

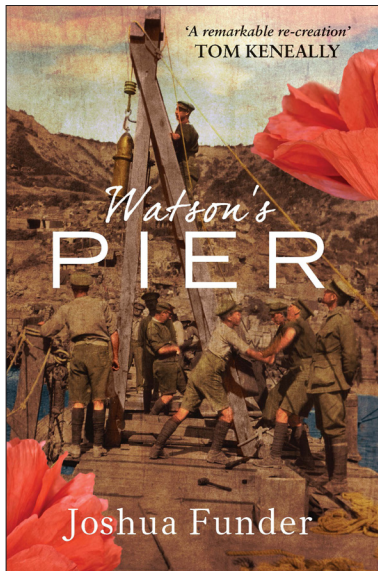
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Joshua Funder is Stanley Watson's great-grandson and lives in Melbourne with his wife and two children. He holds a D.Phil from Oxford University where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar.

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