**Samuel J. Halpin**



Samuel J. Halpin was born in Tasmania but has Irish roots. He studied journalism at the University of New South Wales, then went on to study cinematography in Sydney. He later moved to London to work in TV production.

“The Peculiar Peggs of Riddling Wood”, his first novel, came about as a result of “being raised on a hodgepodge of fairytales, crowded bookshelves and cups of hot chocolate.” Samuel remembers once eating an entire pancake that was meant for his brother completely by accident simply because he was so mesmerised by what he was reading. “Being lost and not looking for a way out is the best thing about reading” he says.