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On Red Earth Walking
The Pilbara Aboriginal Strike, Western Australia, 1946–1949
Anne Scrimgeour

A scintillating account of a crucial time in our nation’s making

In 1946 Aboriginal people walked off pastoral stations in Western Australia’s Pilbara region to demand improvements in wages and conditions. Their strike lasted three years. On Red Earth Walking is the first comprehensive account of this significant event.

Now in a new format, this bestselling volume uses previously unsourced archival evidence to interrogate earlier historical accounts of the strike, delving beneath the mythology to uncover a rich complexity. It draws on Aboriginal oral history to foreground the experiences and agency of those involved.

This is a lucid examination of the system of colonial control that existed in the Pilbara and how these mechanisms were gradually broken down by three years of activism. A nuanced account of a pivotal event in Australian Indigenous and labour histories, it fills a gap in the understanding of our nation’s story.

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“A tour de force investigation of Indigenous and labour history. Rolf Gerritsen”

Dr Anne Scrimgeour worked with Pilbara Aboriginal people over many years and undertook extensive research into their history. She worked with senior Ngulipartu man Monty Hale on his bilingual autobiography, Kurlumarniny: We Come from the Desert and published widely on the Pilbara strike and the Aboriginal cooperative movement that developed from it.
Taking to the Field
A History of Australian Women in Science
Jane Carey

If asked to name an early Australian woman scientist, few could. Let’s change that.

Histories of Australian science largely overlook women. This gives the impression that, until recently, there were no Australian women scientists. But statistics show this is far from true. Why don’t women scientists make it into history books?

This is the first comprehensive history of Australian women in science from colonisation to contemporary times. From the first years of colonisation, women engaged in myriad scientific endeavours, from botany to genetics to chemistry. There was a vibrant culture of women in science in the years up to 1945 – as researchers, lab workers, teachers and activists for science-based social reform.

This is not a simple celebration of unsung heroines. Some women scientists were involved in colonial science and eugenics; few women of colour were given opportunities. But within these limitations, many remarkable individuals illuminated our understanding of the world. From the first female science graduate, Edith Dornwell, Australian women have had an outsized influence. The botanical collection of Western Australian Georgiana Molloy, the discoveries of Tasmanian-born biologist Elizabeth Blackburn and the research of Melbourne zoologist Georgina Sweet all tell a story: how Australian women in science have transformed the world.

Jane Carey teaches at the University of Wollongong, where she was a founding co-director of the Centre for Colonial and Settler Studies. She has published widely on Australian history, British colonial history and Indigenous history. The editor of numerous collections, including Indigenous Networks (2014) and Colonial Formations (2021), she has held a Monash Fellowship at Monash University and an ARC Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Melbourne.
Maggie Kirkman is a psychologist and senior research fellow in Global and Women’s Health at Monash University. Before attending university in her thirties and gaining a PhD at fifty, she taught kindergarten children and children with disabilities. Her research includes women’s experiences of infertility, abortion, donor IVF, breast cancer and ageing. The author of My Sister’s Child (with Linda Kirkman) and the editor of Sperm Wars (with Heather Grace Jones), Maggie appears regularly in the media. In 2019, she was named an inaugural Champion for Women by Women’s Health Victoria.

Time of Our Lives
Celebrating Older Women
Maggie Kirkman

A timely salute to older women’s contributions to our community

Time of Our Lives presents the extraordinary lives of ordinary women in their seventies, eighties and nineties, challenging the stereotype of the helpless old woman who is nothing more than a burden.

This collection demonstrates the rich experiences of 20 women of diverse backgrounds, all born before 1946 and all of whom have achieved great things in older age. Mig Dann worked for David Bowie and gained a PhD in her eighties. Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr-Baumann AM, the first Indigenous schoolteacher in the Northern Territory, is showing young people about culture and community. Olive Trevor’s love of plants led her to become a world expert in bromeliads. From Robina Rogan, a boat-builder planning a voyage at age 82, to Rosemary Salvaris, a 76-year-old civil celebrant who’s taken up orienteering, these women show that learning has no age limit.

