



Book of the Month:

Bye, Beautiful

Sat, 23 July 2016 | 3pm

Grassroots Book Room

Join our new book club with a difference – using books to open up intercultural exchanges! This monthly get-together showcases translated works from Singapore and Southeast Asia, as well as books from around the world. The readings and discussions broaden the exposure of the general public to works written in different languages, and promote intercultural understanding among the communities through books.

This July, we will go down under and read *Bye, Beautiful*, written by Australian young adult fiction writer Julia Lawrinson.

Bye, Beautiful is a town and family drama about a policeman's family in the 1960s, set in a wheatbelt town. It centres on the story of socially awkward fourteen-year-old Sandy and her confident older sister, Marianne. When their policeman father is transferred to a small town, both sisters soon find themselves irresistibly drawn to Billy, the town heartthrob, a part-Aboriginal apprentice mechanic. Despite a previous engagement to a man in Perth, and the warnings of those around her, Marianne takes the attraction one step further and, for the era, one step too far...

The session is hosted by our guest moderator Felix Cheong, and will be in English. Join us for an afternoon of reading and discussion with Julia Lawrinson (from left) and writer and storyteller Rosemarie Somaiah! For more information, please visit [here](#).

