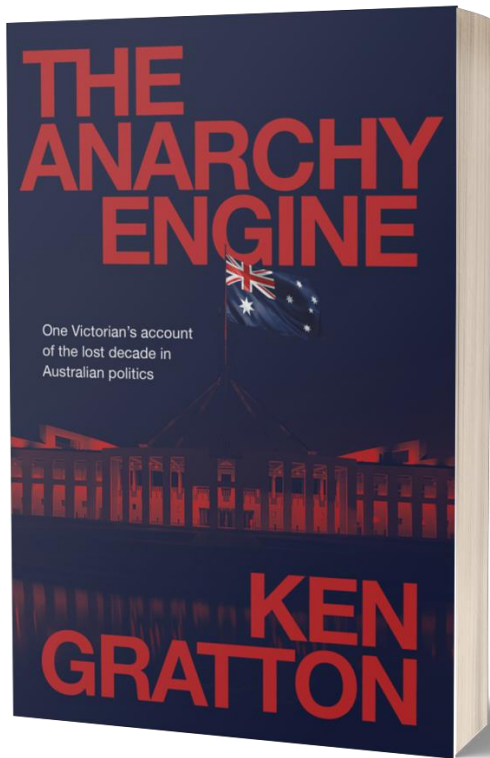


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This is the full story, covering all the scandals, the mistakes, and the ultimate cover-ups.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Ken Gratton finished secondary school with little idea of what he wanted to do. After bumming around in clerical jobs for a few years he joined the Royal Australian Air Force to study Mandarin Chinese and then gather information concerning China for the Australian government. After leaving the RAAF he worked as a building control room operator in the unexpectedly dynamic environment of Melbourne Central Shopping Centre. Eventually he talked his way into writing automotive news, reviews and advice for carsales.com.au, and retired only recently. Ken lives in Melbourne's eastern suburbs with his wife Jenni and two adult children.

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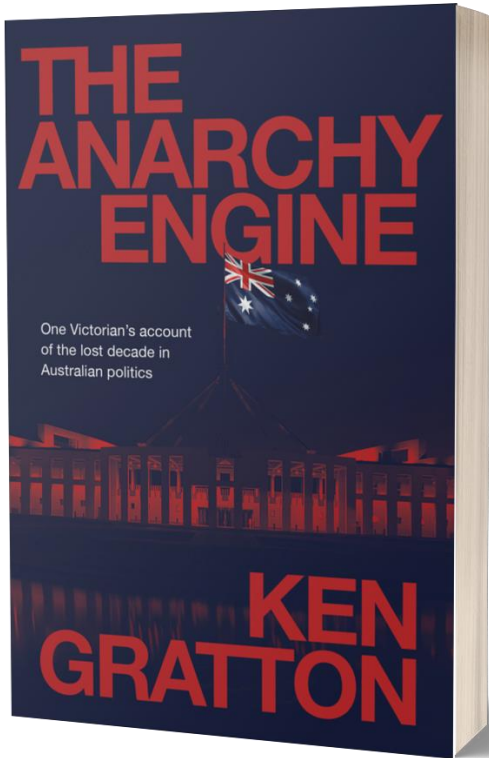
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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

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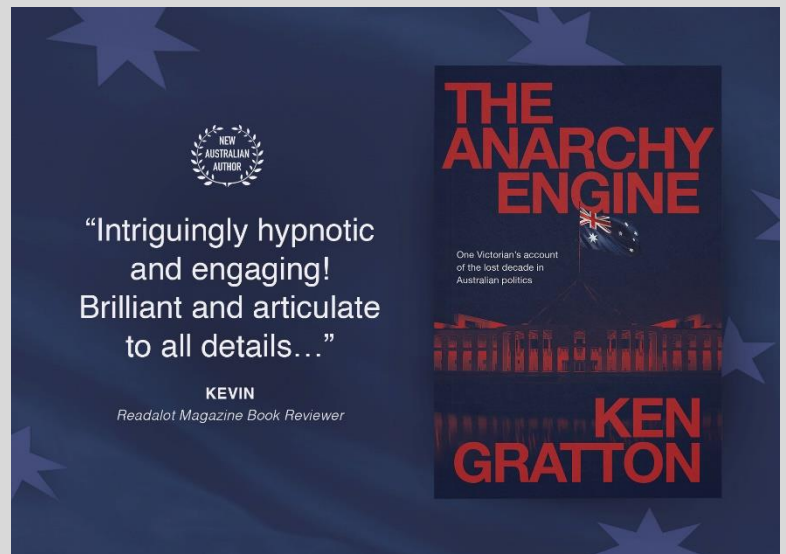
I was inspired by the convergence of events that have left us where we are at present – the Covid-19 pandemic, war in the Ukraine, the rise of populist politicians and climate change – all these things have compelled me to question whether our political system is fit for purpose. And if not, why not?

WHAT WAS YOUR HARDEST SCENE TO WRITE?

It wasn't a scene so much as a chapter. Writing about my early life was hard, because I knew I could maintain a cracking pace writing about political figures and events... but how do you render your own life in a way that's remotely interesting? Since it's at the very start of the book I didn't want readers nodding off before they got to the good bits.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR FUTURE BOOKS?

I would like to write about the 2022 Victorian state election, because that's shaped up to be every bit the hiccup in the space/time continuum as the federal election had been.



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