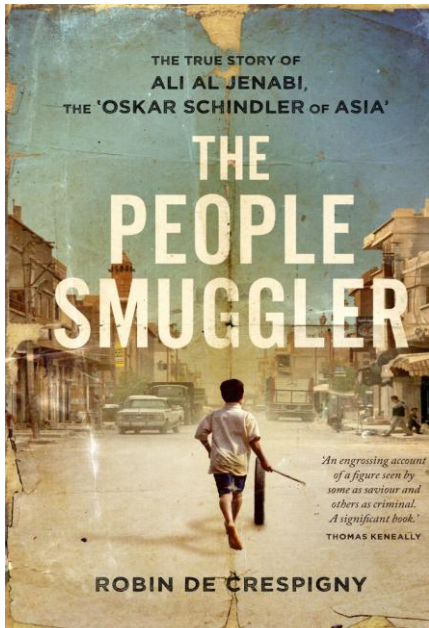


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# Collins Booksellers

invites you to a literary dinner with  
the author of *The People Smuggler*

## Robin De Crespigny



At once a non-fiction thriller and a moral maze, this is one man's epic story of trying to find a safe place in the world.

When Ali Al Jenabi flees Saddam Hussein's torture chambers, he is forced to leave his family behind in Iraq. What follows is an incredible international odyssey through the shadow world of fake passports, crowded camps and illegal border crossings, living every day with excruciating uncertainty about what the next will bring.

Through betrayal, triumph, misfortune – even romance and heartbreak – Ali is sustained by his fierce love of freedom and family. Continually pushed to the limits of his endurance, eventually he must confront what he has been forced to become.

With enormous power and insight, *The People Smuggler* tells a story of daily heroism, bringing to life the forces that drive so many people to put their lives in unscrupulous hands. It is an utterly gripping portrait of a man cut loose from the protections of civilisation, attempting to retain his dignity and humanity while taking whatever path he can out of an impossible position.

***Robin de Crespigny is a Sydney film-maker, producer, director, writer and a former Directing Lecturer at the Australian Film, Television & Radio School.***

***Robin spent three years working with Ali Al Jenabi to write his story.***

**Date: Wednesday, July 17th, 2012**

**Time: 6:30pm for 7:00pm**

**Venue: Duart Homestead, 20 McLean Street, Maffra**

**Price: \$35.00 (includes 2 course meal – special food requirements can be catered for - drinks available from the bar)**

**Bookings: Collins Booksellers, Sale 5144 6262**

**RSVP: July 12th, 2012**