

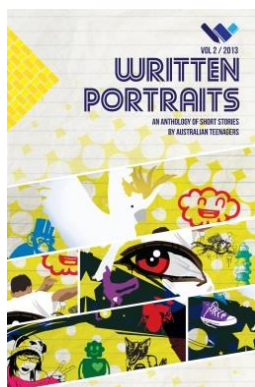


## *Written Portraits 2013 Portraits at Home*

*An anthology of short stories by Australian teenagers*

**Forming Circles Pty Ltd**

**\$24.95, paperback, September 2013**



*Written Portraits 2013* showcases some of the best writing talent across Australia in this anthology of short stories by 13 to 18 year olds. They have been selected on their merits by a panel of judges following the second national annual competition, “Written Portraits”, to inspire high school students to explore and develop literacy skills.

The competition, hosted by Forming Circles Pty Ltd in collaboration with Green Olive Press, received over 400 entries this year. Volume 2 of the book was launched at a prestigious event at Sydney’s Circular Quay on 19 September 2013, and was attended by entrants, their families, representatives from schools and distinguished guests. The winners were announced at the event by Forming Circles Founder and CEO, Renata Cooper, who granted \$500 prize money to each category winner and \$5000 towards their schools’ literacy programs.

### **“Writing contest opens doors”**

(Article by Kristie Kellahan, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, 4-5 May 2013)

Jessica Reid, winner of the 16-18 years category, with her story *Rays of Gold* said “Written Portraits is a great initiative – You can be the next JK Rowling, you can actually achieve that dream...” *Written Portraits 2013* includes over 50 stories which all focus on this year’s competition theme “Portraits at Home”. They provide an astonishing insight into the issues associated with being a young person living in Australia today. There are stories based on the comfort, and discomfort, of the home environment, through to stories set in war-torn landscapes.

Forming Circles Pty Ltd is an innovative Australian organisation developing positive outcomes for individuals and groups. Founded by visionary entrepreneur, Renata Cooper in 2011, Forming Circles is an ethical and social investment enterprise, proudly turning great ideas into reality. By harnessing and supporting concepts at a grass roots level, the company is making a positive impact on the way we do business in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.



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