From ‘slush pile’ to published author
Zacharey Jane, author of *The Lifeboat*, to speak at QUT

Farewelling Mexico onboard a ferry proved a panacea for first-time Queensland author Zacharey Jane when it unblocked 30 years of writer’s block.

The next hurdle was trying to get her manuscript about an old couple found adrift at sea published, something she achieved with the help of UQ Press in April this year.

**Zacharey Jane will present a talk about being a newly-published author as part of the Write It creative writing series at Queensland University of Technology on Tuesday 7 October, 5-6pm.**

Ms Jane will discuss the odds of being discovered from a publisher’s ‘slush pile’ as well as the process of being edited and published from the perspective of a first-time author.

Her novel *The Lifeboat*, described as a charming and vivid parable of chance written with shimmering prose, is being translated into Spanish and Turkish. She is currently working on a children’s book due for release in 2010, and a new adult novel about love, religion, and the body.

A UK native, Zacharey Jane now calls Queensland home and lives in Toowoomba with her husband and two children.

What: Write It: Meet a first-time author – Zacharey Jane, The Lifeboat
When: Tuesday 7 October, 5-6pm
Where: The Glasshouse, QUT Creative Industries Precinct
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