As the generation of Australian women who waved the flag for feminism enter retirement, let’s change the conversation around what it means to be ‘old’. Our ageing population is not a burden – it’s time to celebrate the contributions that older women make to our community.
Superb new writing … The words between these covers are unflinching, crisp, imaginative.

Ali Alizadeh
Gladys
A Leader’s Undoing
Paul Farrell

A gripping account of Gladys Berejiklian’s downfall

Paul Farrell takes us behind the scenes of the investigation that prompted former NSW premier Gladys Berejiklian’s resignation following one of the biggest scandals in NSW political history, embroiled in a major corruption inquiry that also enveloped the man with whom she was in a secret relationship for five years. He gives us a detailed account of how ICAC built its case against the former premier, and the romantic relationship that ended her political reign. And he explores how and why Berejiklian’s immense popularity as a powerful female leader in a male-dominated political party persisted despite the accusations against her.

This book also examines the arguments for and against corruption-fighting bodies such as ICAC at a time when trust in our political institutions is at the lowest level it has ever been, and it asks tough questions about the state of our democracy. At the centre of all this is the national importance of trust, honesty and integrity, and how much Australians are willing to tolerate when it comes to the behaviour of their leaders.

Paul Farrell is an investigative reporter at the ABC’s flagship current affairs program 7.30. He previously worked at The Guardian and Buzzfeed News, breaking major national and international stories. He led The Guardian’s Nauru files reporting team, which won a number of journalism awards. He has reported extensively on the way politicians wield public funds for political purposes, and his award-winning reporting on Gladys Berejiklian formed a key line of inquiry for the corruption probe into the former premier.
Monash University Low FODMAP

The Cookbook

The Monash FODMAP Team

120 delicious and easy-to-follow recipes developed by the founders of the FODMAP diet

This is the perfect cooking companion for to better manage symptoms of irritable bowel symptoms (IBS). Offering 120 newly developed recipes created using the world’s largest database of FODMAP-tested foods, it shows you how to cook and enjoy low FODMAP foods at home. It also includes the Monash FODMAP stack cup, a unique feature designed by the research team to help customise meal plans to suit your lifestyle. With the Monash University Low FODMAP cookbook, you’ll have an easy-to-use guide to a diet therapy that brings together fresh, nourishing, low FODMAP ingredients to create delicious and simple dishes from around the world.

With all proceeds from the cookbook going back into research, you’ll also be playing a meaningful role in making a bigger, better impact on the lives of people with IBS around the world.

The Monash FODMAP Team at Monash University is composed of dietitians, scientists, postgraduate students and gastroenterologists working together to explore the role of food components in gastrointestinal conditions. For 15 years, this team has been innovating to improve the lives of those with IBS.
PASSIONFRUIT
PAVLOVA CRÈME

SERVES 6

PAVLOVA
4 egg whites
pinch of salt
1 cup (225g) caster sugar
1 tsp vanilla essence (extract)
1 tsp white vinegar
2 tsp cornflour (cornstarch)

FRESH FRUIT
(125g) Fresh raspberries
(125g) Fresh blueberries
(125g) Fresh passionfruit (pulp)
(90g) Fresh blackberries

CRÈME
300ml (10.6fl oz) double cream
100g (3½oz) brown sugar

Energy 1350kJ / 330kcal
Fat 18.1g
Saturated Fat 12.6g
Carbohydrate 43.4g
Sugar 34.5g
Salt 0.2g

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Michelle Lazarus is an associate professor and Director of the Centre for Human Anatomy Education at Monash University. In 2020 she won a Vice-Chancellor’s Award for Teaching and in 2022 she won the prestigious AAUT Award, which recognises the nation’s most outstanding teachers.

**The Uncertainty Effect**

How to Survive and Thrive Through the Unexpected
Michelle Lazarus

A smart, practical guide on how to navigate uncertain times

In an age of pandemic and economic precarity, how can we learn to embrace uncertainty in our workplaces, schools and businesses? And how can an understanding of uncertainty help us to build resilience, foster social justice and deal with the ‘big issues’, such as climate change?

