

# West Australian author joins ranks with Stephen King

**Martin Livings' dark and terrifying novel *Carnies*, a tale of a supernatural circus, is to be published by worldwide media giant Hachette Livre, publishers of bestselling authors such as Stephen King and Neil Gaiman**

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A year ago, Martin Livings was working as an IT professional in Perth and in his spare time, like so many Australian writers, he was working on various stories and novels that he hoped would one day be published. Now, Livings is a full-time writer in London and his first novel, the supernatural thriller *Carnies* is about to be released by the same company who publish Stephen King.

“Having a novel published has been my dream for as long as I can remember, but it’s been a long-delayed dream,” said Livings. “I started writing seriously in 1990 and though I’ve had many short stories published along the way, sometimes I thought I would never see a book of mine published.”

*Carnies* is the story of two young men who stumble upon the terrible secret of Tillbrook, a town that harbours the Dervish Carnival, a bizarre circus inhabited and run by creatures that are neither human nor beast, but something in between.

*Carnies* will be released on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2006 by Lothian Books, an imprint of Hachette Livre Australia, and will be available in all good bookstores.

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### **About the Author**

Martin Livings was born in 1970 in Perth, and has lived there pretty much ever since. He stumbled into both IT and speculative fiction at an early age, and has used the former to finance the latter whenever necessary. He is currently living in London with his partner, funded by a grant from the Australia Council to work on a new novel. When not writing, he reads far too few books and watches far too many horror movies.

Martin's first short story was published in 1990. *Carnies* is his first published novel.

### **FURTHER INFORMATION ON *CARNIES* IS AVAILABLE AT**

<http://carnies.martinlivings.com/>

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<http://www.martinlivings.com/images/CarniesCover.jpg>

### **AUTHOR PHOTO AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD AT**

<http://www.martinlivings.com/images/headshotbig.jpg>

### **MARTIN LIVINGS IS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW FROM JUNE 6<sup>th</sup>**

Martin is available for interview by e-mail or telephone. He will be in London, UK until the end of 2006 and in Perth, Australia from early 2007.

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