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PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth: 6 July 1977

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Marital Status: Married, no children

Education: Primary - Torquay Primary School Victoria Australia
Secondary - Grovedale Secondary College Victoria Australia 1995
(Valedictorian, Citizen of the Year)
Krishna Murti Valley School Bangalore India
Tertiary - Monash University Victoria Australia 1996
Deakin University Victoria Australia 1997-1999
(Bachelor of Arts – Journalism (deferred final unit))

Language: English mother tongue
French oral

Current Position: International Freelance Journalist/Editor

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Dedicated and experienced writer and editor relocated from Australia/India to Paris via a two-year assignment in the United States. A passion for the culinary arts, emerging travel and food trends is backed up with experience in newspapers, guidebooks and magazines.

EXPERIENCE

Current Commissions:

Australian Surf Business P/L, Melbourne, Australia

2005 to date

Contributing Writer/Sub Editor

- Covering the European surf industry news in a monthly 'round-up' column
- Sub editing and proofing the magazine's pages

The List Eating and Drinking Guide, Edinburgh, Scotland

2004 to date

Editor/Restaurant Reviewer

- Standing position as a section editor and reviewer for The List's annual restaurant guide.

- Scotland's foremost local authority on where to eat in Edinburgh and Glasgow, The List includes reviews for 800 restaurants and cafés. Editing via email and phone from my Paris base

Time Out Paris Eating and Drinking Guide, Paris, France **2004 to date**

Restaurant Reviewer

- Standing position on the restaurant review team for the company's annual Paris eating and drinking guide.

The Age Newspaper, Melbourne, Australia **2003 to date**

Travel Writer/Food writer

- Freelance travel writer for one of Australia's largest circulating daily newspapers
- Freelance food writer for the newspapers weekly food section, Epicure

Modern Luxury Publications, United States of America **2004 to date**

Freelance contributor

- Former editor for the group's Southern Californian magazine (see below) and now freelance contributor for travel and style trend pieces for the group's publications in Los Angeles (Angeleno), Chicago, Palm Springs, Dallas and San Diego

Riviera Magazine, Newport Beach, California **2003-2004**

Associate Editor/Regional Food Editor

- Co-edited and wrote content for a monthly luxury lifestyle coffee table magazine
- Generated story ideas; wrote at least two stories per issue including dining reviews, style pieces and a food page focussing on trends and secret finds, from a hidden German baker to the best spot to sip a perfect latte
- Responsible for organising photo shoots
- Co-edited and wrote elaborate features on home design, beauty, fashion and food
- Compiled, edited and assigned photography for 18 pages of 'party scenes' each issue
- Responsible for table of contents

High Style Intercontinental Hotel Group Magazine **2004**
(magazine now defunct)

Editor/Freelance writer, Melbourne, Australia **2001/2002**

Commissions:

Fairfax Publications

Epicure / The Age Cheap Eats Guide

- Restaurant reviewer for what is one of Australia's pre-eminent food guides.
- Regularly pitched and wrote food trend pieces for The Age Newspapers weekly food publication 'Epicure'.

New Woman/B Magazine/Victorian Lifestyle Property/Sport Monthly

- Pitched and wrote feature articles for the above range of popular monthly titles on a regular basis, writing on everything from up-and-coming young athletes to the best way to save money as dictated by your star sign.

Nmag

- Feature writer for a media industry publication

The Geelong Advertiser Publications

- Food editor-at-large; scouted and reviewed restaurants for the Geelong Advertiser's Sunday weekend magazine on a weekly basis. Became adept at searching out great, previously unreviewed locations
- Regularly commissioned to interview and profile theatre and television stars for entertainment features

The Geelong Advertiser Publications Division, Geelong, Australia

2000/2001

Assistant Editor/Features Writer

- Assisted in directing editorial content for the 20 publications we produced yearly; from a monthly lifestyle magazine featuring fashion, travel, health and food to multiple bridal titles, a baby magazine and home and garden issues
- Assisted in editing and lay-out
- Organised photography
- Wrote the majority of general content, including expansive cover stories for the company's numerous weekly and monthly titles

The Geelong Independent, Geelong, Australia

1999/2000

Real Estate Editor/Reporter

- Edited, compiled and wrote the weekly real estate section for which the newspaper was known
- Generated news stories including the activities of a religious cult and features on local refugees during the midst of the Kosovo-crisis
- Covered local council reporting
- Reported on sports including Australian Rules Football and a much-read fishing column, both of which were written under a pseudonym lest the reading public discover the sports writer was female!
- Completed first year of reporters internship while simultaneously completing college

INTERESTS

Recreation

Sport – Marathon running, scuba diving (advanced open water certified), ocean swimming, competitive triathlon, golf

Martial Arts – Black Belt, Australian all-styles Champion 2001

Books - Anything food, travel, history and sport biographies

Travel – Extensive global travel experience

Member – Anglo American Press Association