Award-winning educator Michelle Lazarus shows us how uncertainty tolerance can help. From how teachers can prepare students for an uncertain workforce, to reducing burnout in trainee doctors, to confronting the effects of climate change, this smart, practical popular-science book has an affirming message: we may not be able to predict the future, but we can learn to navigate it. Drawing on Michelle’s original research, it will appeal to readers of Jonica Newby’s Beyond Climate Grief, Emily Ehler’s Hope is a Verb and Brigid Delaney’s Reasons Not to Worry.
‘I am a planner who actively avoids spontaneity but, like everyone else, I was thrust into the uncertainty the Covid-19 pandemic caused. When faced with unprecedented challenges, including changes to our jobs, unknowns about our personal lives and questions about our society, I had a starting point due to my research into identifying effective ways to manage uncertainty.

As we all navigate immense uncertainty, from climate change to geopolitical security, I felt compelled to write this book to help others gain insights into my and others’ work. I hope it provides a roadmap for managing the enormous what-ifs, complexities and unknowns facing us in today’s world.’

Michelle Lazarus
Richard King is an English author, critic and poet based in Fremantle, Western Australia. He studied at Salford University and the University of Sussex, before working in London publishing. His first book is *On Offence: The Politics of Indignation*, and his work appears widely, including in *Best Australian Poems, Best Australian Science Writing, The Australian, The Sydney Morning Herald, The Monthly* and *The London Magazine*.

“King … make[s] news out of culture, and without trivialising the second thing in favour of the first. **Clive James**

### Here Be Monsters

**Technoscience, Capitalism and Human Nature**

**Richard King**

Technology is developing fast – so fast that it threatens to overwhelm the very species whose genius lies in its technological cunning: *us*. From the metaverse to genetic engineering and mood-altering pharmaceuticals, to cybersex and cyberwar and the widespread automation of work, new technologies are rewriting the terms of our existence – not in a neutral spirit of ‘progress’ but in line with the priorities of power and profit, and in ways that often work against the grain of our fundamental being.

In this timely, provocative book, Richard King argues that we need to evolve a more critical attitude to new technologies if we are to avoid a world in which humans are no different in kind from algorithmic machines. The stakes could not be higher. As science, technology and capitalism fuse into a single system, and activists and entrepreneurs talk of a ‘post-human’ future in which individuals will transform themselves using powerful computers and biotechnologies, we are entering unchartered territory – a territory marked with the mapmaker’s warning, *Here Be Dragons … Here Be Monsters*.
**Pandemia**

How Covid Changed Journalism

Edited by Tracey Kirkland & Gavin Fang

If journalism is the first draft of history, what will it say about Covid?

The Covid-19 pandemic ripped through the world with no regard for borders, age, status or wealth. It was brutal in its impact and created a raft of new social norms. And without warning, the pandemic changed journalism, in some ways irrevocably.

This arresting collection of essays from some of Australia’s top media minds examines how the pandemic altered the news. Some changes accelerated shifts already underway, such as the rise of user-generated content, the weaponising of disinformation, and the demand for data journalism. Other changes were unexpected, such as the emergence of the home-based expert and a story with a very, very long tail. Many reporters were forced to write, file and broadcast from home. Numbers took on a new importance. And every day, journalists had to find new ways to tell the same story, one they too were living through.

With contributors including Stan Grant, Michelle Grattan, David Speers, Annika Smethurst, Alan Kohler, Lisa Millar and Dr Norman Swan, Pandemia takes readers behind the scenes of Australia’s media organisations to give a firsthand perspective on the new reign of the fourth estate.

Tracey Kirkland has spent more than 30 years writing for broadcast and print. During Covid, she was the ABC’s national newsgathering editor and is now the continuous news editor for ABC News Channel.

Gavin Fang is one of Australia’s most experienced news executives, with 25 years in print and broadcast journalism. He led the ABC’s news teams during the pandemic. A former foreign correspondent, he is deputy director of ABC News.
Australia on the Brink
Avoiding Environmental Ruin
Ian Lowe

It is clear that Australia is seeing the consequences of long-term inaction. How do we change course?

