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#### UPCOMING EVENT REMINDER

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### From Page to Screen: Ben Lewin in conversation with Jan Epstein

**Ben Lewin**, internationally renowned Australian film director, considers himself a 'forty year overnight success.' Join us for an evening packed with his witty insights as he talks to local film critic **Jan Epstein** about

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will consider the creative complexities involved in successfully bringing a book from page to screen, followed by a Q&A session.

*The Catcher Was a Spy* is currently available on Netflix and iTunes, but knowledge of the film is not required to enjoy this event.

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**Tuesday 14th July**

**8.00 - 9.00 pm AEST**

FREE via Zoom – registration required

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Moe Berg, the central character in *The Catcher Was a Spy*, is the only major-league baseball player whose baseball card is on display at the headquarters of the CIA. A spy, a big-league catcher or an enigma? Find out who Moe Berg really was and why Ben Lewin decided to make this film, in this convivial special event.

**Ben Lewin's** career has encompassed award-winning documentaries, feature films, TV movies, mini-series and episodic programs. His films include *The Sessions*, *Georgia*, *The Dunera Boys*, and many others, while his TV work includes *Sea Change*, *Ally McBeal* and *Rafferty's Rules*. In 2017, Lewin directed *The Catcher Was a Spy*, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival



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**Jan Epstein** has been writing and broadcasting about film since 1988. She reported from the Cannes Film Festival for the ABC from 1991 to 2006, and has contributed to many magazines and newspapers including *Cinema Papers* and *The Australian Jewish News*. She has run film courses at the Jewish Museum of Australia, and she was a Jury Member at the 2016 AICE Israeli Film Festival.



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MJBW planned and presented free live-streaming events to its audience of the highest literary quality during the first lockdown in March and the beginning of the lifting of restrictions — Philippe Sands and Mark Baker, Professor David Isaacs and Dr Elizabeth Finkel, Colum McCann and Mark Baker, with Ben Lewin and Jan Epstein scheduled next week.

For the second time this year, Melburnians are finding themselves in a lockdown. Our thoughts are for the safety and general well-being of the entire community. MJBW hopes by continuing to offer more virtual events in the future that they can provide some comfort to us all during this difficult time.

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