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Author and former teacher, John Sheahan, works with a wide range of people keen to develop language and writing skills, from school and tertiary classrooms to writing groups to family historians and people wanting to write their life stories.

Presentation Topics

Writing workshops for Years 7 – 12, Including specialist writing classes

- Generating story ideas
- Plot development and variety
- Characterisation: how to make them up and how to describe them
- Using personal experience in writing fiction
- The Writing Process: eg, getting started, distilling the essence, rewriting
- Writing in exams

Author presentations

Some things I've learned about writing

- using either or both books as a basis

Area of Study: Discovery

- Writing as itself a process of discovery
- Using *The Bracelet* or *The Kapooka Tragedy* as sample supplementary texts

Workshops for Staff

Strategies for teaching writing skills

Topics open to negotiation.

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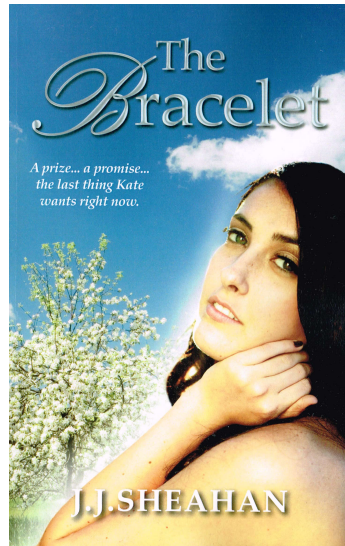


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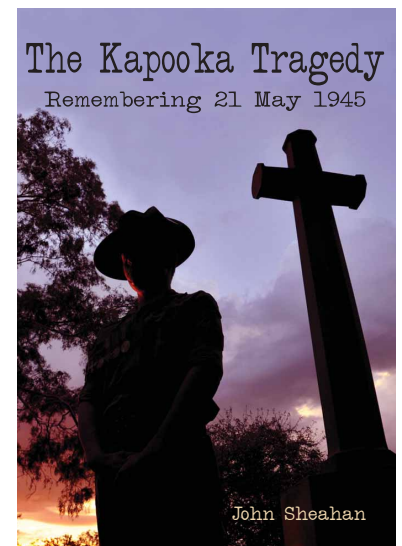
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Australian historical fiction, published 2014



Australian military nonfiction, published 2015

What Clients Have to Say...

- * Loved the character name cards blu-tacked on the board- the visual element helps them to understand that you can re-structure your writing and nothing is set in stone at the first draft.
- * The portrait exercise was excellent, step by step writing...
- * Really liked the variety of forms you explained e.g setting may use 3rd person, conflict may use dialogue etc...

A.B., teacher, Burnie, TAS

'The Bracelet' is a very Australian story about coming of age, dealing with the grief of losing loved ones, and the complexity of relationships with family members, friends and romantic interests. Sheahan has skilfully portrayed what life is like in a rural Australian setting, identifying the positives and negatives of small-town communities.'

Amazon review of *The Bracelet*

'Very informative. He obviously has a lot of experience breaking down texts [ie, *Jasper Jones*]. Very beneficial.'

'Explained 'belonging' in lots of detail...'

Students from an English Communications class in Tasmania