

**UWA Publishing has acquired world rights to Emily Tsokos Purfill's *MATIA*.**



Emily Tsokos Purfill is a Western Australian writer of Greek heritage.

Emily lives in Perth/Boorloo on the lands of the Whadjuk Nyoongar people. She has also lived in the UK, Vancouver, Paris and New York. Her creative non-fiction, short fiction, flash fiction and poetry has been awarded and published in anthologies and journals in Australia and the United States. Her short fiction can be found in *Westerly* and *Griffith Review*.

After being awarded for her short fiction as a young writer, including winning the Tim Winton Award for Outstanding Achievement and twice winning the Katharine Susannah Prichard Award for Young Writers, Emily pursued a career in law and has worked as a lawyer in Perth and in Paris. Emily returned to writing when she lived in New York in 2013-2014. *MATIA* is Emily's debut novel.

*MATIA* is a multi-generational story of Greek-Australian women and their daughters across continents and time. The four women in *MATIA* are connected by their 'matia' – Greek jewellery that repels the 'evil eye' – and four prophecies. Over generations of women that follow and the challenges they face, *MATIA* is a unique Greek-Australian matrilineal novel of family, love, food and art.

UWA Publishing is proud to be publishing *MATIA* by Emily Tsokos Purfill in 2024.

---



*For media enquiries please contact UWA Publishing's Marketing Department.*

SOCIAL @uwapublishing  
EMAIL [marketing-uwap@uwa.edu.au](mailto:marketing-uwap@uwa.edu.au)  
PHONE (+ 61 8) 6488 3670  
WEBSITE [uwap.uwa.edu.au](http://uwap.uwa.edu.au)