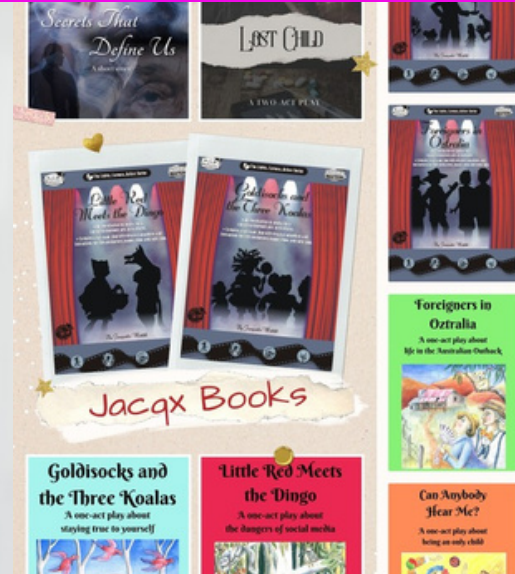


# JACQX MELILLI

AUTHOR, PLAYWRIGHT, WRITING COACH



## About Jacqx

Jacqx Melilli, author, playwright, writing coach, and workshop presenter, has a Master of Arts degree in Writing and Literature from Deakin University. Her latest publication, *When The Glitter Fades*, is an Australian historical fiction novel—a generational saga, love triangle revenge thriller set around vaudeville and circus performers touring Victoria during the Great Depression.

Jacqx Enterprises was founded in 2002 as Jacq of all Trades, Master of Writing, and has since evolved from offering copywriting and editing services for corporate clients to assisting people to write their memoirs.

Jacqx's creative journey includes:

- Acting in film, television and theatre, writing film scripts, and teaching drama
- Producing and directing award-winning short film, *Outside the Square*, *Hydro Scheme*, *Twin Red Riding Hoods*, *Goldisocks and the Three Koalas*
- Playwright of award-winning children's stage plays set in the Australian bush and outback
- Author of historical fiction novel, *When The Glitter Fades*, short story, *Secrets That Define Us*, four educational books on filmmaking and theatre production called the *Lights, Camera, Action series* by ReadyEd Publications, hundreds of articles, and book, film and theatre reviews
- Workshop facilitator for creative writing, and the popular *How to Write and Sell Your Memoir Even if You're Not Famous*.



Director of award-winning short film  
*Outside the Square*



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# HOW JACQX CAN HELP YOU LEAVE A LEGACY

## WORKSHOP PRESENTER

Jacqx's interest in true stories led her to assist people to write their memoirs as a way to leave a legacy of their life experience. As an experienced writing mentor and workshop presenter, Jacqx has designed an easy to follow course to get you started in writing your memoir.

Jacqx is willing to travel to present her workshops, whether you live in a city or a remote region. **A minimum of ten people is required to run a workshop.**

Expressions of interest can be sent to [info@jacqx.com](mailto:info@jacqx.com) for either a 90 minutes introductory workshop (in conjunction with a literary event, or online), a half day, full day, weekend or longer workshops in conjunction with writing retreats.

## ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Jacqx also provides online customised workshops for adults and children on creative writing or the popular How to Write and Sell Your Memoir Even if You're Not Famous.



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## TOPICS COVERED

- 1: The difference between a memoir and an autobiography.
- 2: Who will be your audience?
- 3: How to compile information
- 4: Researching the facts versus relying on memories
- 5: Interviewing skills
- 6: Laying out your chapters
- 7: Keeping the content interesting
- 8: Getting through the tough stuff
- 9: Working with a writing mentor or editor
- 10: Publication choices

Whether you want to write your memoir to leave a legacy of your life experiences for your family members, or to sell for commercial gain, Jacqx can help you in the process with options for visual storytelling, self publication, or approaching a traditional publisher for publication.

Jacqx has the expertise to help you on your journey to create a book you'll be proud to leave as a legacy.

## LinkedIn Client recommendations

### BEYONDEDGE

Jacqx was one of the best freelance writers we commissioned at Beyondedge. We used her scripts in the development of various eLearning courses including one on workplace policies using an immersive storytelling narrative. She also wrote and edited several course materials as per client specifications. Jacqx is an amicable hard working professional who we relied upon to deliver high quality scripts.

### ROD LOVELL AUTHOR OF FROM HERO TO ZERO

As a "newbie" to writing, I searched the 'net and thankfully found Jacqui. She has helped me, encouraged me, guided me, advised me and together we have (in my opinion) collaborated to produce an outstanding book. I have no hesitation in thoroughly recommending her skills and talents.

