Damned Whores and God's Police

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Damned Whores and God's Police by Anne Summers is Australia & Oceania Sexual harassment, domestic violence and date rape had not been named, although they certainly existed, when Damned Whores and God’s Police was first published in 1975. That was before the Sex Discrimination Act of 1984 and before large numbers of women became visible in employment, in politics and elsewhere across society. It was in this climate that Anne Summers identified ‘damned whores’ and ‘God’s police’, the stereotypes that characterized all women as being either virtuous mothers whose function was to civilize society or bad girls who refused, or were unable, to conform to that norm and who were thus spurned and rejected. These stereotypes persist to this day, argues Anne Summers in this updated version of her classic book.

More Recommended Books

Tasmanian Aborigines

By: Lyndall Ryan

Lyndall Ryan's new account of the extraordinary and dramatic story of the Tasmanian Aborigines is told with passion and eloquence. It is a book that will inform and move anyone with an interest in Australian history. 'A powerful and insightful historical account about a unique island and its First peoples, their dispossession and their struggle for survival and cultural birth right/heritage that reaches from the deep past to the present day.' - Patsy Cameron, Tasmanian Aboriginal author, cultural geographer and cultural practitioner.

Air Disaster Canberra

By: Andrew Tink
In August 1940 Australia had been at war for almost a year when a Hudson bomber - the A16-97 - carrying ten people, including three cabinet ministers, crashed into a ridge near Canberra. In the ghastly inferno that followed the crash, the nation lost its key war leaders. Over the next twelve months, it became clear that the passing of Geoffrey Street, Sir Henry Gullett and James Fairbairn had destabilized Robert Menzies’ wartime government. As a direct but delayed consequence, John Curtin became prime minister in October 1941. Controversially, this book also tells the story of whether Air Minister Fairbairn, rather than the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) pilot Bob Hitchcock, had been at the controls.

**Thylacine**

*By : Alan Heath*

This book details how, in November 1993, during a holiday in northern Queensland, the author was first told by a witness to a Thylacine (Tasmanian Tiger), on Cape York Peninsula. It also details some of the many other Thylacine sightings on mainland Australia and in Tasmania that he has been told about up until 2014. The author wrote this book at the suggestion of an academic working at a Queensland university, after the author told the academic about some of the Thylacine sightings that he had been told about in Queensland.

**Guide to Tocal**

*By : Jo Hathway, Brian Walsh & Graeme Pa*

The magnificent Tocal property in the Hunter Valley of New South Wales stands as a testament to Australian agriculture and Australian farmers. From the home of the Gringai clan of the Wonnarua Aboriginal people, to one of Australia’s great horse and cattle studs, this grand estate is now the site of the Tocal Agricultural Centre, including the CB Alexander Campus of Tocal College. The property has witnessed the coming and going of two centuries, seven generations of residents, hundreds of students, as well as visits by Prime Ministers, Governors and bushrangers! This book is a pictorial guide to the Tocal property, the history, the people and the land.

**Whitlam**

*By : Brian Carroll*

Governor-General Sir John Kerr’s dismissal of the elected Whitlam Government in 1975, more or less at the behest of the Liberal-Country Party Coalition led by Malcolm Fraser, was among the most momentous events in Australian political history. Born into a privileged life Whitlam joined the Australian Labor Party, rose to be its Parliamentary leader and took it into power after twenty-three years in the wilderness. But the pace of change scared too many people, and sudden changes in the world economic environment threw down challenges he just could not overcome. Nor could he overcome the local political challenges thrown down by the conservative forces, and he and his colleagues seemed determined to keep providing him with the ammunition they needed to shoot him down. On 11 November 1975, they did.

**Greenstone Trail**

*By : Winston Cowie*

A New Zealand historical fiction novel set during the First Taranaki War of 1860. Against the backdrop of magical Fiordland, the South Seas, Auckland, and Taranaki, Whero, a young Te Ātiawa Māori warrior, crosses paths with Jack O’Malley, a young Irish whaler. When Taranaki deteriorates into a war brought on by the Colonial Government’s lust for fertile Māori land, the two are asked to question where their true loyalties lie. This is their story, of their friendship and the fight for Taranaki, which they both call home. Praise for Greenstone Trail “A number of real historical figures
appear in the narrative, both Māori leaders and European military men, and it is fascinating to have them fleshed out into actual people.” Peter Maxwell, New Zealand Wars Historian “Greenstone Trail is meticulously researched and Cowie combines an impressive amount of detail with a wonderful story of a very personal friendship between the two main characters.” North Taranaki Midweek “The tale of the two’s friendship and the increasing tensions and loyalties that brings them into conflict, intertwined with the backdrop of the racial tensions which ended in a bloody war which still has consequences today, the story is a ripping yarn which is hard to put down.” South Taranaki Star

