

True Stories

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True Stories by Inga Clendinnen is Australia & Oceania Inga Clendinnen believes that democratic people need true stories about their past. In these engaging essays, based on her 1999 Boyer Lectures, she argues for the rejection of any single, simple account of the Australian past and looks towards a deeper understanding of what whites have done to Indigenous Australians. The reader catches the experience of individuals through fragments—a woman being manhandled on a beach, an old man remembering the hard lessons of his boyhood in a Jesuit mission, an old woman urgently dancing the history of her country. This frank and challenging review of race relations in Australia helps us cast off prejudice and foregone conclusions and to look with fresh eyes. It enables us to understand better how this nation came to be what it is today. 'Under the entertaining surface...she is profound, provocative and persuasive.' Courier Mail **Top Books, Featured Books, Top Textbooks, Top Free Books, Top Audiobooks, Audiobooks, Arts and Entertainment Books, Biographies and Memoir Books, Business and Finance Books, Children and Teens Books, Comics and Graphic Novels Books, Computers and Internet Books, Cookbooks Food and Wine Books, Fiction and Literature Books, Health, Mind and Body Books, History Books, Humor Books, Lifestyle and Home Books, Mysteries and Thrillers Books, Nonfiction Books, Parenting Books, Politics and Current Events Books, Professional and Technical Books, Reference Books, Religion and Spirituality Books, Romance Books, Sci-Fi and Fantasy Books, Science and Nature Books, Sports and Outdoors Books, Travel and Adventure Books**

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[Built On Stone](#)

By : **Michael Freedman**

A look at the history and the suburb I live in. Sydney Australia is a lovely place and there are many lovely suburbs but Arncliffe is where I have been living for the past thirty years. Every day when I go for a walk around my suburb I discover new and exciting things that I wish to share with you. This part of Sydney has so much to offer, parklands like Wolli Creek, Botany Bay and the lovely beaches, historic homes such as Tempe House, these are just a few. I hope this wets your appetite to find more. Enjoy

[The Sex Lives of Australians](#)

By : **Frank Bongiorno**

Cross-dressing colonists, effeminate bushrangers and women-shortage woes – here is the first ever history of sex in Australia, from Botany Bay to the present-day. In this highly readable social history, Frank Bongiorno uses striking examples to chart the changing sex lives of Australians. He shows how an overwhelmingly male penal colony gave rise to a rough and ready culture: the scarcity of women made for strange bedfellows, and the female minority was both powerful and vulnerable. Then came the Victorian era, in which fears of sodomy helped bring an end to the transportation of convicts. The twentieth century saw the rise of the sex expert. Tracing the story up to the present, Bongiorno shows how the quest for respectability always has another side to it, and how the

contraceptive pill changed so much. Along the way he raises some intriguing questions - What did it mean to be a 'mate'? How did modern warfare affect soldiers' attitudes to sex? Why did the law ignore lesbianism for so long? - and introduces some remarkable characters, both reformers and radicals. This is a thought-provoking story of sex in Australia. With a foreword by Michael Kirby, AC CMG. 'Remarkable and highly readable' - Michael Kirby 'A great book, a compound of wit and tragedy, as you'd expect from the subject matter, plus wide learning and common sense.' - Alan Atkinson, author of *The Europeans in Australia*

