

MEDIA RELEASE

THE HOUSE OF FICTION

SUSAN SWINGLER

ABOUT THE BOOK

Susan Swingler is the step-daughter of one of Australia's most revered writers – Elizabeth Jolley. Abandoned by her father Leonard at the age of four, Susan had no contact with the Jolley family until they found and reclaimed her at the age of twenty-one. Why they were kept apart is the subject of this startling new memoir.

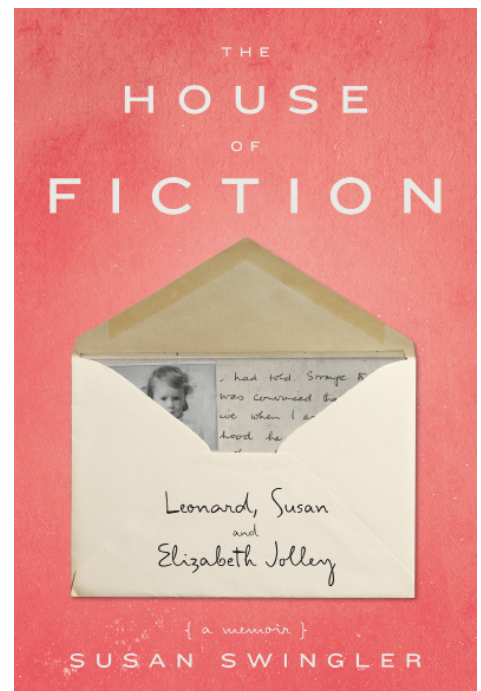
The House of Fiction tells the story of Swingler's quest to find her father. As she painstakingly traces and documents clues to a better understanding of Leonard, she inadvertently unravels an intricate fiction created by Elizabeth Jolley to protect those she loves.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Susan Swingler was born in Birmingham, UK, and lives in rural Gloucestershire. Her jobs have ranged from freelance photographer to gardener, university lecturer to curator and researcher. She and her husband travel widely and have made regular visits to Australia since the late 1970s.

KEY POINTS

- Free book club notes available online.
- The author will be touring in May 2012 with appearances at the Sydney Writers Festival, the Avid Reader (Brisbane), Beaufort Street Books (Perth), The Lane Bookshop (Perth), The Fremantle Library and the Albany Town Hall
- A must-read for Elizabeth Jolley scholars, Swingler has had special access to a limited number of private papers in the embargoed Jolley collection currently held in the Mitchell Library.
- A complex and poignant memoir about a woman's search for her father, the book will appeal to general readers and Jolley fans alike.



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