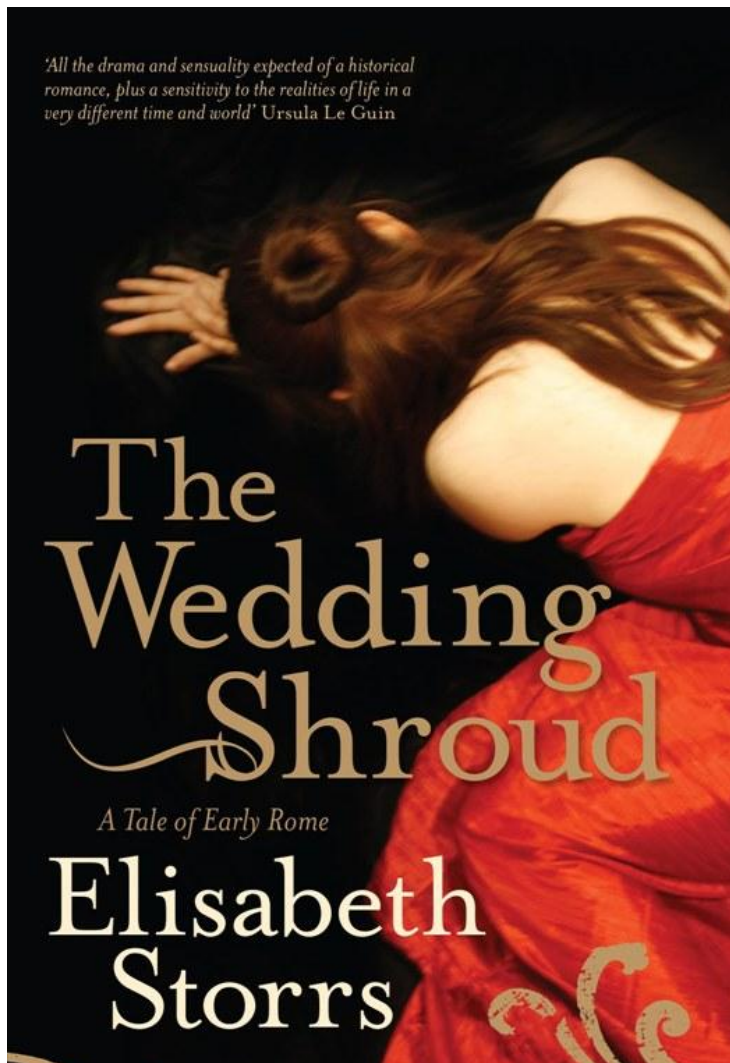


# Conversations with... Elisabeth Storr



In 406 BC, to seal a tenuous truce, the young Roman Caecilia is wedded to Vel Mastarna, an Etruscan nobleman from the city of Veii. The fledgling Republic lies only twelve miles across the Tiber from its neighbour, but the cities are from opposing worlds so different are their customs and beliefs.

Leaving behind a righteous society, Caecilia is determined to remain true to Roman virtues while living among the sinful Etruscans. Instead she finds herself tempted by a mystical, hedonistic culture which offers pleasure and independence to women as well as a chance to persuade the Gods to delay her destiny. Yet Mastarna and his people also hold dark secrets and, as war looms, Caecilia discovers that Fate is not so easy to control and that she must finally choose where her allegiance lies.

Exploring themes of sexuality, destiny versus self-determination and tolerance versus prejudice, *The Wedding Shroud* is a novel that vividly captures a historical time and place while accenting the lives of women of the ancient world.

**Balmain Library**  
370 Darling Street  
6:30pm  
**Wednesday 9th March**  
  
**Bookings 9367 9215**

**Leichhardt Library**  
Italian Forum, 23 Norton St  
6:30pm  
**Thursday 24th March 2011**  
  
**Bookings 9367 9338**

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