The White Divers of Broome

By : **John Bailey**

In the tradition of *Longitude* and *The Surgeon of Crowthorne* comes a gripping work of narrative history, set in Australia's far north-west. In 1912 Broome was as much Asian as Australian, filled with the smell of unfamiliar spices and a babel of competing languages. It was a frontier town, where racial tensions simmered uneasily between whites, Asians and Aborigines; age-long inhabitants of the land around Broome who had been originally forced to skin-dive for shells, but who were now displaced and discarded as it became harder to find. In that year, twelve British Royal Navy-trained divers and their tenders were sent to Broome, urged on by a Federal Government deep in the grip of the 'White Australia' policy and anxious to rid the country of the last remaining Asian 'taint'. Their task was to master the perilous art of pearl-shell diving, and overcome the Asian stranglehold on the pearling industry, proving once and for all the supremacy of the white man over the coloured. *The White Divers of Broome* tells the extraordinary story of this experiment, and its fatal aftermath. Set against the backdrop of Broome, it vividly conjures up a world where lanes and slums teemed with hawkers, noodle stalls, opium dens and prostitutes more redolent of Asia than Australia; and where pearl shell mattered more than human life. *The White Divers of Broome* is a gripping narrative, and a window on a past that echoes with many of the same fears, prejudices and hopes as our society today. Winner of the NSW Premier's Award for History 2001 Winner of the WA Premier's Book Awards' Non-fiction Book Award 2001

Country

By : **Tim Flannery**

Country is a thrilling and personal book about a scientist and a continent. Tim Flannery writes a love letter to Australia, drawing on three decades of extensive travel, research and field work to reveal its unique nature. As he describes his encounters with the land and its people, Flannery pays particular attention to the evolution of Australia's most distinctive animal, the kangaroo. He shows us how the destiny of this extraordinary creature is inseparable from the environment that created it. The kangaroo may seem as familiar to us as the eucalypt or the desert, a symbol on a road sign or the tail of a passenger plane, but readers of *Country* will never see our national emblem in the same way again. 'Flannery is perhaps the most gifted describer of the natural sciences writing today.' *Weekend Australian*

Making Peoples

By : **James Belich**

A new paperback reprint of this best-selling and ground-breaking history. When first published in 1996 *Making Peoples* was hailed as redefining New Zealand history. It was undoubtedly the most important work of New Zealand history since Keith Sinclair's classic *A History of New Zealand*. *Making Peoples* covers the period from first settlement to the end of the nineteenth century. Part one covers Polynesian background, Maori settlement and pre-contact history. Part two looks at Maori-European relations to 1900. Part three discusses Pakeha colonisation and settlement. James Belich's *Making Peoples* is a major work which reshapes our understanding of New Zealand history,

challenges traditional views and debunks many myths, while also recognising the value of myths as historical forces. Many of its assertions are new and controversial.

[Paper Emperors](#)

By : **Sally Young**

'A tour de force.' — Professor Rodney Tiffen Before newspapers were ravaged by the digital age, they were a powerful force, especially in Australia — a country of newspaper giants and kingmakers. This magisterial book reveals who owned Australia's newspapers and how they used them to wield political power. A corporate and political history of Australian newspapers spanning 140 years, it explains how Australia's media system came to be dominated by a handful of empires and powerful family dynasties. Many are household names, even now: Murdoch, Fairfax, Syme, Packer. Written with verve and insight and showing unparalleled command of a vast range of sources, Sally Young shows how newspaper owners influenced policy-making, lobbied and bullied politicians, and shaped internal party politics. The book begins in 1803 with Australia's first newspaper owner — a convict who became a wealthy bank owner — giving the industry a blend of notoriety, power and wealth from the start. Throughout the twentieth century, Australians were unaware that they were reading newspapers owned by secret bankrupts and failed land boomers, powerful mining magnates, Underbelly -style gangsters, bankers, and corporate titans. It ends with the downfall of Menzies in 1941 and his conviction that a handful of press barons brought him down. The intervening years are packed with political drama, business machinations and a struggle for readers, all while the newspaper barons are peddling power and influence.

[The Stolen Island](#)

By : **Scott Hamilton**

'What had happened to the stolen islanders? Had any survived slavery?' One day in 1863 a strange ship stopped at 'Ata, a tiny island in the wild seas between Tonga and New Zealand, and sailed away with one hundred and forty-four men, women and children. The 'Atans were never heard from again, and in Tonga their fate became the subject of legends and superstitions. Uncovering the tragedy of 'Ata takes Scott Hamilton on a journey to the kava circles and caves of Tonga and back to the streets of Auckland. The Stolen Island is a twenty-first century true sea story revealing slavers, mutinies, castaways, pirates and a cruel streak in Pacific history that is often overlooked but not forgotten.

