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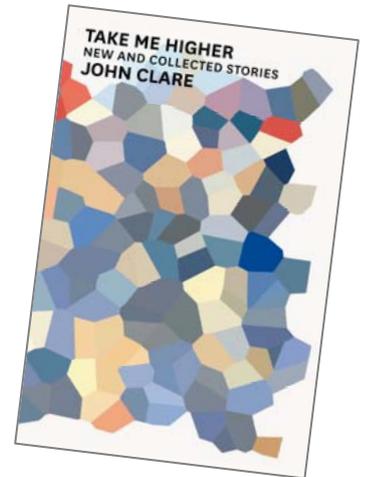
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John Clare has been writing about Australian life for decades and his admirers include some of Australia's finest writers, editors and artists.

This latest collection of short non-fiction includes favourite pieces from the past and many new ones. His subjects range widely: Naomi Watts, religion, art, boxing, kissing, jazz in Melbourne and Sydney, Miles Davis in interview. He catapults us over his bicycle handlebars in Milsons Point and with him we visit Rooty Hill, take off from Kingsford Smith airport, lob Moreton Bay Figs from bus windows and walk through dreams and rain.

Take Me Higher will be launched in Melbourne by Helen Garner on 19 May and by Michael Fitzjames in Sydney on 24 May. Details available on our website www.extempore.com.au

About John Clare:

John Clare was born at Maroubra Bay in 1940. He has written on diverse topics for most major Australian publications, including *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Age*, *The Australian*, *The National Times* and *Nation Review*, as well as *Town* and *Queen* magazines in England. His poetry has appeared in *Poetry Australia* and *New Poetry* and has been read on the ABC's old *Quality Street* programme. He has published three books: *Bodgie Dada: Australian Jazz Since 1945* (UNSW Press), *Low Rent* (Text) and *Why Wangaratta?: Ten Years Of The Wangaratta Festival of Jazz* (Victorian Tourist Bureau). John currently reviews books for *The Sun-Herald* and writes essays and reviews for SIMA.org.au



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