

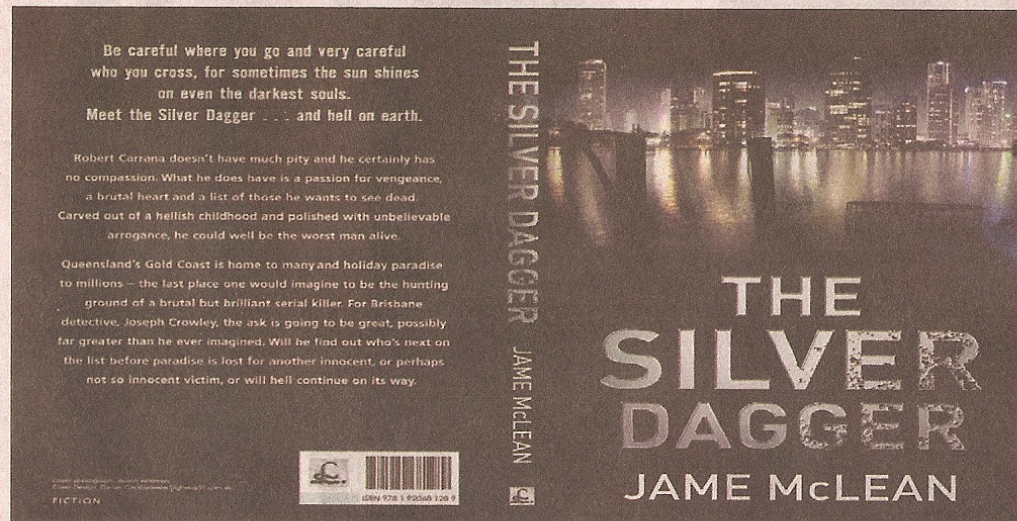
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Charleville farmer writes third book



FOURTH-generation Charleville farmer Jame McLean has released his third book, *The Silver Dagger*.

Queensland Country Life will give away one copy to a lucky reader.

The book is a new-age thriller, based in Queensland and told through the eyes of the villain.

The predominately black-covered book with dark and eerie shot of the Gold Coast skyline gives a hint to the dark world that the book centres on.

The Silver Dagger is a first-

person account of a highly intelligent but deeply tormented serial killer operating along the country's pristine beaches.

"My idea was not to entertain readers with what the killer does, because he is, after all, a brutal man with a misguided sense of right and wrong, rather to draw them in through a compelling justification of his actions," McLean said.

"After a while you reach a point where it (harsh rural life) doesn't affect you.

"It is this sense of removal that allowed me

to create the central figure in the story, the dark Robert Carrana."

To enter the draw for the *Queensland Country Life* giveaway write your name, address and contact number on the back of an envelope.

Send to Silver Dagger Competition, Queensland Country Life, Po Box 586, Cleveland, 4163.

Entries will close on Monday, June 23, at 5pm.

The winner will be selected from a random draw and notified promptly.