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Biography

Tegan Bennett Daylight is a writer, teacher and critic, living on Darug/Gundungurra country. She is the author of 14 books, including *Six Bedrooms* (Penguin Random House, 2015), a collection of short stories that was shortlisted for the Stella Prize, the Steele Rudd Award and the Als Gold Medal; *The Details* (Scribner, 2021), a collection of essays on love, death and reading, which was shortlisted for the Prime Minister's Literary Award and the YA novel *Royals* (Simon & Schuster, 2023), which was shortlisted for the NSW Premier's Award. In 2026 she was awarded the Australian Society of Authors Gold Medal, for her outstanding contribution to Australian culture, in recognition of a significant body of work, and less visible contributions made to literature, through advocacy and support of other writers. She teaches and supervises students in the discipline of creative writing at Western Sydney University.

Qualifications

Doctor of Creative Arts, University of Technology Sydney

Master of Arts

Research outputs

Life at Its Most Free: Tegan Bennett Daylight on Not Writing Ruth Park's Biography
Bennett Daylight, T., 7 Nov 2025

How to Survive 1985
Bennett Daylight, T., 2025

The Frank Moorhouse Reading Room
Bennett Daylight, T., 2024

Fully present, utterly connected : The Golden Age by Joan London
Bennett Daylight, T., 2023, *Critic Swallows Book: Ten Years of the Sydney Review of Books.* Menzies-Pike, C. (ed.). Penrith, N.S.W.: Giramondo Publishing, p. 282-290 9 p.

Royals
Bennett Daylight, T., 2023

'I will not be doing it again' : reflections on anxiety in Generation Z
Bennett Daylight, T., 2022

A big sunny shack : Cosmo Cosmolino by Helen Garner
Bennett Daylight, T., 2021, *Reading Like An Australian Writer.* Castles, B. (ed.). Randwick, N.S.W.: NewSouth Publishing, p. 26-41 16 p.

The Details: On Love, Death and Reading
Bennett Daylight, T., 2020

Keeping faith with words : on teaching literature in the digital age
Bennett Daylight, T., 2019, In: Griffith review. p. 245-253 9 p., 64.

A mole, a viper, a toad : Brian Dillon's Essayism
Bennett Daylight, T., 2018, In: Sydney Review of Books. May 22, 2018, 7 p.

Praise, improvement, praise
Bennett Daylight, T., 2018, In: The Australian Author. 50, 2, p. 108-111 4 p.

Learning to see
Bennett Daylight, T., 2017, In: Island. 150, p. 27-30 4 p.

Six Bedrooms
Bennett Daylight, T., 1 Jul 2015

Fully Present, Utterly Connected: the Golden Age by Joan London
Bennett Daylight, T., 31 Oct 2014, In: Sydney Review of Books. 8 p.

Other animals
Daylight, T. B., 1 Jun 2014

Love is a Stranger
Bennett Daylight, T., 2014

J'aime Rose
Bennett Daylight, T., 1 Jan 2013

Firebugs
Bennett Daylight, T., 2013

J'aime Rose
Bennett Daylight, T., 2013

A Bird in the Hand
Bennett Daylight, T., 24 Nov 2012

Like a Virgin
Bennett Daylight, T., 22 Nov 2010

Trouble
Bennett Daylight, T., 2009

Chemotherapy Bay
Bennett Daylight, T., 2002

Activities

Blue Mountains Writers Festival
Daylight, T. (Chair)
1 Nov 2025

The Blue Mountains Writers Festival Schools Week
Daylight, T. (Chair)
27 Oct 2025 → 31 Oct 2025

'How to be a Writer' - writing workshop at the Willoughby City Writers Festival
Daylight, T. (Chair)
29 Jul 2025

How to Survive 1985 - an afternoon with Tegan Bennett Daylight
Daylight, T. (Chair)
24 May 2025

Addi Road Festival
Daylight, T. (Chair)
17 May 2025

Writing mentorship
Daylight, T. (Consultant)
12 Feb 2025

The Frank Moorhouse Reading Room
Daylight, T. (Consultant)
2 Feb 2025 → 1 Dec 2026

Two author events for the Write Out West Writers Festival
Daylight, T. (Chair)
4 Dec 2024

Manuscript appraisal and mentorship - Anne Casey-Hardy
Daylight, T. (Consultant)
6 Oct 2024 → 6 Dec 2024

Conversation with author Alice Robinson
Daylight, T. (Chair)
18 Jul 2024

Writing Mentorship
Daylight, T. (Consultant)
19 Feb 2024 → 4 Feb 2027

Manuscript appraisal and mentorship - Alice Robinson
Daylight, T. (Consultant)
1 Aug 2023 → 1 Aug 2024

Master of Arts in Literature and Creative Writing
Daylight, T. (Other) & Fagan, K. (Other)
2023

Writing and Society Research Centre (Event)
Daylight, T. (Other)
1 Jan 2021 → …

Awards

Projects