

Meet the Author - Cristovão Tezza

3 minutes

Good Afternoon book lovers, book readers and book writers,

Welcome to this “Meet the Author” session of the 2010 Adelaide Writers’ Week. My name is Denise MacLeod, and as a lover of all things Latin American, I am honoured to be chairing this particular solo session.

We do not often get the opportunity to meet, greet and have such access to prolific multi award-winning international writers from Latin America here in Adelaide; however, in this session - all that changes. You are about to meet a writer whose book, *The Eternal Son*, has won every major award in his native Brazil and has also won first place for the prestigious *Literature in the Portuguese-language* prize in Portugal and Brazil.

The Eternal Son is this author’s thirteenth novel but, incredibly, his first to be translated into English. It is fortuitous for all of us that Writers’ Week this year has coincided with the launch of this new English-language edition (which is literally hot off the press); and it is particularly good timing for our international guest as it is his first visit to Adelaide, to Australia in fact, and he is currently in the process of enjoying the vast number of Australian varieties of beer.

So, before we get thirstier, it is my privilege to ask you to please make welcome, almost literally direct from the country of samba, soccer, and award-winning contemporary literature, Mr. Cristovão Tezza.