In 1996, the first independent national report on the state of Australia’s environment found that we faced serious problems. With increasing urgency, five subsequent reports declared those problems were all getting worse. The 2021 report determined that, ‘Overall, the state and trend of the environment of Australia are poor and deteriorating as a result of increasing pressures from climate change, habitat loss, invasive species, pollution and resource extraction.’

Accelerating climate change and the loss of our unique biodiversity are the most obvious signs of the grim outlook for future generations of Australians. But the international trends are equally worrying, with quixotic economic systems casting doubt on the wisdom of running down our domestic production of essential goods and services in favour of a dependence on trade. Australian society itself is at risk. Lowe argues that the essential first steps in addressing these threats are stabilising the global climate and protecting our local biota. We must also change resource extraction from a damaging reliance on trade to improving our capacity to meet our own needs. This is our best – perhaps our only – chance of restoring a sense of social stability, and the equality of opportunity that was once a hallmark of this country.

Ian Lowe AO is Emeritus Professor of Science, Technology and Society at Griffith University and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering. He has published widely and filled a range of advisory roles, including chairing the advisory council that in 1996 produced the first independent national report on the state of the environment. Among other accolades, he has received the Prime Minister’s Environmental Award for Outstanding Individual Achievement, the Queensland Premier’s Millennium Award for Excellence in Science, and the International Academy of Sciences, Health and Ecology’s Konrad Lorenz Gold Medal for contributions to sustainable futures.
Cruel Care
A History of Children at Our Borders
Jordana Silverstein

A ground-breaking history of Australia’s treatment of child refugees

*Cruel Care* tells a story of government, politics and the emotions that drive decisions. It asks why Australia has treated child refugees with violence and why governments say that the cruel acts they perpetrate are a form of care.

Based on extensive research – including 35 oral history interviews with key policymakers, along with a rich set of archival sources – this book traces how governmental authorities can make decisions designed to control and disenfranchise children in their care. It explores how legislation, ministers, political parties and the public service have combined to create a sentimental rhetoric of welfare while enacting repressive policies. And it details the weaponisation of rhetoric such as ‘best interests of the child’ and the histories of race – and racism – that shape Australian discourses of national security.

At the heart of this book are the human stories. *Cruel Care* asks how policymakers are shaped by, and in turn shape, their histories, communities and nation, and examines how we should and can do better by those who most deserve our compassion.

**Jordana Silverstein** is a senior research fellow at the Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness at the University of Melbourne. She has also been a visiting scholar at the ANU’s Humanities Research Centre and a three-time judge of the Victorian Premier’s Literary Award for Nonfiction. Jordana’s work is published widely, including in *The Conversation* and *Overland*, and she has appeared regularly in the media, such as on the ABC, SBS and RRR.

The first Australian history of its kind

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Full Coverage
The Story of Australia’s Rock Press
Samuel J. Fell

The first full-length history of rock journalism in Australia

For over fifty years, Australia has maintained its own rock press – a vibrant, passionate, sometimes volatile industry of dozens of papers and magazines committed to the coverage of the country’s robust music scene.

From the glossy and glamorous to the punk and pernicious, these publications were the medium that brought Australian music culture to international attention and launched the careers of countless musicians, as well as writers, editors and photographers. Go-Set started it all; Rolling Stone Australia, RAM and Juke defined their eras; music newspapers like Beat and Inpress brought indie music to the streets; and sites like Mess+Noise, Tone Deaf and Junkee harnessed the digital age.

Drawing on comprehensive research and dozens of interviews with key figures such as Molly Meldrum, Phillip Frazer and Lily Brett, journalist Samuel Fell captures the vibrancy of music journalism in Australia with colourful anecdotes and surprising stories. Full Coverage is the tale of how the Australian rock press was born, grew and evolved to become an integral part of Australian culture.

For fans of Andrew Stafford’s Pig City

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feature spread – Les, could we include some images of any of the following magazine covers: Go-Set; Rolling Stone Australia, RAM, Juke, Beat and Inpress.
A Tiger Rules the Mountain
Cambodia’s Pursuit of Democracy
Gordon Conochie

A propulsive and vivid insight into a complex country

Cambodia’s Hun Sen is the world’s longest-serving prime minister, in power since 1985. In 2013, Sen’s rule came under threat when the exiled opposition leader, Sam Rainsy, unexpectedly returned just before a national election. One hundred thousand supporters hailed him at the airport as protests swept the country. On election day, millions voted for change. This narrative non-fiction account tells the dramatic story of that election and the subsequent multi-year wrestle for power, right through to the dramatic events of the present day.

