

October 2022 issue highlights



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Claudio Bozzi
Gideon Haigh
Peter Rose
Gillian Russell
David Jack

- ◆ **Claudio Bozzi on Italy's fragile political system** As news arrives that Italy has elected the far-right Giorgia Meloni as the country's first female leader (to head, according to *Politico*, Italy's 'most right-wing government since Mussolini'), Claudio Bozzi's commentary on the state of Italian politics could not be more timely. Bozzi is a lecturer at Deakin University.
- ◆ **Gideon Haigh on a new biography of Daniel Andrews** As the November election date approaches for Victoria, Daniel Andrews is currently Australia's longest-serving incumbent state premier. Journalist and author Gideon Haigh examines a new biography of Andrews by *The Age's* state political reporter Sumeyya Ilanbey, noting that her astute observations of Andrews and his '*modus oper-Andrews*'.
- ◆ **Peter Rose on a powerful new memoir by Shannon Burns** *ABR* Editor and award-winning memoirist Peter Rose reviews a remarkable new memoir by Adelaide critic and writer Shannon Burns. In *Childhood*, Burns relates the story of a childhood and adolescence spent in great poverty and neglect.
- ◆ **Gillian Russell on Northern Irish fiction in the age of social media** York University Professor Gillian Russell looks at a 'rake' of Northern Irish fiction released at the start of 2022, focusing on novels by Jan Carson, Wendy Erskine, Lucy Caldwell, and Louise Kennedy. Coincidentally, Kennedy's first book, a short story collection, was just announced as the winner of the John McGahern Prize for debut Irish fiction, judged by Colm Tóibín.
- ◆ **David Jack reviews *Lockdown* by Chip Le Grand** Freelance writer and editor David Jack examines Chip Le Grand's account of Victoria's pandemic experiences and notes the book's timeliness and importance as many wish to forget the impact of the lockdowns.

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