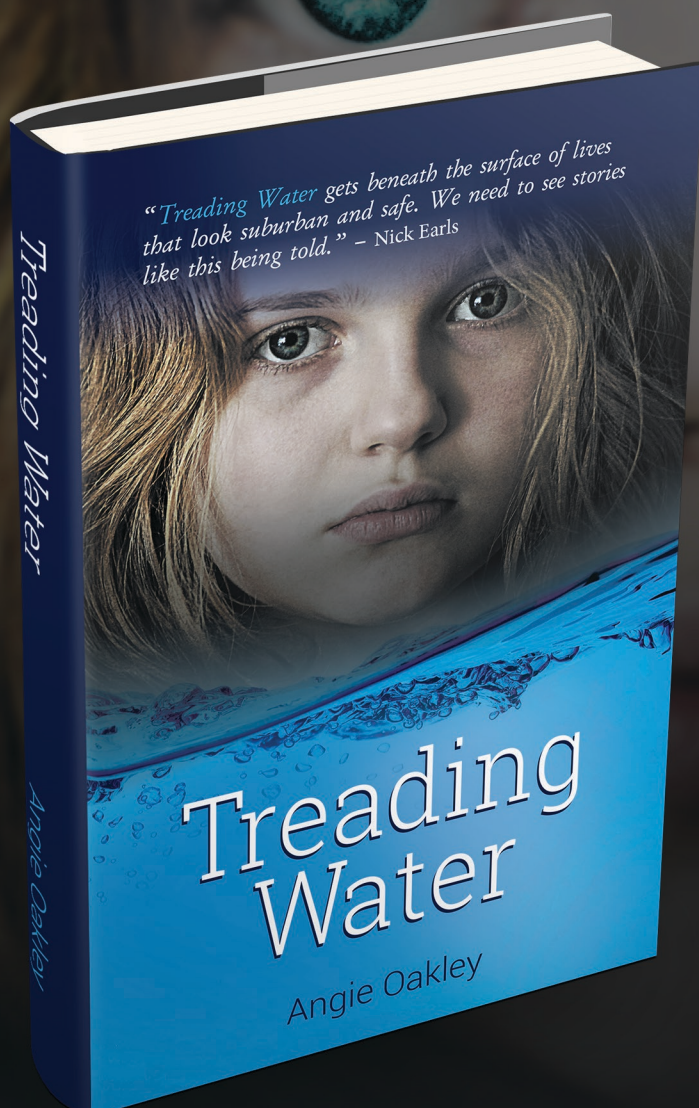


Angie Oakley Treading Water



Sixteen year-old Lucy Connelly is haunted by a suicide she witnesses while rowing on the Brisbane River. It compounds the despair she has battled since her parents' ugly divorce ten years earlier. She doesn't know that Paul Waldron - the older cousin of her best friend Beth - knows Luke, the boy who jumped, and feels he should have done more for him, although he has his hands full dealing with the dislocation in his own family.

Pretty and popular at her exclusive private school, Lucy hides the shame of her dark thoughts. Beth tries to help, but Lucy's problems need serious attention not forthcoming from her mother Sandy, struggling after the divorce, or her wealthy developer father David, busy with his new family.

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"Treading Water gets beneath the surface of lives that look suburban and safe. We need to see stories like this being told."

- NICK EARLS