

Sylvia Petter



Born in 1949 in Vienna, **Sylvia Petter** grew up in Australia. After her BA in French and German at UNSW, Sydney, she moved to Vienna where she studied translation before relocating to Geneva via Helsinki. During her 30 years in the Geneva area where she worked for the UN in the area of telecommunications, she began to write fiction. Her stories have been published widely online and in print.

Her first collection of stories, *The Past Present*, was published in 2001 in the UK; her second collection, *Back Burning*, was published in 2007 in Australia as IP Picks 2007 Best Fiction. She completed her PhD in Creative Writing at UNSW in 2009.

She currently resides in Vienna where she writes and participates in local writing-related events while working part-time in the area of educational research at the University of Vienna.