

**For Immediate Release  
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## **'Scarred' by Damien Linnane**

*Crime thriller novel written by hand in prison*

*Scarred*, a crime thriller novel written by Damien Linnane and published by international publisher Tenth Street Press, was released on November 28, 2019. *Scarred* is about a vigilante serial killer operating in the Sydney CBD. It was written while Linnane was in prison serving a two-year sentence for crimes including the fire-bombing of a home. His motivation was described as 'vigilante action' by the sentencing magistrate Karen Stafford. Linnane states he was targeting a man who was accused of sexually assaulting a female family member; he can provide court documents confirming this on request.

*Scarred* is Linnane's debut novel. It was written by hand as he had no computer access in prison. Linnane also had to conceal that he was writing the novel from prison guards, who would have confiscated it on the grounds it contained heavy violence and therefore would have been considered contraband.

*Scarred* is distributed in Australia by [Ingram](#) and is available for order in most bookstores. Visit [Booko](#) for a list of online sellers for the paperback version. *Scarred* is also available from eBook sellers including [Kindle](#), [Kobo](#) and Apple Books.

Damien Linnane was born and raised in Sydney, Australia. Since being released from prison in September 2016, he has contributed several paid opinion pieces regarding the prison system to the news website *10 daily*. He has been interviewed about his experiences in prison by *ABC News*, *ABC Radio*, *Network Ten* and *The Newcastle Herald*. Linnane currently resides in Newcastle, Australia, and primarily works as an archivist. He also runs a small business, Vigilante Studios, doing photorealistic portrait drawings by commission, a skill he developed while in custody.

## Book details

- Title: **Scarred**
- Author: **Damien Linnane**
- Genre: **Crime thriller, vigilante justice**
- Paperback RRP: **USD 16.95, AUD 29.95**
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## Synopsis

*There were five now. The mugger, the sex offender, the wife-beater, the drug-dealer. And of course, Peter. Jason hadn't needed a gun to kill Peter.*



Jason Ennis doesn't understand why the world is such a confusing place. Why it's so difficult to read between the lines, so hard to understand what people want, such a struggle to fit in. Not that he isn't trying as he works a dead-end job and chips away at a degree that's going nowhere.

But good things come to those who wait. Sometimes, when he least expects it, he gets a chance to make a real difference. To make the world a better place. By removing someone else from it. Someone who doesn't fit in with his standards of behaviour, someone who reminds him of how they scarred him as a child.

## Reviews

” ... a brilliant fiction debut. There is never a dull moment in the 400-plus pages, written with street-smart thought patterns that make the characters come to life in Sydney as they blend in to the people-scape.”

– Jim Kellar, editor of the *Newcastle Herald Weekender*

“Damien Linnane’s *Scarred* is a poignant thriller that speaks to the addictiveness of vengeance. Jason Ennis emerges from an abominable childhood into an adulthood that is light on human connection. In striving for justice, he becomes a monster. It’s a powerful debut, both page-turner and tragic exploration of the mistakes the well-meaning make when they don’t know how to feel.”

– Edward Wright, book reviewer for *The Australian*

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