



# SLAV READING FORUM SERIES

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August 19

Galen Catholic College Library

Wangaratta

- 4.30pm Registration and Refreshments/Bookshop browse
- 5.00pm Welcome
- 5.05pm Reading Promotion Ideas and Programs
- 5.25pm Miranda Burton
- 5.45pm Break & Book Shop
- 6.00pm Mal Webster
- 6.20pm Ten Books in Ten Minutes - Northern Books
- 6.30pm Book Shop and Signing
- 7.00pm Close

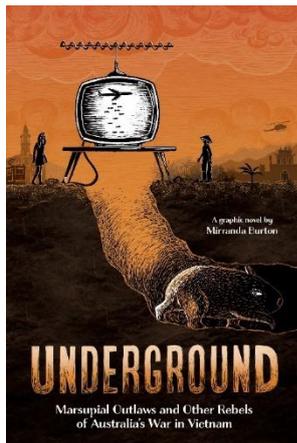
### Speakers

**Miranda Burton** was born in Auckland, New Zealand, in 1973. She became a printmaker at the age of ten, a dedicated marimba player in her teens, and a Super 8 stop motion filmmaker at 21. She graduated from the North Adelaide School of Art in South Australia in 1995 with an Advanced Diploma, and in 2004 finished a Bachelor of Multimedia Design at Swinburne University in Melbourne. Working for many years in commercial and independent animation and as a visual artist was the catalyst for making graphic novels, and in 2011 her first book, *Hidden*, was published by Black Pepper Publishing. *Hidden* was also released in French under the title *Caches* by La Boite a Bulles.

In 2011 Miranda became artist in residence for two years at Dunmoochin in Australian artist Clifton Pugh's former studio. During this residency she also

learned of the Pughs' wombat, who was registered for military service in Vietnam in 1972, which started a long investigation into Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War, resulting in her graphic novel *Underground: Marsupial Outlaws and Other Rebels of Australia's War in Vietnam*.

The book was completed in a little shack in bushland north-east of Melbourne shared with a number of recalcitrant wombat tenants under the floorboards. In her spare time Miranda reads, finds new spaces to grow plants, and tries to occasionally practise her marimba.



## **Underground**

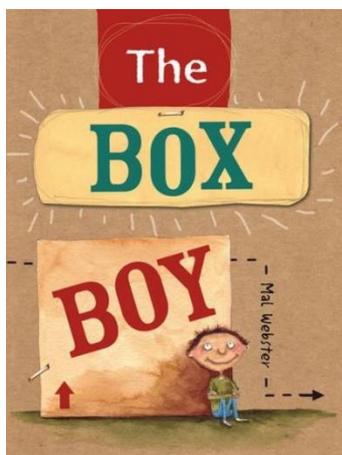
*:Marsupial Outlaws and Other Rebels of Australia's War in Vietnam*

by Miranda Burton, Allen & Unwin

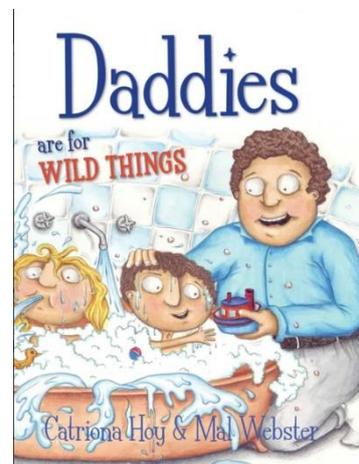
Led by an unconsciously objecting wombat registered for military service during Australia's war in Vietnam, *Underground* digs tunnels through a chapter of Australian history that many have attempted to bury.

Why would a wombat be registered for war?

**Mal Webster** is a freelance graphic designer who builds and manages websites and print collateral for a range of ongoing clients. He is also an illustrator, publications officer and design teacher too. As a Publications & Promotions Officer at a Victorian school he manages advertising, marketing, newsletters, the website and a range



of other print media. In addition to publicity, he also teaches Year 12 Visual Communication Design.



Mal studied Graphic Design for a total of six years, achieving a BVA Graphic Design with Honours (1st Class), and a Masters (Research) degree.

After work hours he keep busy with freelance design jobs and his own illustration projects.

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