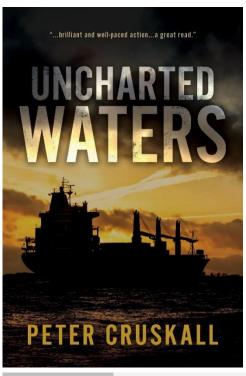
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AN UNEXPECTED TELEPHONE CALL FROM AN ANONYMOUS INFORMANT INTENSIFIES THE FOCUS...

Australian Federal Police detective Jack Wagner is conducting his own investigation into the importation of enriched cocaine that has become the drug of choice for the financiers and stockbrokers of Sydney's leafy eastern suburbs.

Social justice lawyer Melissa Wu is being actively pursued by mysterious backers to nominate as a candidate for a seat in the New South Wales parliament.

Highly regarded Sydney Daily News reporter, Julie-Anne Granger is back investigating her favourite subject matter; that being Chinese interference in Australian political, corporate and domestic life.

Then she receives a telephone call from an anonymous informant that intensifies her focus.

An Australian Maritime Safety Authority analyst identifies unusual navigational behaviour of a cargo ship near the Great Barrier Reef which brings Julie-Anne, Jack and Melissa together to investigate with high cost for all

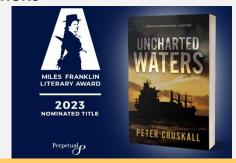
AUTHOR BIO

Peter Cruskall has been an avid reader of contemporary fiction for many years. He has read in excess of five hundred books in the past decade particularly from such globally successful authors as James Patterson, Lee Child, David Baldacci, Tara Moss and Stella Rimington.

In early 2020, being semi-retired, and with Melbourne plunged into lockdown, Peter needed to discover new activities to occupy his time and maintain his sanity. He decided to challenge himself, put pen to paper and embark on a new journey as an author. *Uncharted Waters* is his first book along that journey.

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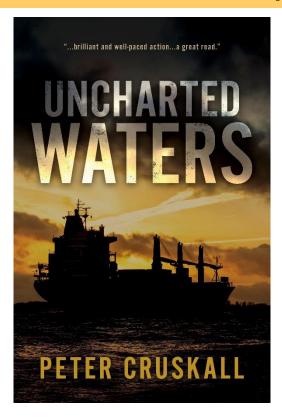
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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

WHY DID YOU WRITE 'UNCHARTED WATERS'? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

I was 300 pages into a book by a well-known, successful international fiction author and nothing of consequence had occurred. I thought to myself "I think I might be able to write a fiction book", so I got up at 4:30 one morning and started to write. Frustration led to inspiration.

Secondly, I was inspired by Tara Moss' character Makedde Vanderwall who is an intelligent, strong, dynamic woman. My character, Julie-Anne Granger is similarly a tall, attractive woman with black hair and an athletic figure. She made the move from regional television to Sydney where she was offered a role as an investigative journalist for the Sydney Daily News.

HOW HAD YOU DECIDED ON THE BEST CHARACTERS FOR THE BOOK?

I was inspired by Tara Moss' character Makedde Vanderwall who is an attractive, intelligent, strong, dynamic woman. Investigative journalist Julie-Anne Granger has similar traits. Jack Wagner, the Australian Federal Police detective is similar in personality to James Patterson's character, NYPD Detective Michael Bennett.

HOW DO YOU CREATE OR MODEL YOUR CHARACTERS TO FIT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STORY AND THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE READERS?

I endeavour to make the characters relatable by setting them goals, tossing up obstacles, creating conflict and showing their emotional, romantic, and comedic sides. As a part of their emotional traits, I try to create a sense of inner conflict as they navigate their way through life.

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

The ever-present media commentary surrounding all things China and in particular that country's attempts at political interference in Australia. Money laundering through high profile casinos is also a prominent topic in 2020 and the two issues intersect in this book.

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