Di Morrissey at Jugiong Writers’ Festival

The Jugiong Writers’ Festival is pleased to announce that bestselling author Di Morrissey will be attending.

Since the publication of The Heart of the Dreaming in 1991, Di has sold millions of books – all bestsellers. A remarkable and unique achievement.

Di’s novels provide her with a platform to subtlety weave awareness of Australian people, history, politics and culture in an entertaining yet informative style without being polemical.

Di is a tireless advocate for female education, not only in Australia but internationally. Five years ago Di established a primary school in a village outside Mandalay in Myanmar. The school provides education to girls who, in that region, have a difficult time achieving even a basic level of education. The school is flourishing with over one hundred students learning English and Burmese, music and art, alongside the government curriculum taught by the school’s specially trained monks and Buddhist nuns. Di maintains regular contact with the school and plans more fundraising activities to establish scholarships at the school for further education.

Di believes it is women and girls who transform our society and this belief is reflected in the strong female characters in all her novels. Through her 24 novels, Di has inspired generations of women and girls who write to thank her for helping them have belief in themselves to achieve dreams and goals. Women write to her saying her novels have given them strength and courage, and helped them to escape in hard times.

Di is an inspiration to her readers, and visitors will have the opportunity to hear this incredible woman speak on Saturday 17th March in conversation with local moderator and fan Vivien Thomson as well as discussing the importance of people in place in rural fiction with Batlow’s Sulari Gentill and Margaretta Osborn from the Victorian High Country.

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There is something for everyone at this year’s Festival. For more information visit [www.jugiongwritersfestival.com.au](http://www.jugiongwritersfestival.com.au)