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Second 'Peter Clancy' crime fiction novel from Melbourne-writer TW Lawless to be released in May

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Following the critical success of the first book in the Peter Clancy series, *Homecountry*, Melbourne writer TW Lawless is set to release the follow up in May. Set in the late 1980's, *Thornydevils* (Campanile Publishing, \$24.95) takes place in Melbourne as the city is gripped by an unprecedented crime wave, overtaking celebrity scandal as the talk of the town. In a bold move to increase flagging sales, the editor of Melbourne Truth appoints journalist Peter Clancy to head up an investigative crime column.

Clancy is quickly caught up in a sinister plot involving drug importation and police corruption, and crosses paths with a series of shady characters, some of whom are willing sources, and others with the skill of camouflage. Along the way, Clancy meets a young lawyer and is instantly besotted with her—despite his colleagues who see something disturbing beneath her wholesome exterior.

As Clancy falls into the murky underworld of Melbourne he attempts to discover if a series of murders are a turf war or a family feud. He must use his wits to expose the truth. *Thornydevils* is Melbourne-based author TW Lawless's second novel, following the critically acclaimed first book in the Peter Clancy series, *Homecountry*.



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