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#### **AUTHOR OF *PAYBACK***

Michelle Kelly was born in Invercargill in 1965. She attended local schools, both of which have subsequently closed, before going on to Southland Girls' High School.

Although currently working as a real estate salesperson, Michelle has had a variety of previous jobs including factory work, checkout operator, administration and being a personal assistant.

Starting around five years of age, Michelle always love writing stories and has been known to make up a few, however it was only eight years ago that Michelle started writing seriously. She enjoys the pleasure of creating a world of characters and situations where she gets to determine the outcome – well, usually, unless the characters or the editor decides differently.

Her sons have always been Michelle's inspiration. It is the funny things the boys do that she needs to share in her writing.

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