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Why Do We Harm Each Other?

Everywhere you look today there is violence, and the urge to harm one another is undeniably a large part of our human experience. But where does it originate? Is it a holdover of our evolutionary biology or is it a learned response?

Dr Paul Valent MBBS, DPM, FRANZCP, will discuss the enigma of violence and its relationship to love with **Dr Rachael Kohn** AO, FRSNSW.

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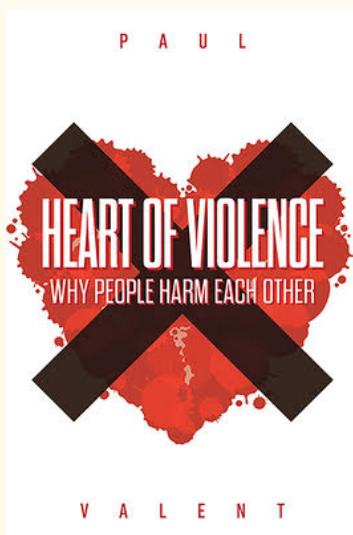
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Tuesday 8th Sept**8.00 - 9.00 pm AEST**

FREE via Zoom – registration required

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Biology and culture are two of the key factors in Paul Valent's exploration in *Heart of Violence*, but Valent's childhood experience of surviving the Holocaust inevitably introduces the historical inheritance in the psychology of why people harm each other. Psychiatrist, psychotherapist and traumatologist, Valent explores the nature of violence and discovers an unexpected ingredient, love.

Available from [Australian Scholarly Publishing](#).

Paul Valent, Holocaust survivor, psychiatrist (ret.), and traumatologist, founded and was long-term president of the Child Survivors of the Holocaust, Melbourne. He also co-founded and is past President of the Australasian Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. Paul has published numerous papers, book chapters, and encyclopaedia entries. In *Heart of Violence; Why People Harm Each Other* (2019), his fifth book, he finally confronts his persecutors. In asking them Why? he finds a way to think about and understand violence generally.



Rachael Kohn is an author and broadcaster who presented and produced programs on religion, religious history and spirituality for ABC RN from 1992 to 2018. She has also produced award-winning features for television, including *The Dead Sea Scrolls* (2000). Rachael is the author of two books, *The New Believers: Re-imagining God* (2003) and *Curious Obsessions in the History of Science*



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newspapers. She was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2009.

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Our first MJBW seasonal book club selection – Juliet Rieden's *The Writing on the Wall* – was a memoir uncovering a personal Holocaust tragedy of epic proportions. The conversation between Rieden and Bram Presser offered readers an intriguing and rewarding chat with particular viewpoints from audience members being eloquently answered. For those subscribers who missed this session or would like to see it again, please enjoy at your own leisure.



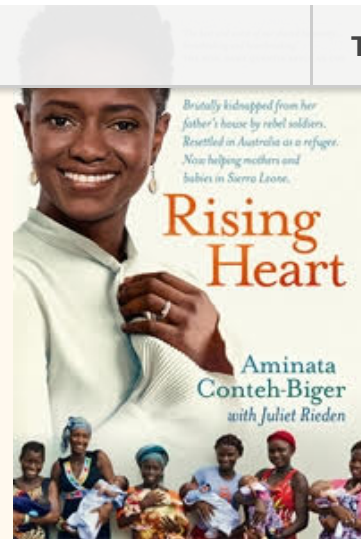
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Juliet Rieden addresses the plight of the refugee in *The Writing on the Wall* – how her father 'survives a survival' and builds a new life in an unfamiliar land. This theme is continued in a new book: *Rising Heart* by Aminata Conteh-Biger, a former refugee from Sierra Leone who now lives in Sydney and is the Founder and CEO of the Aminata Maternal Foundation in the land of her birth. Juliet is the co-writer of this compelling memoir.

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Available August 25th from *The Avenue, Readings and Jeffreys Books.*

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