

***"From a glimpse of Mandela at his release rally, to the sound of water splashing onto Greek stone, Sally took me on a sensory journey."***

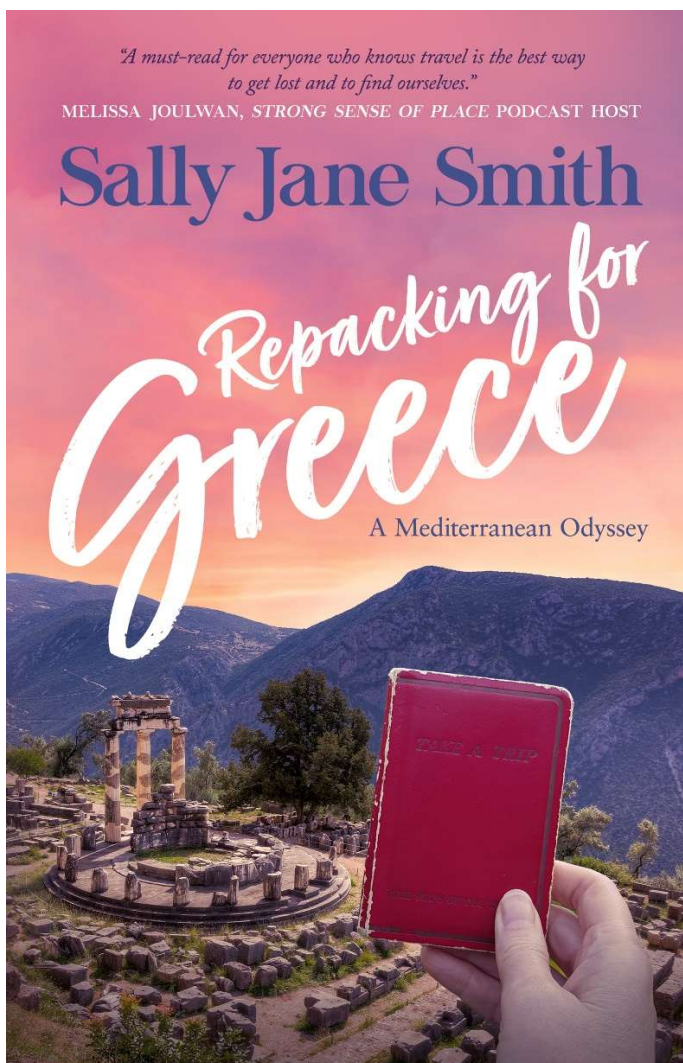
*Wendy Brooke, JourneyWoman Book Club Host*

## ***Repacking for Greece: A Mediterranean Odyssey*** **by Sally Jane Smith**

When a long-forgotten, apartheid-era arrest record derails Sally's plans for a Canadian family holiday, she packs her mum's 1978 travel diary and sets out solo for Greece instead.

As she journeys to the landmarks her mother once visited — and discovers many more — Sally immerses us in Greece's awe-inspiring landscapes and fascinating heritage sites. She delights in absorbing the country's rich history and connecting the dots between legend, location and contemporary literature.

Insightful, intelligent and with an infectious sense of wonder, Sally embraces a gentler approach to travel: facing her fears, abandoning old anxieties, and finding joy in the simple pleasures of her own Greek odyssey.



### **Accolades for the Packing for Greece Series**

*Unpacking for Greece*, Book One in the series, was selected as "Reading Greece Book of the Month" by Greek government website *Greek News Agenda*, and labelled a "compelling travel memoir" by major Greek-American newspaper, *The National Herald*.

Extracts have placed in the top 10% of entries in the Lascaux Prize in Creative Non-Fiction, been shortlisted in the Society of Women Writers NSW National Writing Competition, and achieved First Place Non-Fiction in the Port Writers Open Literary Competition.

### **About the Author**

Immigrant Australian Sally Jane Smith has lived on five continents and visited thirty-three countries, but she gives credit to Greece for turning her into a writer.

Sally completed a Varuna residency in 2018 and has published articles in *Gulf News*, *TripFiction*, *Women's Ink!* and *Brevity Blog*. Her creative non-fiction also appears in *Itchy Feet: Tales of Travel and Adventure* and the *Newcastle Short Story Award Anthology 2022*.

***"A must-read for everyone who knows travel is the best way to get lost and to find ourselves."***

*Melissa Joulwan, Strong Sense of Place podcast host*

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