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Summary

I am a bookbinder, researcher and teacher. Originally a woodworker, I developed an interest in paper crafts and learned basic bookbinding under Neale Wootton at the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT). My binding education comes from a wide variety of sources. I regularly participate in workshops offered by both the Canberra and NSW Guilds. Guest teachers are invited to demonstrate a variety of techniques. A lot of learning occurs when using these techniques for my own binding projects. I have been teaching beginner bookcraft at CIT for six years. I have a particular interest in Japanese bookbinding. I was awarded the Kenneth Binns Travelling Fellowship which allowed me to attend the London rare Book Summer School in 2012 as well as visit conservation laboratories. As a result I wrote and published two books on historical bindings and their watermarks.

Work experience National Library of Australia	Reference Librarian <i>Pictures and Manuscript Branch</i>	2017 – current
	Assistant to Exhibition Conservator <i>Preservation Services</i>	2016-2017
	Customer Service Officer <i>Readers Services</i>	2015
	Assistant bookbinder Preservation services	2010-2014
Other Experience	Reference Librarian <i>Palerang Library Services</i>	2002-2009
	Teacher, Bookcraft, <i>Canberra Institute of Technology</i>	2010-2017
	Teacher, Tango	2008- current
	President, Braidwood Folk Music Club Folk festival organizer (<i>Music at the Creek</i>)	2004-2010
	Woodworker/Framemaker/ Artspace owner	
Education	<i>Blocks and Plates</i>	2018
	London Rare Book Summer School	
	<i>Preventive Conservation Certificate</i>	2017
	Citalio Restauro	
	<i>The Book: Histories across time and Space,</i>	2016
	Harvard Extension School	

	European Bookbinding 1420-1830 London Rare Book Summer School	2012
	NEIS Business Scheme TAFE	1998
	Graduate Diploma in Art History and Curatorship Australian National University	1994
	Bachelor of Arts – French and Psychology ANU	1987
Skills	I get things done I speak French and Spanish and understand some italian	
Publications	<i>Factotums and Fleurons – old printers in a new country</i> (TBC)	2020
	The Perfume of Books	2017
	The Secret Life of Watermarks	2017
	Tango Manual for leaders and followers	2014
	Tango Guide to Buenos Aires	2013
	Bookcraft Student Manual	2011
Social Media	Instagram: theperfumeofbooks Flickr: The Rare Book Detective	
Blogs	<i>Bookish Things to think about</i> (theboxgirl.wordpress.com) <i>Random Tango thoughts</i> (tallatango.wordpress.com) NLA Behind the Scenes blog (participation in) What's going on? Braidwood community newsletter	200-2004
Awards	Kenneth Binns Travelling Fellowship Australia Day Citizen Award for community service	2012 2006