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An invitation to
Between the Writer & the Reader 6
with
Maurice Whelan
in conversation with the thoughts and words of
Emily Dickinson and William Hazlitt

the one regularly compared to Shakespeare, the other considered one of the greatest critics and essayists in the history of the English language.

Telling the Truth and Telling it Slant

Saturday 24th February 2018

8:30am to 4:00pm

“... instead of opening his senses, his understanding and his heart to the resplendent fabric of the universe, he holds a crooked mirror before his face, in which he may admire his own person and pretensions, and just glance his eye aside to see whether others are not admiring him too” - Hazlitt

*“Before I got my eye put out -
I liked as well to see
As other creatures, that have eyes -
And know no other way” - Dickinson*

In this time of politicians and leaders admiring their own persons and pretensions, and the often crooked mirror of social media, Maurice, in the presence of and in companionship with these two great minds, will talk about how we can open our senses, understanding and hearts, and find another way of seeing.

Maurice Whelan grew up in Ireland where he studied philosophy and theology. Moving to the United Kingdom he studied social work, followed by an MA in criminology. He later trained as a psychoanalyst in London, where he became a visiting lecturer at the Tavistock Clinic. A past Chairman of the Sydney Institute for Psychoanalysis, his published works cover the fields of social work, education, literature and psychoanalysis. In recent years he has turned to fiction, and since 2008 has published one novel, 'Boat People', plus four books of poetry: 'The Lilac Bow', 'Excalibur's Return' and 'A Season and a Time', and 'Spirit Eyes'. He has also produced 3 audio CDs of his poetry

Venue: **The IndigiScapes Centre, 17 Runnymede Rd,
Capalaba Brisbane QLD**

Programme:

8:30 – 9:00 Registration
9:00 – 11:30 Welcome and Film – “A Quiet Passion”
11:30 – 12:00 Morning tea
12:00 – 1:00 “Telling the Truth and Telling it Slant” - Maurice Whelan
1:00 – 1:45 Lunch
1:45 – 3:45 Discussion.

A familiarity with the poetry of Emily Dickinson will be helpful. If you have a particular favourite poem, please bring that along.

Reading some of Hazlitt's writing will also enhance your day. If you would like a copy of Maurice's book on Hazlitt, “*Thoughts for the Twenty-first Century: in the Company of William Hazlitt*”, please add \$35 and give your postal address and the book will be sent to you. The book will not be available for sale on the day.

Cost: \$120, Concession \$55. This includes morning tea and lunch.

There are also a limited number of tickets available for a small donation.

I wish to attend **Between the Writer and the Reader 6** on Saturday 24th February 2018

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