

The SAWDUST HOUSE

by DAVID WHISH-WILSON

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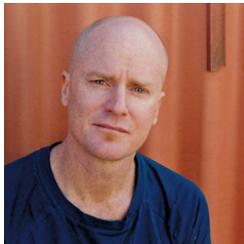
This sweeping tale of a larger-than-life figure is a must-read for lovers of historical fiction.

ABOUT THE BOOK

San Francisco, 1856. Irish-born James ‘Yankee’ Sullivan is being held in jail by the Committee of Vigilance, which aims to rout the Australian criminals from the town. As Sullivan’s mistress, seeks his release and as his fellow prisoners are taken away to be hanged, the convict tells a story of triumph and tragedy: of his daring escape from penal servitude in Australia; how he became America’s most celebrated boxer; and how he met the true love of his life.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

David Whish-Wilson was born in Newcastle, NSW, but grew up in Singapore, Victoria and WA. He left Australia aged 18 to live for a decade in Europe, Africa and Asia. David lives in Fremantle and coordinates the creative writing program at Curtin University.

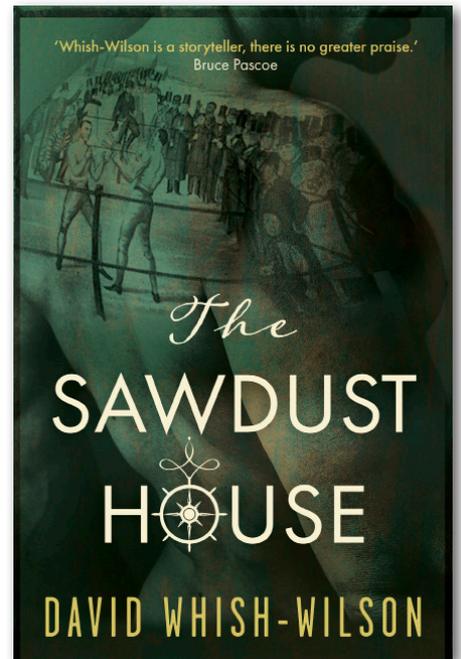


KEY POINTS

- David has published six crime novels: *The Summons*, *Line of Sight*, *Zero at the Bone*, *Old Scores*, *True West* and *Shore Leave*. *Line of Sight* was shortlisted for a Ned Kelly Award for Best First Fiction in 2011 and *True West* was shortlisted for a Ned Kelly Award for Best Crime Fiction in 2020.
- His novel *The Coves* is set in San Francisco, just prior to the story of Yankee Sullivan, which is told in *The Sawdust House*.

PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

‘Whish-Wilson is a storyteller, there is no greater praise. He tells stories, rather than embellish cafés and cloisters with flourishes designed to suggested a sense of purpose. The craft can be seen in the research but the art is in the passionate use of language.’ Bruce Pascoe



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