This is Cambodia through the lens of the human stories. Gordon Conochie lived and worked in the country and interviewed many involved in the events, including government officials, journalists, young human-rights activists and opposition politicians. The story he finds is both complex and riveting: Cambodia’s history is riven with trauma yet there is a powerful and swelling appetite for change. Looking ahead to Cambodia’s future and the role of democracy in South-East Asia, Conochie examines whether we will continue to see a backslide in liberal democracy or if the region could gradually be on the path to a more liberal future.

Gordon Conochie is an adjunct research fellow at La Trobe University and a former journalist. Born in Scotland, he has a master’s degrees in politics and international relations. In Cambodia, he worked with the Ministry of Education, UNICEF and the World Bank. He now works in mental health services in Melbourne.
Renee So

*Provenance*

Edited by Charlotte Day and Melissa Ratliffe

*A beautifully produced volume that reveals the diverse ancient and modern art influences behind Renee So’s work.*

Born in Hong Kong and raised in Melbourne, Renee So is an artist whose idiosyncratic practice in ceramics and textiles, and occasionally furniture and glass, is inspired by art history, collections in museums and gendered symbolism. Her work is distinguished by its embrace of craft methods, cross-cultural thinking, an underlying sense of the comedic and a persistent feminist worldview. So relocated to London in 2005, and exhibits regularly in solo and group exhibitions in the UK and internationally.

Produced to accompany a major 2023 survey exhibition at Monash University Museum of Art, Melbourne, *Renee So: Provenance* showcases more than a decade of the artist’s work alongside new commissioned essays by writers Hélène Maloigne and Chus Martínez, and a conversation between So and exhibition curator Charlotte Day. Designed by London studio A Practice for Everyday Life, it features illustrations of the diverse art historical influences that inspire So’s works – from the earliest known ceramics to objects looted from Yuanmingyuan (the Qing Dynasty Old Summer Palace) by the British and French in the mid nineteenth century.

Charlotte Day is the director of Monash University Museum of Art (MUMA). Her extensive arts management experience includes working for the Australian Centre for Contemporary Art, the Centre for Contemporary Photography and Gertrude Contemporary, and as guest curator for the The Anne Landa Award (2013), Adelaide Biennial (2010), TarraWarra Biennial (2008) and Australian Pavilion for Venice Biennale (2005 and 2007). Melissa Ratliffe is Curator Research at MUMA. She has worked on exhibition, public programming, publication and editorial projects, including at the Biennale of Sydney (2015–18), Manifesta 10 in St Petersberg (2013–14), dOCUMENTA (13) in Kassel (2010–12) and the 16th and 17th Biennale of Sydney (2007–10).
Failed Ambitions
Kew Cottages and Changing Ideas of Intellectual Disability
Lee-Ann Monk & David Henderson with Christine Bigby, Richard Broome & Katie Holmes

A gripping history, both topical and timely

The history of Melbourne’s Kew Children’s Cottages (1887–2008) is the challenging story of an institution that failed its residents – and it is vividly relevant to today, when the rights of people with disabilities are the subject of a royal commission.

Those with an intellectual disability were historically the most vulnerable in our society and the least protected. Governments continually failed them by underdelivering on ambitious promises of reform. Failed Ambitions traces the development of Kew Cottages and the broader themes it gives rise to, including changing social ideas about intellectual disability. Australia saw a shift from a belief that those with intellectual disabilities were educatable to a view, which took hold in the 1920s, that the ‘feebleminded’ were unreclaimable and a menace to society. It took until the 1980s to formally recognise the rights of disabled peoples, and demanded dismantling institutions like Kew and associated ideas of disability.

Throughout Kew Cottages’ history, a cohort of journalists, parents, activists and residents fought for and finally gained greater rights and respect. This is a moving and powerful story that deserves to be read by all policymakers so we can avoid repeating the mistakes of the past.

