

## Now Vampires Stalk Melbourne's Chic Streets!

'I remember screaming very loudly. In TV shows that's where the ad break comes in, while some ninny is screaming her head off. No ad breaks in life, though.'

Lissa Wilson has seen more than enough death in her family, so when people are savagely killed whenever she has a night out in Melbourne with her beautiful new boyfriend, she's determined to investigate and make the killing stop. Even when she realises the murders must be the work of a vampire.

Things had been looking up for this librarian and 21st century geekgirl, but the murders make her remember why she prefers books to people. People leave you. People can die.

She finds herself teaming up with the mysterious and painfully awkward Gary to get to the undead heart of the matter. But there are more challenges in store than Gary's appalling fashion sense.

The idea of living forever can be a big temptation for someone who has lost so much....

The *Opposite of Life* is a unique Australian fantasy and crime novel set in contemporary Melbourne, drawing inspiration from the city's distinctive and vibrant street culture.

Praised for its vivid description of the city, realistic characters, and the use of real locations alongside a shadowy subculture of modern-day vampires, this intriguing novel is striking a chord with both fans of genre fiction and mainstream readers who wouldn't usually touch a vampire story.

Melbourne-based author Narrelle M Harris says: "I wanted to write about the big issues of life and death, but I didn't want to follow the usual traditions of the vampire novel. My protagonist, Lissa Wilson, is an ordinary girl trying to cope with the extraordinary pain of her life when she is confronted by this strange world. My vampire hero is a short, overweight, badly dressed nerd called Gary. He's from Glen Waverley. Really, they're both just trying to work out how to live."

The novel was launched in December 2007 by Lindy Cameron, acclaimed crime writer and prominent member of literary society Sisters in Crime. It is available in all good bookstores.

For interviews with the author, contact her on 0421 024 474 or [narrelle@iwriter.com.au](mailto:narrelle@iwriter.com.au).

And you can read the first six chapters online now at [www.pulpfictionpress.com.au](http://www.pulpfictionpress.com.au)

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## Praise for *The Opposite of Life*

"It's certainly a most unusual vampire novel. Lissa Wilson [is] a wonderful character; not because she's an heroic supergirl, but because she rings true. If you can get this book, do."

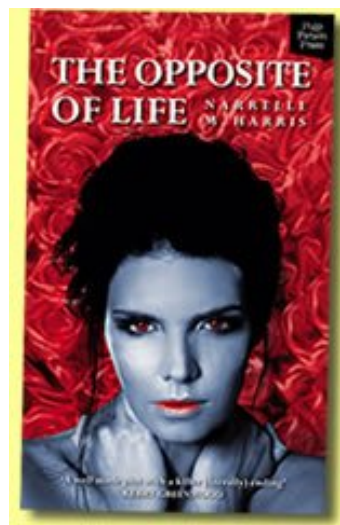
- Charlaine Harris, author of the *Sookie Stackhouse/True Blood* novels.

"A well made plot with a killer (literally) ending."

- Kerry Greenwood, author of the *Phryne Fisher* novels

"Harris shows a deft descriptive touch and an eye for setting... Melissa has the right combination of fragility and sass to carry the story."

- Jason Nahrung, *The Courier-Mail* (Brisbane)



## *About the author*

Narrelle M Harris was born in Newcastle, Australia and proceeded to move every few years until most of her friends thought she was on a Witness Protection program. Her itinerancy included three years abroad, teaching English in Egypt and Poland.

Although now settled in Melbourne with her husband and her cat, she continues to relieve itchy feet with regular travel. Narrelle has been writing almost since she could hold a crayon, but spent too many years working for financial institutions as a bank teller. Narrelle has also been a playwright, songwriter, actress, editor, public servant, kitchen hand and - once only - a very bad telemarketer.

Her first novel was the crime/thriller, *Fly By Night* (2004), which was nominated for a Ned Kelly Award. Her 2005 novel, *Witch Honour*, had been short-listed for the George Turner Prize for Science Fiction and Fantasy in 1998. Its sequel, *Witch Faith*, which was shortlisted for the same award the following year, was published in 2007.

In 2009, Narrelle was a regular guest on *The Outland Institute*, on Joy 94.9FM, as the show's book expert.

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