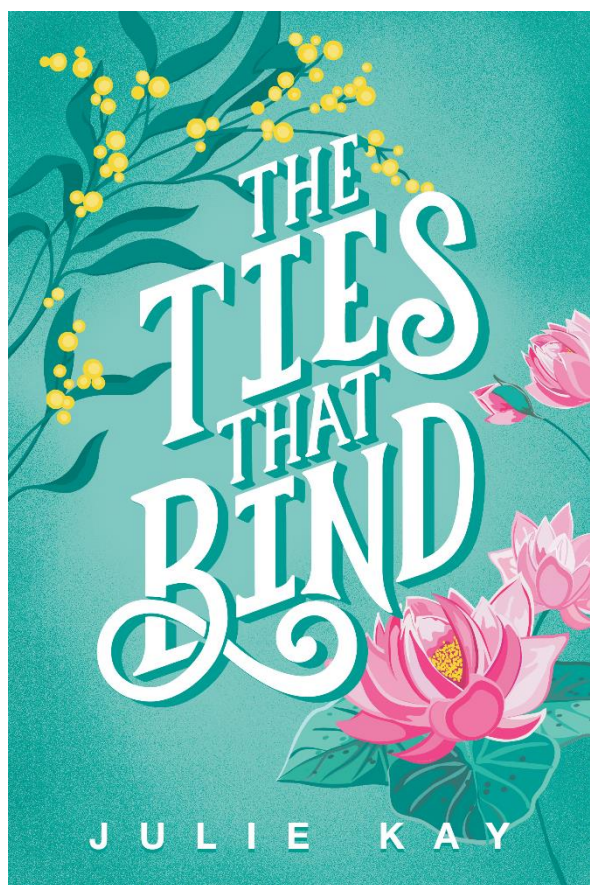


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Spread across both time and place, *The Ties That Bind* is a journey of healing and love but not one that shies away from the pain that comes from the intensity of both.

When two worlds collide, peace can be found on both sides...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Julie Kay grew up in the beautiful Melbourne bayside suburb of Chelsea. After completing her schooling she became a dental nurse. As a young adult Julie travelled the world, living and working in London, Israel and Greece. At the end of her overseas travels she went to live in Alice Springs where she got a job working for the Royal Flying Doctors Service going out to the Aboriginal communities as a dental nurse. In her late twenties Julie came home to Melbourne where she worked as a school dental nurse during the day and studied at night.

In 1992 she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in English Literature and Sociology. At this time she married Jon and had two children. Her next career move was to become an integration aid in a school. Encouraged by her work colleagues she went back to university and got her Diploma of Education which enabled her to become a primary school teacher. Julie loves her vocation as an educator and manages to work full time, running a busy household and writing on the weekends.

In 2019 Julie wrote her first novel *Not My Father* which was loosely based on the life of her father during the Occupation of Japan. *The Ties That Bind* is her second novel with many more to come.

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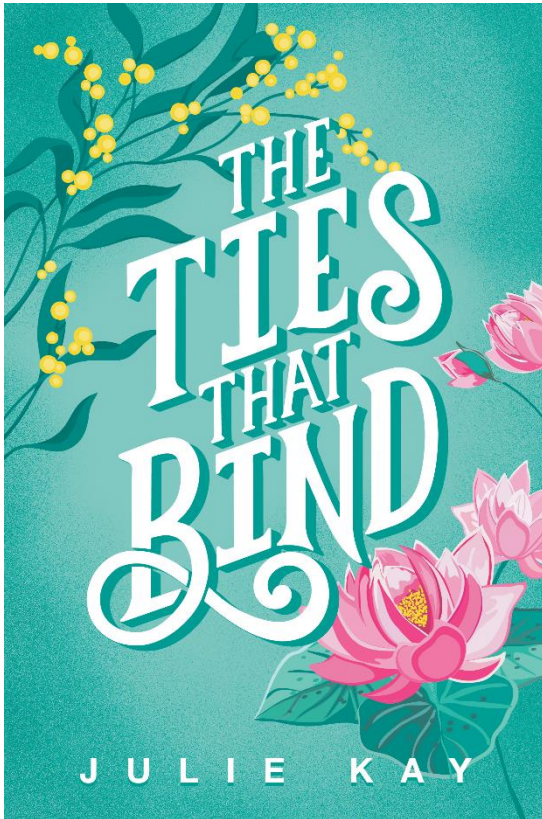
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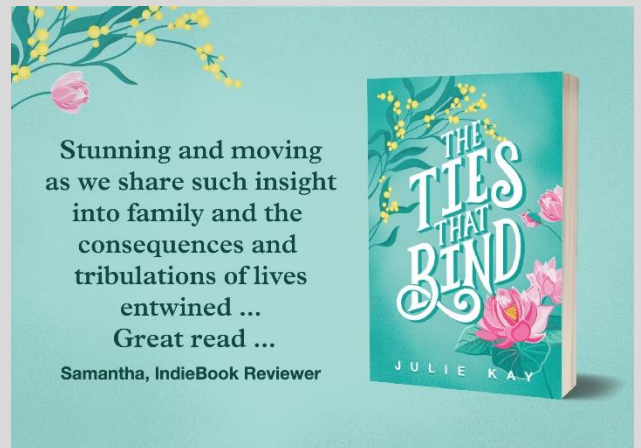
A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

WHAT INTERESTING EXPERIENCES DID YOU HAVE WHILE WRITING 'THE TIES THAT BIND'?

The character of Ree was only added to the story when I had finished writing the four main character parts. I was sitting around a pool in Port Douglas on holidays when the idea of adding Ree came to me. I wrote the whole part in ten days. When my editor read the story she made me practically rewrite the book by weaving Ree's character into the main part of the story. My best friend's name was Ree and she had passed away a few years before so I kind of felt that she was sitting on my shoulder helping me make the book better and more complete

HOW LONG ON AVERAGE DOES IT TAKE YOU TO WRITE A BOOK?

Because of COVID lockdown, this book was started at the end of 2019 and wasn't finished until the end of 2021. I was online teaching at the time, so I shelved the writing process until Melbourne's schools became face to face teaching again. I would have thought that I would be writing all the time during lockdown, but because I was teaching virtually I was over staring at a screen all day and couldn't bring myself to keep writing at night or weekends.



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