[Tasmania's Convicts](#)

By : **Alison Alexander**

To the convicts arriving in Van Diemen's Land, it must have felt as though they'd been sent to the very ends of the earth. In Tasmania's Convicts Alison Alexander tells the history of the men and women transported to what became one of Britain's most notorious convict colonies. Following the lives of dozens of convicts and their families, she uncovers stories of success, failure, and everything in between. While some suffered harsh conditions, most served their time and were freed, becoming ordinary and peaceful citizens. Yet over the decades, a terrible stigma became associated with the convicts, and they and the whole colony went to extraordinary lengths to hide it. The majority of Tasmanians today have convict ancestry, whether they know it or not. While the public stigma of its convict past has given way to a contemporary fascination with colonial history, Alison Alexander debates whether the convict past lingers deep in the psyche of white Tasmania.

[Marins et missionnaires — Récit de la prise de possession de la Nouvelle-Calédonie, 1843-1853](#)

By : **Albert de Salinis**

Dans un geste hautement symbolique, le 5 mai 2018, le président Emmanuel Macron a remis au gouvernement calédonien les deux actes originaux des prises de possession de la Nouvelle-Calédonie et de l'île des Pins. Mais dans quelles circonstances ces documents ont-ils été établis et signés ? Comment l'expédition a-t-elle été organisée et vécue à bord du navire le *Phoque* ? Dans ce texte de 1892, Albert de Salinis nous présente les témoignages croisés du commandant Candéau, chef d'état-major, et du comte de Marcé, aide de camp de l'amiral Fébvrier des Pointes, deux participants de l'aventure qui changea à jamais le destin de la Nouvelle-Calédonie.

[Australia Twice Traversed: The Romance of Exploration, being a narrative from the journals of five exploring expeditions into and through central south Australi](#)

By : **Ernest Giles**

According to Wikipedia: "Australia, officially the Commonwealth of Australia, is a country in the southern hemisphere comprising the mainland of the world's smallest continent, the major island of Tasmania, and numerous other islands in the Indian and Pacific Oceans. Neighbouring countries include Indonesia, East Timor, and Papua New Guinea to the north, the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and New Caledonia to the north-east, and New Zealand to the south-east. For around 40,000 years before European settlement commenced in the late 18th century, the Australian mainland and Tasmania were inhabited by around 250 individual nations of indigenous Australians.[8] After sporadic visits by fishermen from the immediate north, and European discovery by Dutch explorers in 1606,[9] the eastern half of Australia was claimed by the British in 1770 and initially settled through penal transportation to the colony of New South Wales, founded on 26 January 1788. The population grew steadily in the following years; the continent was explored, and during the 19th century another five largely self-governing Crown Colonies were established. On 1 January 1901, the six colonies became a federation, and the Commonwealth of Australia was formed. Since Federation, Australia has maintained a stable liberal democratic political system and remains a Commonwealth realm. The population is just over 21.3 million, with approximately 60% concentrated in and around the mainland state capitals of Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, and Adelaide. The nation's capital city is Canberra, located in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT). Technologically advanced and industrialised, Australia is a prosperous nation and has good results in many international comparisons of national performance such as health care, life expectancy, quality-of-life, human development, public education, economic freedom, and the protection of civil liberties and political rights."

True Stories was the fifteenth Big Finish Bernice Summerfield short story anthology. It was released exactly 7 years after the previous Bernice Summerfield anthology, Present Danger. It was released on the same day as Ruler of the Universe, a Bernice Summerfield audio boxset which had connections to True Stories. True Stories featured stories by several newcomers to Big Finish Productions, a couple of whom had already established themselves in other corners of Doctor Who-related fiction. Based on a true story, the Hulu show "The Act" starring Patricia Arquette is shining 5 Heartwarming Stories of How Veterans Continue to Help Each Other Even After War. When the men and women who served our country are in need, who do they How a TV Doctor Saved the Life of a Man with Special Needs. Enjoy the BEST stories, advice & jokes! Health. Food.