

BOOK QUIZ

with Bradley Trevor Greive

What are you reading now?

While on the road I maintain a petting zoo of slim-hipped editions to be picked up and caressed as time permits between bouts of mandatory drunkenness and the liberating effects of sleeping pills. My current favourite is *Happy Days*, a bleakly amusing French novella by Laurent Graff.

What first gave you the reading bug?

The hilarious tales of James Herriot and Gerald Durrell — the very first books to make me laugh aloud. I've loved animals since I was a little boy, and in many ways have never really grown up.

What books would you take to a desert island?

The complete works of Harold Bloom. Should be more than enough to make a small yet sturdy house, with a few volumes left over to keep the fire going.

What book left you cold?

Ulysses, by James Joyce. Yes, it contains rapturous passages of delirious dream music. But mostly it is liquid gibberish garnished with a little piece of poo.

● Since the debut of his best-seller *The Blue Day Book*, Tasmania-born Bradley Trevor Greive has become a publishing sensation. His books have sold more than 20 million copies in 115 countries. His latest book, *Why Dogs Are Better Than Cats*, has the same trademark combination of engaging animal photographs, gentle humour and thoughtful insights. *Why Dogs Are Better Than Cats* is available in book stores now for \$32.95.

