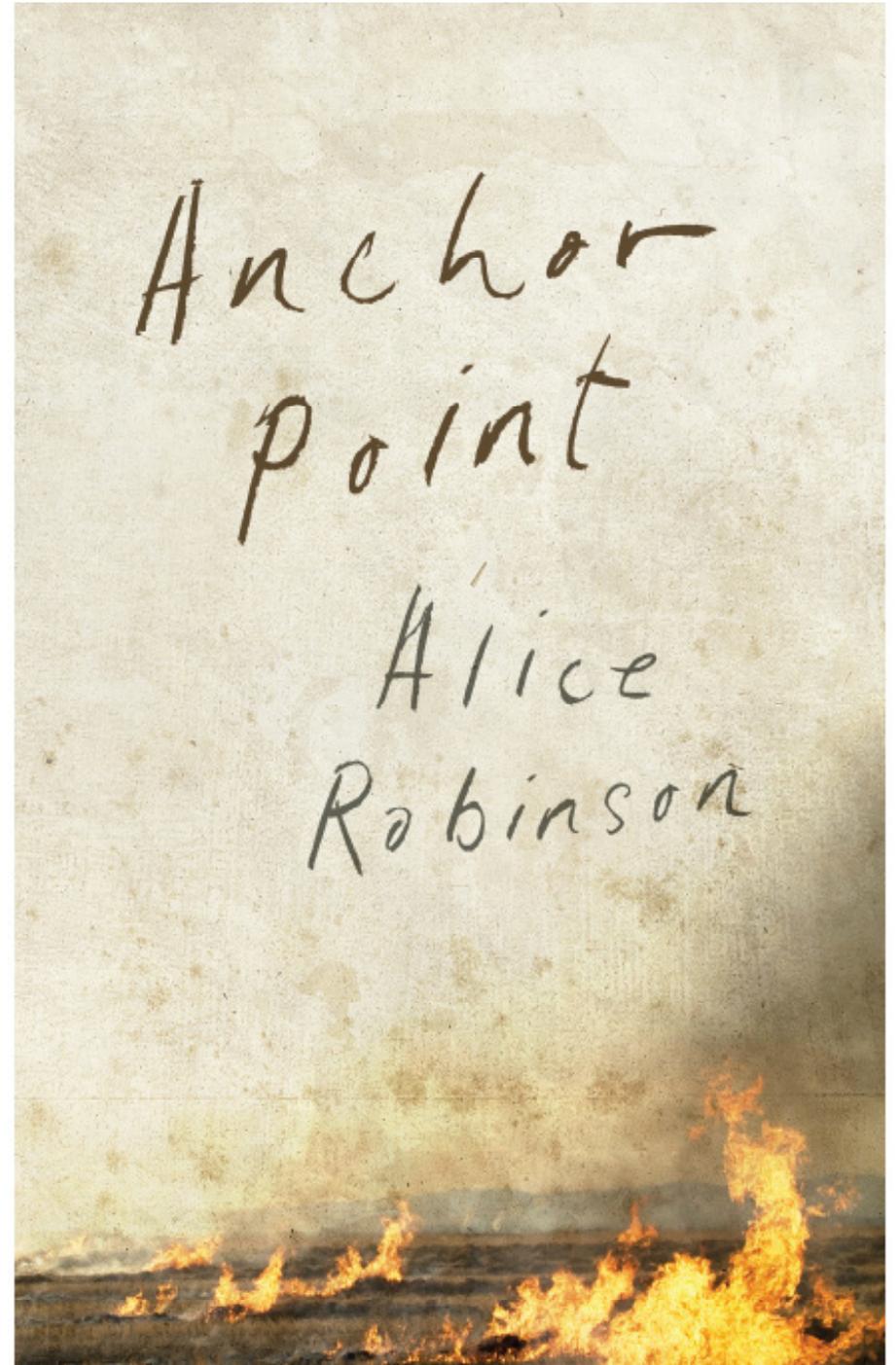




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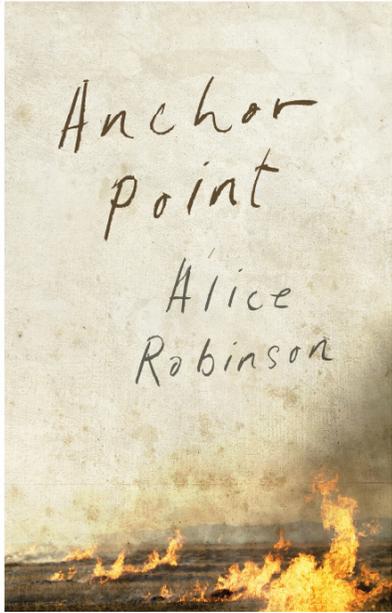
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Anchor Point

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KEY SALES POINTS

- Alice Robinson's keenly awaited debut is a uniquely Australian story and a brilliant portrayal of the landscapes and characters that make up our country.
- Set against the backdrop of climate change, this story is very topical.
- **Anchor Point** was selected from the slush pile, such was the strength of the writing and the immediacy of the story's hook.
- Unveiling an exciting new Australian talent.

DESCRIPTION

As her parents clash over unwashed dishes and unlit fires, ten-year-old Laura works hard to keep the household running. When her mother disappears into the bush, Laura finds a farewell note and makes an impulsive decision that alters the course of her family's life. Despite her anger and grief, Laura helps her father clear their wild acreage to carve out a farm. But gradually they realise that while they may own the land, they cannot tame it – nor can they escape their past.

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AUTHOR DETAILS

Alice Robinson is a lecturer in creative writing at Melbourne's NMIT. She has a PhD in creative writing from Victoria University and her work has been published widely. **Anchor Point** is Alice's first novel.

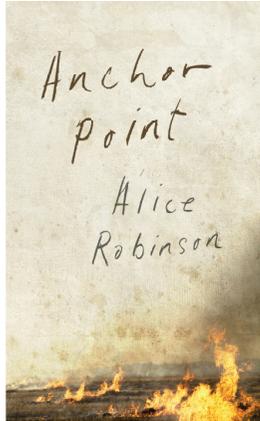
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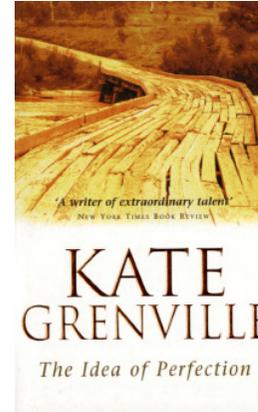
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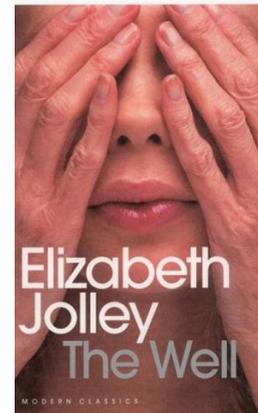
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