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Seven years ago Perth author Brooke Davis' mother died in a car accident. Davis was in Vietnam at the time and never got to say goodbye. But she found two ways of dealing with her grief: to adopt her mother's car and to write an extraordinary book about three misfits — an abandoned seven-year-old girl, an eccentric old man and an elderly widow — who have lost loved ones and who find solace in each other's company. Davis' novel *Lost & Found* caused a sensation at this year's London Book Fair and has already been sold to more than 20 countries. Soon she'll be able to afford any car she wants. In tonight's episode of *Australian Story* we find out why she'll keep driving her mother's old rust bucket. And why literature matters.

William Yeoman

Read **Ian Nichols'** interview with Brooke Davis in tomorrow's *Today*. **Australian Story** airs today at 8pm on ABC1.