

THE MELBOURNE ATHENAEUM LIBRARY

THE PLEASURE OF WORDS



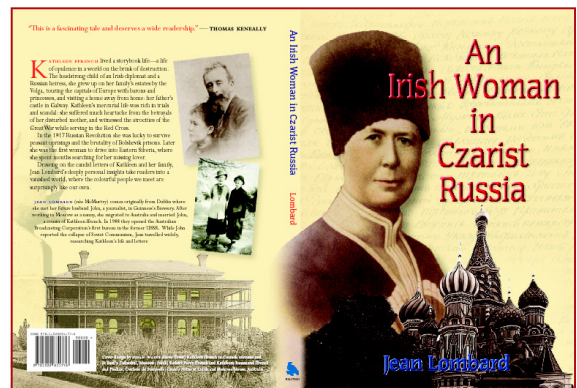
Irish/Australian Author

Jean Lombard

Tuesday 16 March at 1pm

Kathleen ffrench lived a storybook life—a life of opulence in a world on the brink of destruction. The headstrong child of an Irish diplomat and a Russian heiress, she grew up on her family's estates by the Volga, touring the capitals of Europe with barons and princesses, and visiting a home away from home: her father's castle in Galway.

In the 1917 Russian Revolution she was lucky to survive peasant uprisings and the brutality of Bolshevik prisons. Later she was the first woman to drive into Eastern Siberia, where she spent months searching for her missing lover.



“This is a fascinating tale and deserves a wide readership.”

- Thomas Keneally -

Jean Lombard comes originally from Dublin where she met her husband John, a journalist and a cousin of Kathleen ffrench. In 1988 they opened the ABC's first bureau in the then USSR.

Jean's book will be available for purchase and signing after the talk.

www.jean-lombard.com

Free admission for members. \$5 non-members.

Book early. Limited number of seats.

1st Floor, 188 Collins Street, Melbourne

Bookings: 9650 3100 Fax: 9654 9776

E-mail: library@melbourneathenaem.org.au

www.melbourneathenaem.org.au