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**Comedian Justine Sless Launches debut book**

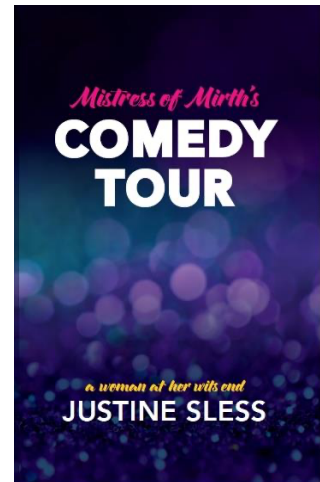
***Mistress of Mirth's COMEDY TOUR - a woman at her wits end***

Justine Sless is a comedian, author and humour academic, spending over a decade researching, performing, teaching and producing stand-up comedy. Her first book, *Mistress of Mirth's COMEDY Tour* is an adaptation of her MA by research in creative writing from La Trobe University. *Mistress of Mirth* is semi-autobiographical, intellectually compelling, and frightfully funny. Published by Australian Scholarly Publishing.

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*Mistress of Mirth's COMEDY Tour* is set in Melbourne and takes the reader on a comedy tour where the joke sequence begins in Bourke Street Mall.

Justine's "genre fluid" book blends comedy fun facts, darkly funny short stories, and a cornucopia of comedic research to escort readers through the quagmire of invective that has been directed at funny women for a millennium.

"I am a Mistress of Mirth having written, performed, researched, and taught stand-up comedy for many years and together with millions of other women across the globe we have enacted a mirthful mutiny taking on the unwieldy and historically (or is it hysterically?) male dominated world of stand-up comedy. COMEDY is an acronym for Call Out Male Entitlement Daily Y'all," said Justine.

Justine's writing appears in Jewish Women of Words, Funny Women, short story anthologies and academic journals. She is on the board of Writers Victoria, is a member of the Australasian Humour Studies Association, and is the Australian Producer for Funny Women, a global platform that supports women's voices in comedy. Justine blogs fairly regularly at [Excuse me there are Crumbs in My Comedy](#).

As a comedian Justine has toured nationally and internationally and performed for a huge range of clients at events, festivals and conferences and written numerous one-woman shows. She was the founder and creative director of Melbourne Jewish Comedy Festival. Her comedy has been described as 'Sheer Comic Panache' ARTS HUB, 'Sparkling Comedy' JEWISH NEWS, 'Razor sharp and biting sarcasm' HERALD SUN.

Born and raised in Sunderland UK, Justine now lives in Melbourne with her two daughters and a dry sense of humour. Justine is known for being a consummate Kvetcher in the Wry. This is her first book – it is available via Australian Scholarly Publishing <https://scholarly.info/book/comedy-tour/>, \$24.95.

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