

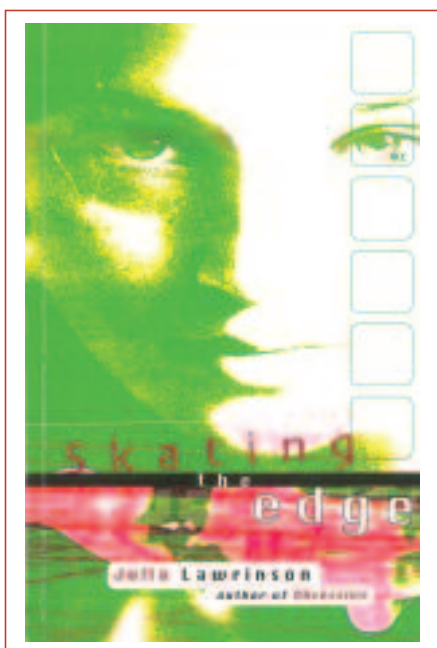
Julia Lawrinson

Julia was born in 1969 and grew up in over a dozen different houses in the bogan suburbs of Perth. After being permanently suspended from school at 15, she worked as a whopper maker, market research interviewer, roadhouse waitress and weighbridge operator, among other things. She studied through correspondence and at a senior college and made it to university just before she turned 20, despite the fact that she never officially graduated from high school. At university she studied English and Comparative Literature and History, gained a Graduate Diploma in Education and went on to complete a Doctorate in Writing, mainly so that she could write 'Dr' on census forms.



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