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### New book draws attention to the dilemma of elderly missing persons

Across the globe thousands of elderly people go missing every year. Often confused or suffering from Alzheimer's, these older missing people wander away from their caregivers, putting themselves at risk due to delicate health and age itself, and leaving their families with worry and a race against time.

Clive Parisi, the main character in Georgiann Baldino's latest book *The Nursing Home Fugitive*, suffers a stroke that robs him of his short-term memory. He walks away from the nursing home, and his fretful stepdaughter, Arlene, drops everything to find him.

But *The Nursing Home Fugitive* is a positive look at this situation, where both Clive and Arlene make some essential discoveries about each other and life.

Baldino began writing the book when her husband's grandmother faced her final illness. Faced with the realities of the nursing home and the diminished capacity of her family member, she wrote a positive book of a human being's final journey. "By wrapping life's challenges in humorous and thoughtful language I hope to make difficulties easier to face," she explains. "Stories help and stories heal in ways that should be shared. My hope is that patients and their caregivers will use the book to facilitate discussion. By asking each other how they feel about what Clive did, they might find it easier to talk frankly about their own choices and how they would like to face them."

Smink Works Books publisher Suzanne Male says the book is a beautifully written, compelling and engaging story. "The novel is one of those rare reading experiences that provokes not just laughter and tears, but thought as well," she says.

The Nursing Home Fugitive is now available in e-book format.

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## **About Smink Works**

An Australian business based in Melbourne, Smink Works was established in 2002 by editor and journalist Suzanne Male. She brings a varied background to the business, encompassing 10 years' experience in the media and media publishing in both Australia and the United Kingdom.

The aim of Smink Works Books is to publish fiction with a philosophical basis. That is, stories that through observations about life, the world and society, offer insight to readers. Like other philosophical works, the novels may offer answers to recurring problems, or a better way of looking at the world and living in it. Thus, the novels available from Smink Works are works that have the power to transport readers, through the fictional element, as well as induce fundamental change. Indeed, they are novels that encourage people to experience life as an adventure in self-discovery.

A small-press publisher, Smink Works has also been established to provide a stepping stone for the unpublished author. In an era where publishing of unsolicited manuscripts is rare, Smink Works Books is taking on new writers with innovative works and a fresh voice, in what is their first step to international success and acknowledgment.