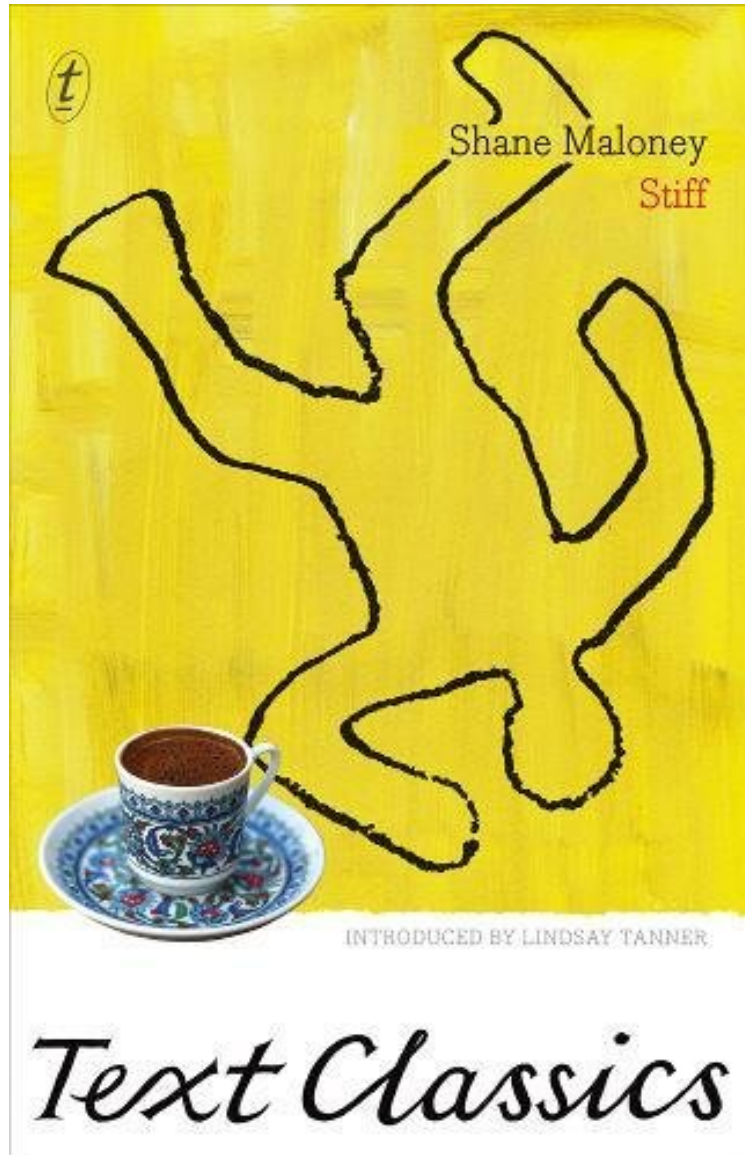


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About the Author Shane Maloney is one of Australia's most popular novelists. His award-winning and much loved Murray Whelan series—*Stiff*, *The Brush-Off*, *Nice Try*, *The Big Ask*, *Something Fishy* and *Sucked In*—is characterised by a strong sense of humour and an acute sense of Melbourne's political and cultural nuances. He has been published in the UK, Germany, France, Britain, Japan, Finland and the U.S. Lindsay Tanner is a former federal Finance Minister of Australia and author of several books who has been a member of the Victorian branch of the Labor Party for over thirty-five years and lived to tell the tale.