

Local inspiration behind author's epic narrative

The Sun In His Eyes by Renee Belloni is more than just a journalist's incredible story - it also sheds light on what others who didn't make it went through.

It's a story inspired by true events, set against the backdrop of wartime in the Dutch East Indies and Japan, a history we shouldn't forget.

For author Renee Belloni, it also good to know that her father Claude also had a ton of fun, falling in love, doing awesome jobs, and going on incredible jungle expeditions in Dutch New Guinea.

Renee said Claude made his own life story, with his own hands, using his diary, journals, and over a hundred photos.

"A life, so extreme, from pure joy to absolute horror, from perfect harmony to complete turmoil, from thrilling adventure to total upheaval, and finally to ultimate peace and freedom," she said.

"There's already too much stress in the world, yet here I am, unveiling my new book.

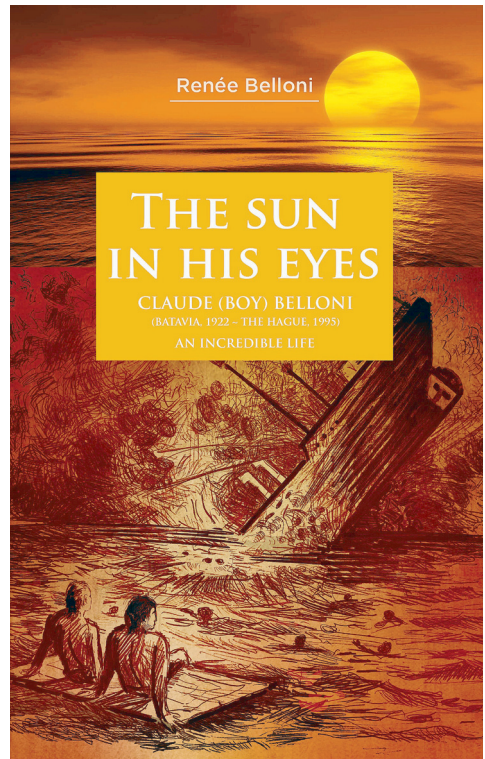
"This book is dedicated to peace in the world, starting from within.

"The more peace we have within ourselves, the more peace there will be in our troubled world."

Renee Belloni, Claude's daughter, is a local author and they published the Dutch version of this book, audiobook and some e-books.

They were pleased to already have received positive reviews from the Dutch book edition: "Wow, Your book was so intense, it made me pause. Some words that just pop into my head: Respect, cool, admiration, historiography."

The Sun in His Eyes will be launched on Sunday 30 June, from 2 to 4pm at Vintner's Secret Vineyard Childers, 135 Isis Road, North



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Renee encourages everyone writing down stories from the past with memories and experiences of family and friends so they're not lost.

"Always remembered, not kept secret.

"And, it's a lesson for everyone."