# Review Brags for the book The People Smuggler: the true story of Ali Al Jenabi the 'Oskar Schindler of Asia.'

'An astonishing story.'

Sebastian Faulks, New York Times Book Review

'It's gripping, thrilling, humorous and epic... a story of our times.'

Helen Crompton, The West Australian

'Unforgettable. The adventures make Les Misérables look like plain sailing.'

Sebastian Faulks: *Book of the year 2013*: UK Guardian & Observer

'An epic story full of dramatic reversals and cinematic cliff-hangers...
Ali emerges as an unlikely but true-blue hero: resilient, loyal to his mates and protective of those weaker than himself, canny, resourceful, unafraid of sacrifice, a man of honour.'

Jose Borghino, The Australian

'Just mind-blowing. This moving saga of endurance and bravery could well compel a stone to cry.'

Paul Robinson, Qantas Australian Way

- 'A gripping account or one man's determination to free himself, his family and his people... a fascinating insider's perspective of the underbelly of a global crisis.' InStyle Magazine
- 'Ali's story is absolutely riveting.'

Grant Hansen, Good Reading

'Tight, powerful and extraordinarily well written... a book which glories in the strength, courage and compassion of the human spirit.'

Bruce Haigh, The Canberra Times

- 'The most extraordinary book. It has opened my eyes in a life-changing way.'
  Missy Higgins, Singer
- 'One of the most immensely readable and most deeply thought-provoking books that not only change the world but also change the way we think.'

  Byron Shire Echo
- '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.' Imagine Magazine

### 'A remarkable tale of one man's odyssey...'

Queensland Sunday Mail

'Gripping.' The Age

### 'As gripping as it is chilling.'

Paul Morgan, Australian Book Review

# 'A complex mixture of love of family and a hard-edged determination to survive in a brutal, unforgiving world.'

Bruce Elder, Sydney Morning Herald

# 'A rollercoaster, with characters and a story that will stay with you long after you've read it.'

Erica Bartle, Girl With a Satchel

#### 'Ali emerges as an important hero.'

The Week

## 'It will open a country's eyes.'

Good Reads

# 'An utterly gripping portrait of a man attempting to retain his dignity and humanity.' Western Australia Mid-West Times

# 'The dramatic narrative holds strong... Compelling.'

Dianne Dempsey, The Age

### 'A must-read ... a thriller and an inspirational story.'

Jane Sullivan, The Saturday Age

# 'A story of extraordinary courage which contrasts the human capacity for brutality and cruelty, with that of compassion and genuine kindness.'

Toowoomba Chronicle

# 'An amazing adventure story... harrowing and heartbreaking.'

NT Uni Criminal Justice Magazine

### 'Aptly described as a non-fiction thriller and a moral maze'

Michael Jacobsen, Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin

#### 'Utterly gripping and fascinating.'

Yen Magazine

#### 'A fabulous, must-read book.'

Fiona Crawford, Boomerang

'Sometimes, it seems the unlucky just fell to earth... nothing to define them as fellow human beings.... *The People Smuggler* changed that for me.'

Gail Forrer Noosa News

'Should be compulsory reading to those concerned about asylum seekers, which seems to be a great many of us.'

Pittwater Life Magazine

#### 'A story that had to be told.'

The Weekend Australian

'It's a tribute to the quality of the writing that the book raises political questions about refugees without breaking the stride of the very personal story it tells.'

Chris Breen, Victorian Refugee Action Collective

'This wonderfully written book projects Ali's brave and authentic voice in a way that is captivating and compelling.'

Mark Goudkamp, NSW Refugee Action. Coalition

'Never before have I read such a personable, heart-wrenching account of an asylum seeker & the horrors of what they've had to endure. I challenge anyone 'against' boat people to not be utterly in awe of their bravery, and sympathetic to their plight after reading this book.

Missy Higgins

'This story engendered a fine splinter of hope in my heart.'

Sonja Anderson, Wonder Woman

Front cover:

'An engrossing account of a man seen by some as a saviour and others as a criminal. A significant book.'

**Author Thomas Keneally** 

Back cover:

'A totally riveting story about a brave and honourable man. Passionate, vivid and true, it bounces off the page.'

**Author Rosie Scott**