Lee-Ann Monk is adjunct research fellow in the Department of Archaeology and History at La Trobe University. She has published nationally and internationally on the histories of mental health, disability and work. David Henderson was a researcher in the Living with Disability Research Centre at La Trobe University for eight years. He now works as a researcher in the disability area of the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.
UPCOMING TITLES SNEAK PEEK

In Search of Lost Trees
Dave Witty
Narrative Nonfiction / Environment

A stunning meditation on the remarkable insights that Australia’s trees can offer into our past

The trees around us – some we may walk past every day – tell a story. The mallee box by the twelfth hole of North Adelaide Golf Course evokes a time when Adelaide was clothed in mallee scrub and desert senna. Brisbane’s remnant blue gum, growing by the botanic gardens, indicates a time when the city was once jungle. The river red gums of Melbourne bear the scars of Aboriginal craftsmanship. Mangroves, Leichhardt trees, acacias, eucalypts, foxtails … together, they inspire a narrative that jumps from Burke and Wills to sugar slaves, Empress Josephine to Johnny Flinders. Eucalypts reveal lost cultures and lost children. Cabbage palms tell of incomparable migrations. In the spirit of Bob Gilbert’s Ghost Trees and Don Watson’s The Bush, this book explores how our trees hold our history.

Dave Witty is a Melbourne-based writer raised in London. His work appears in Island and Sleet. An essay from this book won the highly commended award in the Nature Conservancy’s 2021 Nature Writing Prize.

Vinyl Dreams How the 1970s Changed Music
Tony Wellington
Music History

A scintillating journey through the extraordinary music a decade gave rise to – the songs and the new concept of sound that defines music today

After the dense miasma of the 1960s, the 1970s hit like a hangover. Idealism took a pounding as cynicism began to pervade western culture. Stagflation became a thing. Watergate, environmental disasters and an oil crisis proved there was even more to worry about than a Cold War. Australia experienced a dramatic upheaval: a loosening of censorship laws, campaigns for women’s, Aboriginal and LGBTI+ rights, and a new relationship with China. This tumult saw a remarkable blooming of pop music. Monumental albums were born. Rock music splintered into dazzling shards as technical innovations propelled feverish experimentation. This fast-paced romp through the seventies, from the golden era of rock music, to disco, punk and New Wave, brims with fascinating stories and traces the revolutions that shaped the soundtrack of many lives.

Tony Wellington is a writer, photographer and former mayor of Noosa Shire. His works include Freak Out, Happy? Exploding Cultural Myths about Happiness and several photographic books. He holds a degree from Monash and has worked as a scriptwriter, radio host and illustrator.
**Turning Points**

25 Remarkable Australians and the Moments that Changed Their Lives

Edited by Mary Ryllis Clark

‘Many people have a powerful story to tell about a turning point that led to them finding their purpose, their passion.’

When historian Henry Reynolds witnessed extreme racial injustice, he was ignited to change the course of his research. Whistleblower Andrew Wilkie bravely spoke out about Australia’s involvement in the Iraq War. Actor Jack Charles’s time in the Marumali healing program, developed by a fellow Stolen Generation survivor, set him on a path of self-discovery. Teacher Anthony Bartl was paralysed from the neck down, but it hasn’t stopped him from snorkelling, skiing and going on an African safari.

From Rosalie Martin, a speech pathologist working to increase literacy among prisoners, to Gia-Yen Luong, the daughter of Vietnamese refugees who is improving education in Australia, each contributor shares a moment that changed their future, sparking them to live a life of passion and purpose – and in turn enriching the lives of others.

These true stories of triumph and tragedy, hope and survival, show the power each of us holds to improve the world. Other contributors include Robyn Davidson, Gillian Triggs, Inala Cooper, Anna Funder, Peter Doherty, Stephanie Alexander, Allan Fels, Fiona Patten and Elizabeth Chong.

