

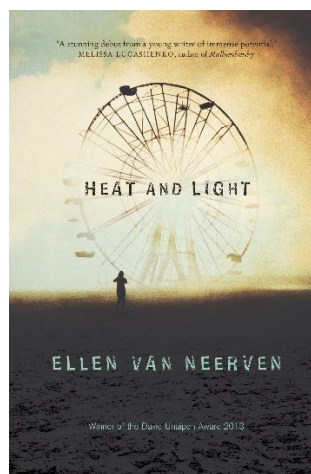
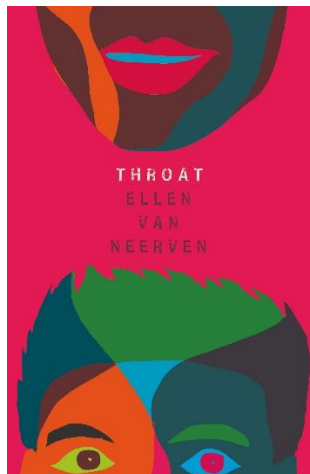
BYRON WRITERS FESTIVAL 2020 SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Teacher Resources

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Session Title

Love, Language, and Land: Telling the Stories that Make Us Who We Are
Ellen van Neerven in conversation with Benjamin Law



About the author

Ellen van Neerven is an award-winning writer of Mununjali Yugambah and Dutch heritage. They write fiction, poetry, plays and non-fiction. *Throat* is their second poetry collection.

Relevant titles:

- *Throat* (2020)
- *Heat and Light* (2014)

Curriculum guidelines for teacher resources

Curriculum Links: English

Cross Curriculum Priorities: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Culture

General Capabilities: Literacy, Personal and Social Capability, Ethical Understanding, Intercultural Understanding

Suitable for: Stage 6/ Grade 11-12

Activities and resources

The following activities and resources provide a link between the texts *Throat* and *Heat and Light* and the application of related topics such as love, language and land, sexual identity, representations of women, prejudice and cultural identity presented in classroom and educational contexts.

Read and discuss:

- Poems from *Throat*:
<https://www.sbs.com.au/topics/voices/culture/article/2020/05/29/ellen-van-neerven-call-spade-spade?cid=inbody:the-only-blak-queer-in-the-world>

<https://www.sbs.com.au/topics/pride/agenda/article/2020/05/29/only-blak-queer-world>
- Review of *Throat*: <https://overland.org.au/2020/06/i-was-the-only-blak-queer-in-the-world-on-ellen-van-neervens-throat/comment-page-1/>
- *Heat and Light* teacher's notes: <https://readingaustralia.com.au/lesson/heat-and-light/>
- *Heat and Light* class activities: <http://static.booktopia.com.au/pdf/9780702253218-2.pdf>
- Article: "We Need Diverse Books Because...": <https://www.wheelercentre.com/notes/we-need-diverse-books-because-an-indigenous-perspective-on-diversity-in-young-adult-and-children-s-literature-in-australia>

Do:

- Visit Ellen van Neeven's website: <https://ellenvanneervencurrie.wordpress.com/throat/>

Listen:

- The Garret podcast: *Writers on writing* with Ellen van Neerven: <https://thegarretpodcast.com/at-home-with-ellen-van-neerven/>

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