

## **JOYCE LOBBAN – Writer Profile**

I guess I have been writing in some form or other most of my life, which at 74 plus is quite a while.

Why write?

Perhaps I discovered very early that words are powerful?

A poem, a story, a book, or a play, can create or recreate, lives, events, passions, despair, loss, love, fear... Words can also challenge, refute, destroy, enable someone to survive, or even change things.

They can be a tool to address issues, or a pencil to sketch a scene, or a brush to paint a landscape.

The list goes on.

Having said that, there can also be writing deserts, when a page just leers back at you for weeks and thoughts don't form.

This story "Independence Day" was a desert breaker written over a few days and submitted at the last minute on a whim.