Mary Ryllis Clark is a writer and historian. The author of several books, she also wrote a fortnightly column for *The Age*, ‘Historic Victoria’, from 1992 to 2005. Mary migrated from London to Australia in 1974, lives in a historic factory in the Melbourne suburb of Fitzroy and enjoys her city’s rich and diverse cultural life.
Disconnect
Why We Get Pushed to Extremes Online and How to Stop It
Jordan Guiao

A lively, topical look at the rise of internet extremism and what we can do about it

Many of us know an anti-vaxxer or a selfie-obsessed narcissist who clutters our social feeds; an online conspiracy theorist or a child whose face is buried in a smartphone. Some of us even live with one. How do we pull these people back from the brink of a digital abyss?

In this compelling account, researcher Jordan Guiao reveals what happens when we fall into online addiction and radicalisation. He speaks to Covid-19 ‘freedom fighters’, QAnon conspiracists, social media egoists, online gamers and men’s rights activists, tracing their path into obsession and how they found their way out. Drawing on psychology, neuroscience and research on addiction, he prompts us to ask: how can we use the tools that connect us to stop isolating us? And what should our governments do to protect us?

In an age of online outrage and social media schisms, where Big Tech tracks our every click, it is time for a conversation about how to use the internet safely and for social good. Let’s stop the disconnect and create an online world we can all be proud of.

Informed, researched and very readable, Disconnect helps us navigate the great data ocean. Ed Santow

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Jacquie Houlden is Uwe Radok’s daughter. She is an author, educator and businesswoman. During Covid lockdowns she opened a tin containing her father’s wartime diaries and began transcribing them, uncovering a surprising story. Seumas Spark is an Adjunct Fellow in History at Monash University.

Shadowline
The Dunera Diaries of Uwe Radok
Edited by Jacquie Houlden & Seumas Spark

In September 1939 Britain declared war on Germany, and the life of Uwe Radok, a German-born engineer working in Scotland, changed forever.

Classified as an ‘enemy alien’, Uwe was deported to Canada on the Arandora Star. When the ship was torpedoed, drowning more than 800, Uwe and his brothers survived – only to be marched onto the infamous Dunera, bound for Australia.

From 1940 to 1943 Uwe kept a series of diaries. Their pages offer a remarkable account of the effects of displacement. The harrowing voyage and the tedium of indefinite detainment are rendered with clarity. Over time, this gives way to an exploration of the contours of love, as Uwe formed a sustaining connection with another male internee. These diaries offer a fascinating insight into life in wartime internment. In depicting the barriers to homosexual and bisexual love in the 1940s, they reveal a new element to the Dunera story that has gone unexplored. Vivid and poignant, Shadowline is a powerful portrait of a man torn between his feelings and society’s expectations.

Royalties from this book are donated to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, to help protect and support those seeking asylum in Australia today.
The Big Teal
Simon Holmes à Court

The May 2022 election marked the great re-engagement of those ignored for too long on climate, integrity and gender equity. However, the triumph of the ‘teals’ was not unexpected to those assisting their rise. Simon Holmes à Court observed that Cathy McGowan’s 2013 election as a community independent provided a template for direct political engagement. Thus began Climate 200, a crowdfunded outfit to provide the money and expertise to better match the major parties and turbocharge the grassroots movement in thirty-plus electorates. Despite a relentless campaign of vilification aimed at Holmes à Court and the candidates, six new community independent MPs and one senator were elected. It was a victory of facts over fear, priorities over prejudice. This is the story of how a team of inspired young tech-heads and older sages helped a cluster of communities get the representation they wanted.

Simon Holmes à Court has stood at the intersection of community, climate action and politics for many years. His startup Climate 200 reinvigorated Australia’s political order at the 2022 federal election. Simon is an energy analyst, clean-tech investor, climate philanthropist and director of the Smart Energy Council and the Australian Environmental Grantmakers Network. He was co-founder of the Australian Wind Alliance and inaugural chair of the Melbourne Energy Institute’s Advisory Board.

