

LOCUST SUMMER

by **DAVID ALLAN-PETALE**

ABOUT THE BOOK

On the cusp of summer, 1986, Rowan Brockman's mother asks if he can come home to Septimus in the Western Australian Wheatbelt to help with the harvest. Rowan's brother Albert, the natural heir to the farm, has died and Rowan's dad's health is failing. Although he longs to, there is no way that Rowan can refuse his mother's request as she prepares the farm for sale.

This is the story of the final harvest – the story of a young man in a place he doesn't want to be, being given one last chance to make peace before the past, and those he has loved, disappear.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

David Allan-Petale is a writer living between bush and sea north of Perth, Western Australia. He worked for many years as a journalist in WA with the ABC and internationally with BBC World. Written while travelling the globe over five years, *Locust Summer* was shortlisted for the *The Australian Vogel's* Literary Award (2017) and was developed through a fellowship at Varuna, the Writers' House.



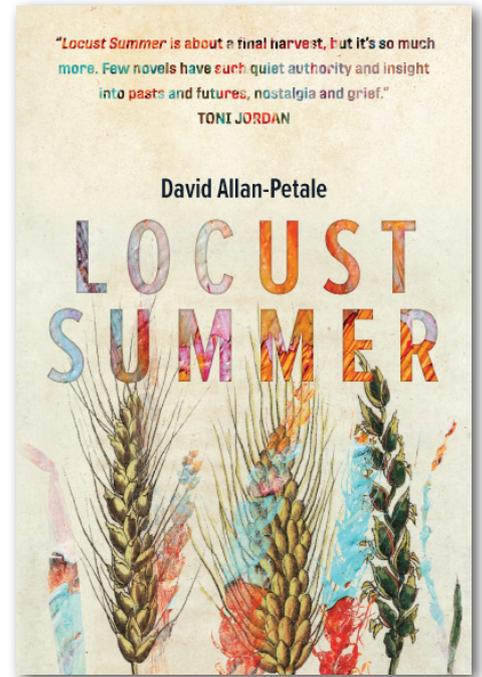
KEY POINTS

- David runs the travel blog Double-Barrelled Travel, sharing his family's journeys.
- He trained in broadcasting at the Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts and has extensive experience working in television, in front of and behind the camera, as well as on radio making him a strong talent for media and events.
- *Locust Summer* was shortlisted for *The Australian Vogel's* Literary Award

PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

'*Locust Summer* is about a final harvest, but it's so much more. Few novels have such quiet authority and insight into pasts and futures, nostalgia and grief.' Toni Jordan

'Authentic, true, and moving ... This writer will break your heart and fix it again, all within a paragraph. A real talent.' Ben Hobson



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