



SOLAR POWERED CITY FOR CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

Plans have been announced for a massive new solar array. Based on the Ericsson Sun Engine, this privately-funded, government-approved project will power a brand new city in the desert. The cutting-edge solar array will feature clean, steam-driven technology, reviving the fortunes of manufacturing in Australia at a critical time.

This is the storyline of *The Five Star Republic*. It is inventive and absorbing, nineteenth century Australian history, with a twist. It is the culmination of eight years work for multi-award winning author Dr. Janeen Webb and fellow literary historian Dr. Andrew Enstice.

“To create *The Five Star Republic* series, we explored a myriad of historical sources to create an alternate Australian history,” said Dr. Webb. “Sources such as the State Department archives in Washington and Cornish archive Kresen Kernow. We discovered some extraordinary stories, and realised just how close we came to having a very different future - a clean, green revolution powered by the sun,” she continued.

Renowned American author Pamela Sargent calls the book “Original and enthralling - an alternate history imbued with hope and promise,” while Publishers Weekly (USA) says “Harry Turtledove fans are in for a treat.”

The Five Star Republic is firmly grounded in actual events of nineteenth century Australia including the Eureka rebellion, the overland telegraph, the solar-powered steam engine and the Colt-wielding California Rangers. It is the first in a series of novels by the two authors, due for release from Queensland-based publisher IFWG.

“If we look to the past, to imagine a future powered by solar energy for more than a hundred years, we can see a very different Australia,” added Dr. Enstice.

The Five Star Republic was released in Australia, UK, NZ and Europe on 1 September 2021, and in North America on 26 October 2021.

An ebook is available for media.

Orders can now be made through online bookstores, such as www.bookdepository.com/Five-Star-Republic-Janeen-Webb/9781922556141 and www.amazon.com.au/Five-Star-Republic-City-Book-ebook/dp/B09B62P94W.

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About Dr Janeen Webb

Dr Janeen Webb is a multiple-award winning author, editor and critic who has written or edited a dozen books and over a hundred essays and stories. She is a recipient of the World Fantasy Award, the Peter MacNamara SF Achievement Award, the Australian Aureoles Award and four Ditmar Awards. Her most recent novel is *The Gold-Jade Dragon* (PS Publishing, UK, 2021).

About Dr Andrew Enstice

Dr Andrew Enstice won the Bridport Prize for poetry at the age of nineteen. He was awarded a scholarship to Emmanuel College Cambridge, graduating MA, and holds a PhD from Exeter University. His first book, *Landscapes of the Mind* (Macmillan, UK) remains the definitive study of Thomas Hardy's landscape in his Wessex books. He worked with Granada TV in the UK before moving to Australia.

Janeen and Andrew are highly experienced public speakers and are available for interview by arrangement with Scoffer Consulting.

Contact Pete Dillon for interviews, publicity material, or copies of the title for review.

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