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## Profile: Alexandra Sangster

Rev Alexandra Sangster has been working as a Minister of the Word with the Uniting Church in Australia for over 19 years and as an actor and facilitator for over 20.

Alex has taught at the National Theatre, The Center for Theology and Ministry, Whitley College Monash University and The Iona Community and has facilitated many retreats and workshops, in both corporate and community sectors; also working as an activist with Love Makes A Way (fighting for justice for refugees) and ARRC (Australian Religious Response to Climate Change). Recently she was arrested while blocking the gates up at the Adani frontline.

Alex brings us all the questions from years of experience of ministry and activism that shaped her recent book, one which pries open the ordinary to find the Sacred. Using the metaphor of Story, she shares her passion to discover ways that liberate, inspire and awaken.

'Do they make coffins that small?' explores what it means to minister in the context of contemporary disbelief. It asks what kind of transformative and inclusive communities can connect with those who are spiritually hungry but culturally anti-institution. It asks, "Are you ready to sit with people in their darkest moments?' and grapples with what we can say to each other in the face of grief and loss in a post-modern world.

