



# James Phelan

Author

James Phelan is the author of 30 books, including thrillers, Young Adult and Middle Grade fiction. He is noted for a fast-paced and suspenseful writing style that appeals as much to boys as girls. James is a highly entertaining and engaging speaker who has delivered keynotes and presentations all around the world. He has won many categories of children's and Young Adult literary prizes, including at the YALSA, ABIA, YABBA, KOALA, COOL, and REAL awards.

As a teenager James discovered a love of thrillers, of being entertained and informed along the way. His first novel, FOX HUNT (Hachette), was started while he was at high school. His 13-book adventure series about the dream world, THE LAST THIRTEEN (Scholastic) was written in response to his experiences with nightmares as a child.

**James has a passion for promoting literacy in Australia. He is involved in many creative writing groups and regularly talks at literary festivals and events. He is a member of the Australian Society of Authors, Fellowship of Australian Writers, and state writers' centres.**

After studying Architecture and working on Melbourne's Federation Square design team, James switched to English Literature, graduating with an MA in Writing and PhD in Literature. James worked as a staff writer at The Age for five years, and has since published fiction and non-fiction. He has been a full-time novelist for almost 20 years, and has sold 5 million books.

**"James was absolutely wonderful and thoroughly entertained us all with his stories."**  
*Teacher Librarian, St Carlo Borromeo, Greenvale, VIC*

**James can present to large audiences, or facilitate group writing workshops.**

**"A finely honed story which proves the thriller genre is alive... Can't wait for the next one."** *Sunday Times*

**"Phelan, a Melbourne writer, understands his genre and works it with confidence."**  
*The Sydney Morning Herald*

**"James Phelan is like a hound in his quest for greatness and Fox Hunt could be the launching pad"** *The Border Mail*

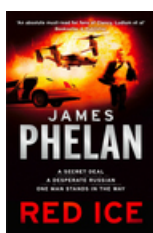
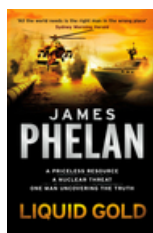
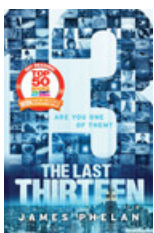
## Things we didn't see coming... Writing workshop with James Phelan

You may sit down to write with astounding ideas and blazing intentions, but get lost somewhere there in the middle... No more.

Writing stories are all about getting us to the end. How do you do that? Easy - via suspense.

... But how do you do *that*?

James will teach you; trust him - he's a doctor.



Suitable for Grade 4 upwards.

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# Feedback for James Phelan

“James Phelan shared his wisdom and experiences and left the students and staff spell bound. The LitFest was an outstanding success. Thank you!”

- Sabine Tanase, Newington College Literature Festival

“Hi James, we really enjoyed your presentations for our Campbell High students at Warrambui. You were thoroughly engaging for a lengthy period and you gave many valuable tips and insights into the craft of writing and dealing with publishers.”

- Debbie Dwyer, Campbell High School, ACT

“A HUGE THANK YOU for your presentations here at NGS. Staff and students enjoyed them greatly, and were able to get your positive messages in a light-hearted way, so they did not feel it was a “lecture”. I look forward to catching up again in the future.”

- Ms Sue Bright, Head of Library Services, Teacher Librarian, Newcastle Grammar School, NSW

“Thanks so much for coming to our school. It was delightful to meet you and learn about your life and career. Our staff and students thoroughly enjoyed your presentations; much appreciated!”

- Rebecca Crawley, Hunter Valley Grammar School, NSW

“If you think you can hear an echo of Jack Reacher in there, you’re not the only one.” *Sydney Morning Herald.*

“Jed Walker is right there in Reacher’s rear-view mirror.”  
*Lee Child.*