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The Twelfth Raven

by Doris Brett

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“With wisdom, courage and humour, poet and psychologist Doris Brett tackles a harrowing series of medical emergencies and puzzles... This is a literary memoir like no other. An education, and a gripping narrative” - Evelyn Juers.

A memoir of stroke, love and recovery.

When Doris Brett’s fit, healthy 59-year-old husband Martin had a stroke, they were unexpectedly thrown into a journey of discovery. What began as a minor stroke turned into a golf-ball sized blood clot on his brain, followed by a life-threatening heart condition.

As a psychologist, Brett was able to access and apply all the latest research on brain plasticity and neurotherapy to assist her husband. He went on to confound his doctors by making an exceptional recovery.

The Twelfth Raven is a literary journey through a terrifying series of crises and conundrums and an inspirational story of recovery after stroke. Brett calls on her poetic gifts to turn pain into art and provide a mesmerising exploration of life on the edge.

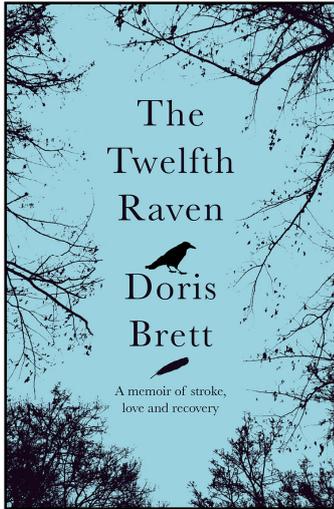
This brave and unflinching memoir also offers hope to the hundreds of thousands of people affected by stroke.



Doris Brett is a clinical psychologist as well as a multi-award winning author and poet. She has been published in America, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Poland and Russia. *The Constellation of the Crab*, a collection of poems that arose out of her experience with ovarian cancer, was short-listed for the National Book Council Poetry Prize. Her poems have won the 1994 Queensland Premier’s poetry Prize, the 1995 Northern Territory Government Poetry Prize, the 1998 Judith Wright Poetry Prize and the 1998 Gwen Harwood Memorial Poetry Prize. Her memoir, *Eating the Underworld*, included several of these poems and was widely acclaimed.

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Stroke Information:

- Stroke is Australia's second biggest killer after coronary heart disease and a leading cause of disability.
 - 1 in 6 people will have a stroke in their lifetime.
- About 50,000 Australians suffered new and recurrent strokes annually – that is 1000 strokes every week or one stroke every 10 minutes.
- There are over 420,000 people living with the effects of stroke and approximately 126,000 of these people are under 65.
- Those living with the effects of stroke is predicted to increase to 709,000 by 2032.
- Stroke kills more women than breast cancer and more men than prostate cancer.
- 65% of those living with stroke also suffer a disability that impedes their ability to carry out daily living activities unassisted.
- In 2012, the total financial costs of stroke in Australia were estimated to be \$5 billion.
- The estimate of \$49.3 billion in burden of disease costs for stroke is comparable to the \$41 billion burden of disease costs that Deloitte Access Economics estimated for anxiety and depression in 2010.

(*figures from the National Stroke Foundation www.strokefoundation.com.au)