White Noise** is an edge-of-your-seat crime thriller. When prison psychologist Dr Laura Fleming is assigned charismatic inmate Justin Jones to assess for parole, alarm bells ring. Working with some of the state's most damaged criminals, she knows Jones is too dangerous to release, but he's got everyone fooled...

Also released in June 2022, Denise Picton's debut novel **The Family String** is set in 1960s Adelaide and centres on a family of Christadelphians. It is a darkly funny and poignant coming of age story that explores a fraught mother-daughter dynamic, and the secrets adults keep from their children.

Mercedes Mercier works in the criminal justice system, providing her unique insight into the world of prisons, crime and offenders. After a brush with death, Mercedes decided to throw herself into life. She lived overseas, become a black belt in Karate, skydived, and volunteered with animals. She is currently writing her second novel, to be published in 2023.

Following a career in human services management, Denise Picton established her own consulting company that sopped up most of her energy for several decades. It didn't stop her writing, however, publishing poetry and short fiction over the years. When she was in her mid-fifties, it occurred to her that if she didn't write a novel soon, she may need an aged care support person to hold the pen for her when she finally got around to it.

Both Mercedes and Denise live in Adelaide. Hear them in conversation as they discuss their writing and publishing journeys, their inspirations and their very different stories.

White Noise and **The Family String** will be available for purchase on the day, courtesy of QBD Books. Payment can be made via EFTPOS. It is essential to book your seats for this free event (which includes a complimentary afternoon tea) by contacting the Two Wells Library during opening hours on (08) 8520 2100 or library@apc.sa.gov.au.

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