

## **How To Repaint a Life**

By Steven Herrick

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### *Blurb:*

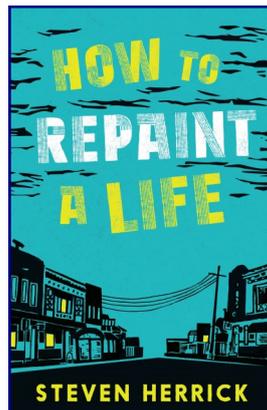
A powerful prose novel from one of Australia's most awarded authors.

Isaac is running from his old life when he steps off the bus in a small town.

He doesn't plan on sticking around and has nowhere to stay, but a local cafe owner's kindness offers him a chance to change his story.

Then Isaac meets Sophie and learns he's not the only one wanting to repaint his life.

As he did so masterfully with *The Simple Gift*, Steven Herrick delves into the universal themes of rising above the past and taking control of your future.



### *Lamont Review:*

Isaac's mother left when he was young, and now Isaac decides to escape his abusive father too. So Isaac boards a bus, and randomly gets off in a small town. He has nowhere to stay, but stops in at the local café for a coffee. When the owner, Joan, is kind to him he decides to stay in town for a while.

Then he meets Sophie and they instinctively trust each other. Slowly Isaac rebuilds his life and learns that love and friendship are not confined to family, but can be found in the people who love you and want you in their lives.

*How to Repaint a Life* is Steven Herrick at his very best. A beautiful story of running from your past, making a better life for yourself and not letting the past define you. Isaac and Sophie are wonderful characters who are both trying to find their place in the world and growing and learning as they do.

This is a story of friendship, young love, growing up and not being scared of change. It's sure to be a favourite, and is perfect for readers in Year 9 and up. I loved it.

*Reviewed by Michelle*

*Teacher Notes prepared by the publisher are available for this title on our website.*