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MUP TO PUBLISH CHRISTINA STEAD

Melbourne University Publishing (MUP) is proud to announce the acquisition of the rights to a collection of titles by one of Australia's most outstanding novelists, Christina Stead, including her masterpiece, *The Man Who Loved Children*, and the remarkable novels *Letty Fox: Her Luck* and *For Love Alone*.

Christina Stead, who grew up in Sydney but spent much of her life overseas, is renowned for her penetrating psychological characterisations and satirical wit. Amazingly, many of her works were not published in Australia until the 1960s and soon fell out of print, despite the critical praise that *The Man Who Loved Children*, in particular, received internationally. This year is the 70th anniversary of the first publication of *The Man Who Loved Children*.

Louise Adler, CEO and Publisher-in-Chief, says 'I am delighted that MUP, under its prestigious imprint, The Miegunyah Press, is able to bring Christina Stead's remarkable literary oeuvre to a new audience. It is extraordinary that her novels have been overlooked for so long in Australia. *The Man Who Loved Children*, which will be the first relaunched Stead novel, is the great 20th century novel about family life. We are proud to be publishing one of Australia's truly great novelists.'

The Man Who Loved Children will be published by The Miegunyah Press in November 2010, and the rest of the collection will follow in early 2011.

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