

IN PRAISE OF AGEING

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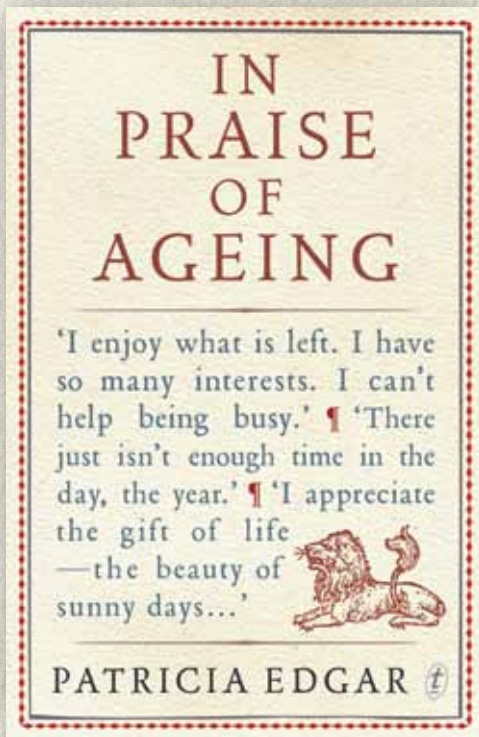
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Retirement is not the time to cut all ties and head off to live in a warm climate but rather to ask: Who do I want to be near? How will my relationships be reaffirmed? What do I care about? What can I create and contribute to the world?

MEET Jim Brierley, who was still jumping out of planes aged eighty-eight. And Muriel Crabtree, whose exhibition of pastels was opened by the governor-general shortly after Crabtree died aged 102.

A girl born today is likely to live to more than one hundred, with boys not far behind. Yet rather than focusing on the productive, rich, varied lives older people lead we dwell on the burden of ageing. *In Praise of Ageing* tells the stories of eight people who have lived well into their nineties and beyond. These people will inspire you, entertain you and motivate you to be connected, interested, risk-taking and inventive. They will challenge your preconceptions. And they will convince you that fifty is now the start of the second half of life and not the beginning of the end.

Patricia Edgar's *In Praise of Ageing* is timely and groundbreaking in its desire to reshape our thinking.

'Patricia is a sort of centurion in her abilities to kick down doors and push walls over...she gets things done.' Phillip Adams



‘Many envy me;
most friends continue to
tell me I am marvellous.’
FLORA NOYCE



‘In the ensuing years there may sometimes
be an occasional doubt about miracles
but then the superb grandchildren arrive
and life reinvents itself.’
LESLEY FALLOON



‘I like skydiving better
than gardening.’
JIM BRIERLEY