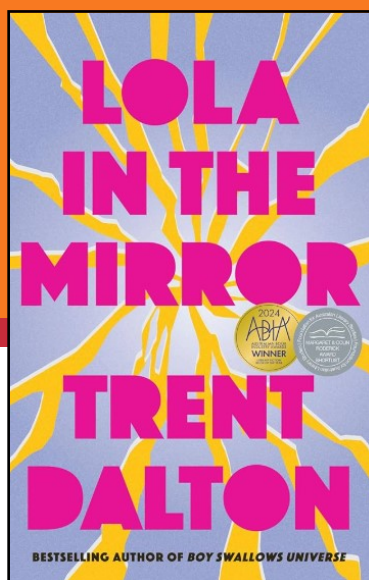


Lola in the mirror

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Genre and Subject

Fugitives from justice — fiction

Bildungsromans

Mothers and daughters — fiction

Family violence — Fiction

Australian— Fiction

Synopsis

A girl and her mother have been on the run for sixteen years, from police and the monster they left in their kitchen with a knife in his throat. They've found themselves a home inside a van with four flat tyres parked in a scrapyard by the edge of the Brisbane River. The girl has no name because names are dangerous when you're on the run. But the girl has a dream. A vision of a life as an artist of international acclaim. There's only one person who can help make her dreams come true. That person is Lola and she carries all the answers. But to find Lola, the girl with no name must first do one of the hardest things we can ever do. She must look in the mirror.

Author Biography

Trent Dalton writes for The Weekend Australian Magazine. He's a two-time Walkley Award winner; three-time Kennedy Award winner for excellence in NSW journalism and a four-time winner of the national News Awards Features Journalist of the Year. In 2011, he was named Queensland Journalist of the Year at the Clarion Awards for excellence in Queensland journalism. He has won worldwide acclaim for his bestselling novels *Boy Swallows Universe* and *All Our Shimmering Skies*.

Discussion Starters

- *Which characters did you like best? Which did you like least?*
- *Which character did you relate to, or empathize with, the most?*
- *If you had to trade places with one character, who would it be?*
- *Guess the characters' zodiac signs.*
- *What do you think happens to the characters after the book's official ending?*
- *What are your thoughts on the book's structure? Did it serve the story well?*
- *How did the setting impact the story? Would you want to read more books set in that world?*
- *Did the book feel real to you?*
- *Did the plot proceed in a way that felt natural? Or did you feel manipulated by the storyline?*
- *Are there any characters you'd like to deliver a lecture to? If so, who? What would you say?*

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