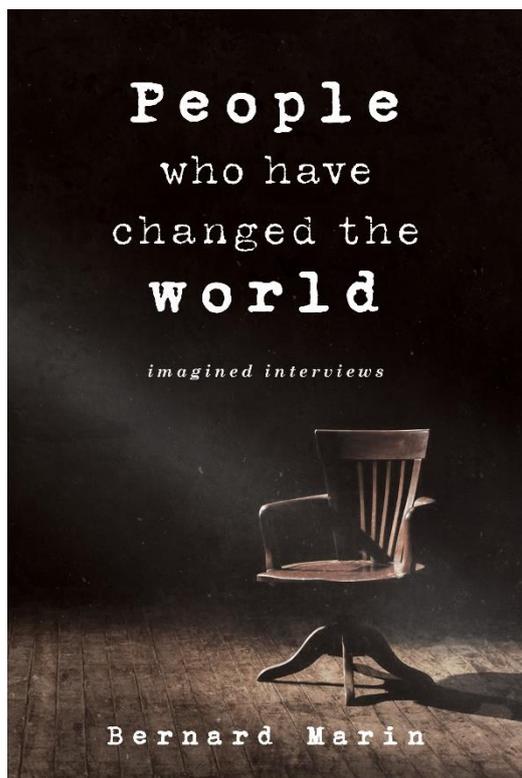


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Join Bernard as he embarks on a scintillating, amusing and – at times – confronting literary journey through time and place to meet some of the giants of history. The result of a great deal of research into the life stories of the interview subjects and studied through both primary sources – those written by the characters – as well as articles, books and films made about them.

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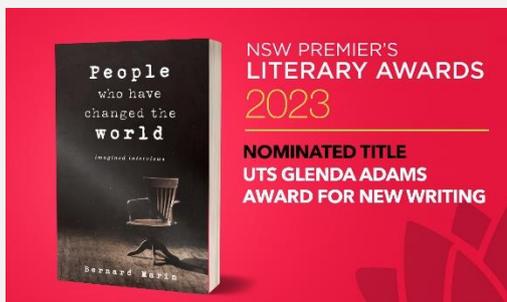
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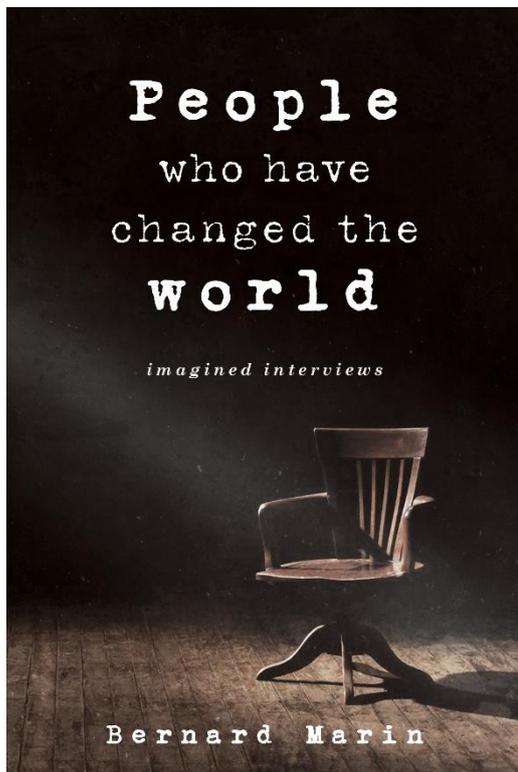
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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

WHY DID YOU WRITE 'PEOPLE WHO HAVE CHANGED THE WORLD'? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

I've always been fascinated by the lives of those great figures who have moulded and shaped our world.

I set myself the task of writing about seven of the 20th century's intellectual giants. I thought a fictional interview format would be an innovative way to proceed.

Through the back-and-forth banter between interviewer and interviewee I've sought to offer insights into the personalities, passions and foibles of Albert Einstein, Sigmund Freud, Marie Curie, John Maynard Keynes, Simon de Beauvoir, John Stuart Mill and Mother Teresa.

The object of the exercise being to share my fascination with these salient figures of history.

These stories present the good, the bad and sometimes the ugly sides of these complex historic characters.

WHAT DREW YOU TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE BOOK AND ALSO THESE CHARACTERS WITHIN?

I read Sigmund Freud's biography when I was at university and studied John Maynard Keynes.

Despite all their intellectual brilliance; despite all their outsized influence on the shape of our world; at the end of the day the characters that populate this book were human.

With all the frailties and fallibilities; all the imperfections and inconsistencies that humanity entails. This doesn't mean they should be elevated above criticism. But it does mean that we should assess them in their entirety. Achievements should be weighed against misadventures; Virtues measured against vices; Milestones surpassed weighed against hypocrisies uncovered. And however large their feet of clay might have been, we must still recognise the immense contribution each one of them made to life as we know it today.

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