**From the Edge**

By: Mark McKenna

In March 1797, five British sailors and 12 Bengali seamen struggled ashore after their longboat broke apart in a storm. Their fellow-survivors from the wreck of the Sydney Cove were stranded more than 500 kilometres southeast in Bass Strait. To rescue their mates and to save themselves the 19 men must walk 700 kilometres north to Sydney. That remarkable walk is a story of endurance but also of unexpected Aboriginal help. From the Edge: Australia's Lost Histories recounts four such extraordinary and largely forgotten stories: the walk of shipwreck survivors; the founding of a 'new Singapore' in western Arnhem Land in the 1840s; Australia’s largest industrial development project nestled amongst outstanding Indigenous rock art in the Pilbara; and the ever-changing story of James Cook's time in Cooktown in 1770. This new telling of the central drama of Australian history; the encounter between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians, may hold the key to understanding this land and its people.

**One Blood**

By: John W. Harris

"Every Australian Christian should read One Blood" — Tim Costello, CEO, World Vision Australia Out of a burning conviction that 'God made of one blood all nations', Christians have carried their message to Aboriginal people throughout Australia. It is this encounter and its results that John Harris explores in these many stories that tell one story: how, in the face of abuse, paternalism, prejudice, isolation and crippling hardship, the Christian gospel was brought to the Aboriginal people. Although sometimes blind to their own faults, those who brought this message were remarkable people of great compassion and courage. For two centuries, this activity was a major force in the lives of the Indigenous people of Australia. Christian missions were sometimes places of regimentation marked by a loss of freedom; often, too, they were places of survival and refuge for a suffering people. The missions may seem to have failed, yet from many of them are emerging distinctive Aboriginal churches with strong Indigenous leadership. One Blood is the definitive review of 200 years of history. As a reference work, the over 2,600 footnotes and extensive bibliography provide a treasure trove of primary sources. As a story of interaction between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians, One Blood is a book which will leave a lasting impact on your life. One Blood has been extensively reviewed, analysed and discussed in both the the religious and secular press. These are some excerpts from published reviews: This is a monumental work of research and scholarship, of deep insight and discernment…opening up with great clarity the vista of tragedy and despair for the Aboriginal people… (Christian Book Newsletter) This is a book of immense power…a major event in the history of Australian self-understanding. Do not underestimate it. (Adelaide Advertiser) John Harris has written an astonishingly powerful and comprehensive book... It is a passionate work, but one that is also beautifully controlled and balanced. It makes enthralling reading... (Lutheran Theological Journal) One Blood is a powerful, disturbing and inspiring book...It has certainly helped my own self-understanding...(The Canberra Times) One Blood is an immense book, immense in its physical size (almost 1000 pages) and immense in its scope and breadth of treatment of the encounter between Aboriginal people and those who came to them as Christian missionaries, an encounter spanning 200 years and a whole continent. No one knows more about
this subject than John Harris and no one else will ever deal with it again with his unique mix of scholarship and passion... (Church Scene) There are some books which helped me to understand my country: books like Facey’s A Fortunate Life and Morgan’s My Place. I now add Harris’ One Blood. Don’t miss it. (Southern Cross Magazine) This is an important book...for what it does for the church, for the craft of history...and for the understanding of the Australian people...It is a compelling story of great sadness as well as of great triumph, an essential book for...the future development of Australian Society or Christianity in this country...(On Being Magazine) One Blood gives an excellent overall view of Christianity’s missionary efforts, both Protestant and Catholic. It is written with admirable objectivity, allocating praise and blame where due... (The Catholic Leader)

**Preliminary Report On the Material Culture of Burials from the Lang Park Redevelopment Site**

By: Adrian Murphy
The archaeological excavation of Lang Park in Brisbane, was the largest work completed on a cemetery in Australia. The material culture removed has shown aspects of the Victorian period funerary practices and allowed archaeologists to study valuable artefacts from the site.

**Van Diemen's Land**

By: Murray Johnson
The history of Aborigines in Van Diemen’s Land is long. The first Tasmanians lived in isolation for as many as 300 generations after the flooding of Bass Strait. Their struggle against almost insurmountable odds is one worthy of respect and admiration, not to mention serious attention. This broad-ranging book is a comprehensive and critical account of that epic survival up to the present day. Starting from antiquity, the book examines the devastating arrival of Europeans and subsequent colonisation, warfare and exile. It emphasises the regionalism and separateness, a consistent feature of Aboriginal life since time immemorial that has led to the distinct identities we see in the present, including the unique place of the islanders of Bass Strait. Carefully researched, using the findings of archaeologists and extensive documentary evidence, some only recently uncovered, this important book fills a long-time gap in Tasmanian history.