

JOCK SERONG

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— **JOCK SERONG'S DEBUT** novel *Quota* won the 2015 Ned Kelly Award for Best First Crime Novel. In 2016, his second novel, *The Rules of Backyard Cricket* was shortlisted for the Victorian Premier's Literary Award. — **HIS THIRD NOVEL** *On the Java Ridge* was published in 2017 and won the 2018 Colin Roderick Award. Formerly a lawyer, Jock is now a feature writer and was the editor of *Great Ocean Quarterly*. He lives with his wife and four children in Port Fairy, Victoria.

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ABOUT
ENTERED WORK

— **ON THE JAVA Ridge**, skipper Isi Natoli and a group of Australian surf tourists are anchored off the Indonesian island of Dana. In the Canberra office of Cassius Calvert, Minister for Border Integrity, a federal election looms and a hardline new policy on asylum-seekers is being rolled out. — **NOT FAR FROM Dana**, the *Takalar* is having engine trouble. Among the passengers on board fleeing from persecution are Roya and her mother, and Roya's unborn sister. — **THE STORM NOW** closing in on the *Takalar* and the *Java Ridge* will mean catastrophe for them all.

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“THEY WERE UP HIGH FOR AN INSTANT, THE RAIN IN THE AIR AROUND THEM. THEN THE FURIOUS WATER DESCENDED AND THE NIGHT DISAPPEARED.”

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QUOTE FROM *ON THE JAVA RIDGE*
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