Marrul Aboriginal Identity & the Fight for Rights
Inala Cooper

What does reconciliation and truth-telling look like, and how do we as a nation find justice for Indigenous people? In this deeply personal work, Inala Cooper shares stories of her family to show the impact of colonisation on the lives of Aboriginal people from the 1940s to now. She reveals the struggles faced by her Elders and contrasts them with the freedoms she comes across as an Aboriginal woman today. Speaking only from lived experience, Inala examines the need to share wealth and power, and the role of community in an increasingly individualist world. In finding her place as an activist for social justice, Inala is supported by her family, her ancestors, community and the academy. It is these supports that help her challenge racist and outdated notions of what it means to be Indigenous, sovereign and self-determined.

Inala Cooper is a Yawuru woman with German and Irish heritage from Rubibi/Broome. She has a Master in Human Rights Law and contributes regularly to the media. A director on several not-for-profit boards, including Culture Is Life, State Library Victoria and the Adam Briggs Foundation, she is also the director of Murrup Barak, the Melbourne Institute for Indigenous Development at the University of Melbourne.
Justice in Kelly Country
The Story of the Cop Who Hunted Australia’s Most Notorious Bushrangers
Lachlan Strahan

Whose version of history do we believe?

In the Jerilderie Letter, Ned Kelly accused Senior Constable Anthony Strahan of threatening to shoot him ‘like a dog’. Those fateful words have ricocheted through history. Many have blamed Anthony for the Kelly Outbreak. For, two days after Anthony reputedly made his threat, Ned and his gang shot dead three police. Ned’s reason? He thought one of the cops was Anthony.

Lachlan Strahan, Anthony’s great-great-grandson, grew up believing Ned Kelly was a heroic outlaw and Anthony a ruthless cop. Yet as he combed through letters, court transcripts, print articles and family histories, Lachlan pieced together a different story about his ancestor – a fiery Irish immigrant who embodied the thin blue line in the bush for 32 years. Bent on justice, Anthony apprehended criminals from brazen fraudsters to wily horse thieves to murderous husbands. Yet his legacy was ensnared in the Kelly legend. Did Anthony utter those incendiary words about Ned?

This is a tale about justice and retribution, morality and character, and making a life against the odds in a frontier society. It is also a story of inheritance: of the words passed from father to son, and the tales we choose to preserve and retell.

Lachlan Strahan is a historian, a diplomat and a Monash Distinguished Alumni recipient. His first book, *Australia’s China*, has become one of the standard works on Australia–China relations. His second, *Day of Reckoning*, traced a series of crimes in Papua New Guinea after World War II and was shortlisted for the 2006 NSW Premier’s Australian History Prize.
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How an Indigenous Family Survived Colonial Tasmania
Joel Stephen Birnie

The story of three extraordinary women and their enduring legacy

Tarenootairer (c.1806–58) was a child when a band of white sealers bound her and forced her onto a boat. From there unfolded a life of immense cruelty inflicted by her colonial captors.

But Birnie grew up hearing the true stories about Tarenootairer, his earliest known ancestral grandmother, and he was keen to tell his family’s history without the colonial lens. Tarenootairer’s daughters, Mary Ann Arthur (c.1820–71) and Fanny Cochrane Smith (c.1832–1905), shared her activism: Mary Ann’s fight for autonomy influenced contemporary Indigenous politics, while Fanny famously challenged the false declaration of Indigenous Tasmanian extinction. Together, these women fought for their Indigenous communities and sparked a tradition of social justice that continues in Birnie’s family today.

From the early Bass Strait sealing industries to Aboriginal internment on Flinders Island, My People’s Songs is both a constellation of the damage wrought by colonisation and a testament to the power of family. Revelatory, intimate and illuminating, it does more than assert these women’s place in our nation’s story – it restores to them a voice and a cultural context.

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**Collective Movements**
Edited by Kate ten Buuren & Maya Hodge

Produced to coincide with the exhibition of the same name, Collective Movements focuses on the work of historic and contemporary First Nations creative practitioners and community groups in south-eastern Australia. It recognises collectivity as integral to Indigenous knowledges and ways of being. Edited and designed by First Nations artists, it includes contributions from First Nations chamber orchestra Ensemble Dutala, theatre company ILBIJERRI, artist collective Pitcha Makin Fellas and arts support platform for Indigenous offenders and ex-offenders The Torch, among others. Published in partnership with Monash University Museum of Art (MUMA).

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