### SOUTHERN CROSS UNIVERSITY

Jacqui did some contract work for me at Southern Cross University on a range of marketing publications. Jacqui's ability to craft the right words to express what we wanted to say to our audience was outstanding. In addition to this core skill Jacqui was dedicated, performance orientated and a true pleasure to work with.

### LYN TRAILL AUTHOR

Early this year I secured Jacquellin's services to edit my book. The book was transformed under her guidance and I was grateful for the clear sighted direction which she imparted with logical and also creative reasoning. The publisher was impressed with her edit and I know they have a better product as a result of her input.



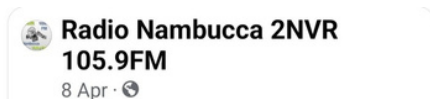
# MEDIA

## Interviews - film, TV, radio, podcasts, workshop presenter and guest speaker

If you're looking for a confident and engaging guest for your podcast, television, or radio program, Jacqx's experience in film and television ensures ease and professionalism in front of the camera or microphone. With a focus on delivering insightful and memorable conversations, Jacqx strives to create interviews that are both entertaining and meaningful for your audience.



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**ELIZABETH'S TURNING PAGES**  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April \* 11-11:30am  
Radio Nambucca 105.9fm or stream at 2nvr.org.au  
featuring \* **JACQX MELILLI**



# MEDIA

Jacqx has appeared in multiple feature films including San Andreas, Mental, Iron Sky, and Danny Deckchair. She has also worked in Australian television series such as The Leaving of Liverpool, the ABC's GP series, the Bryce Courtney mini series, Jessica, and television commercials and behind the scenes in various documentaries and independent commercial productions.



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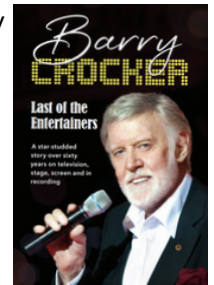
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# WHEN THE GLITTER FADES REVIEWS

From [jacqx.com](http://jacqx.com)

'I've just finished reading 'When the Glitter fades' and enjoyed very much the story of early 'Circus life' in Australia. The story begins in a long-forgotten past taking us back several decades and up to the start of television in 1956. The Early passages tell of the hardships that faced these travelling shows, along with the romances, deceptions', and devotion playing their part in this page turning book! I believe 'When the Glitter Fades'... would be a shoe in for a Television series.' Yours Sincerely, Barry Crocker AM



★★★★★

Peter Miller December 9, 2024

I was fortunate to purchase a copy of this book early in its release. It's a story that rings true in so many ways as it unfolds deep themes woven so expertly and entertainingly together as it follows the lives of Vinnie and Artis, the two main characters. The themes include surviving the Great Depression, family violence, exploitation of women and workers, the love of performing, love and passion, evil personified, love and forgiveness personified.

The way the story is told is both authentic and entertaining. There are insufficient books of this caliber about the context and period in which the story is set. I highly recommend that you read this book. You will love it.



★★★★★

Reggie Lau December 12, 2024

I couldn't put this book down and read it in one sitting during my flight from Brisbane to Perth, with a stop in Sydney. Managed to finish the book just prior to landing at Perth airport. Eyesight was blurry but spirit was refreshed. 😊. The storyline is absolutely riveting and filled with emotional depth, exploring human flaws in a way that feels both raw and relatable. The characters are incredibly well-drawn, offering a fascinating study of human nature and resilience. Through their journeys, I found myself cursing, crying, and reflecting deeply. The historical backdrop of Australian entertainers during the above period added a rich layer to the story, making it both educational and entertaining. The moral of the story is powerful and leaves a lasting impression. Highly recommend! Have ordered a few books to give to friends for the Christmas season.



★★★★★

Tina Ball December 11, 2024

A beautifully constructed tale of jealousy and revenge which was only ever going to result in pain for everyone involved. This tale is a testament to human determination to obtain the object of their affection at all cost. The pages come to life with Jacqx's clever writing making the characters and their interwoven stories come to life in the most graphic and beautiful way. Set with the backdrop of a severe depression and deep life struggles, Jacqx is able to give all the characters the opportunity to speak and show their spirit – this was a fabulously engrossing read; I'm just sorry it's over – here's to your next one!



★★★★★

Sally M December 13, 2024

From the moment I picked up this book I found it hard to put it down. I looked forward to the moment I could continue reading it as the storyline was so grasping. I loved how Jacqx brought the characters to life with so much educated description of the life and times of an era that is almost forgotten. I loved the travels of Belle and Artis through their vaudeville shows. My mind was so entertained that I felt like I was sitting in the audience watching the shows.

# JACQX BOOKS

