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Golden Days by Jules Raeside
The early goldfields and the men who shaped the politics of mining.

Through the years a stock inspector has been; a stockman, bush vet, bush lawyer, and as a public servant committed and dedicated to protecting, improving and enhancing livestock production throughout the State of Western Australia.
As initially set down by the first stock inspectors the culture of the organisation has been one of practical and resourceful advice and assistance. They have been highly motivated, self-reliant and helpful to stock owners. They were of necessity good communicators and great ambassadors for the veterinary professionals who supported and backed up the local and practical knowledge of stock inspectors.

Golden Land of Silence - A Tale of the Kimberleys by A.O Neville
ISBN 978-0-85905-479-9, (N, 2010), 181pp, 320g, $30.00
This novel, set in the 1930s in the far north Kimberley region of Western Australia, not only is a story of enduring love and revenge, both European and Aboriginal, but a portrayal of life on a remote cattle station where access and transport were both limited to slow.

Golden Quest, The: “Roaring days of the West Australian Gold Rushes and Life in the Pearling Industry” by A.C.V. Bligh
The search for gold and the hazards of pearling. A vivid picture of life in the early days of the unexplored North.

Golden Rule, The by Bob Sheppard
ISBN 0 85905 311 3, (2002 New), Soft Cover, illustrated, 480grams, $40.00 *

Golden West and How it was Discovered, The by R. Greaves
Greaves was the discoverer of the Yilgarn goldfield in 1887. A detailed account of the discovery and its results for Greaves and his partners.

ISBN 0 85905 262 1, (1999 New), Hard Cover, 140pp, illustrated, 390grams, $40.00*
This journal was discovered hidden behind a mirror in a theological college. It was written in ink made of charcoal and urine on old and foxed paper. This book is one of the most fascinating personal accounts of the great gold rush in New South Wales and Victoria. It will become an Australian classic.

Goldfields without Chrysanthemums, The by Catherine Bond
First published in 1898 as a portion of a larger book, this booklet contains all the WA goldfields portion of Bond’s goldfields visit in 1896. How the well-heeled did it tough in the goldrush. Well worth a read to get the women’s flavour of the fields.

Government Gums and Rattling the Dish,The by Peter J Bridge with Gail Dreezens
Before the advent of gaols prisoners were chained to trees, a practice surviving in WA until the 1950s. Digger justice was rough, ready, and sure. When the police came crime soared. Perhaps we need local justice committees to be revived

Grandfather was a Policeman by Mollie Bentley
ISBN 0 85905 143 9, (1993 New), Soft Cover, 180pp, illustrated, 250grams, $22.00
Traces the early Western Australian police force from its inception to the 1890s with an emphasis on the men who served in it.

Great Unknown & Away Back, The by L.O. Dowker
ISBN 978-0-85905-175-0, (2011), A4, 42pp, 150g, $22.00*
“These narrative are true stories of my own life in the Australian Bush 1888-1897-1903.”

Grien on Rougemont edited by Daily Chronicle, Phil May, Barry Pain
ISBN 978-0-85905-624-3, (1898, R2015), large A4, 38pp, illustrated, 220 grams, $30.00*
De Rougemont's spectacular adventures startled the world in 1898. The tale of shipwreck, rescue by aboriginals, and wondrous happening in the north Australian wilds held the world spellbound. His descriptions of flying wombats, riding turtles, and bevy of aboriginal wives enthralled.
Then the penny dropped and irate explorers pulled the plug on him. Carr Boyd outdid him in his tall tales. The Daily Chronicle published this expose of both De Rougemont and his foolish followers with the magnificent Phil May cartooning and lampooning all.

Ground Crew by Felix Sainsbury
ISBN 0 85905 302 4, (2001 New), Soft Cover, 124pp, illustrated, Spiral A4, 370grams, $30.00*
The war diaries of a RAAF ground crew member in North Africa during World War II.
Hackett Memorial Buildings at the University of Western Australia, The by John Melville-Jones

For the 100th year of the Uni of WA, the The Hackett Memorial Buildings at The University of Western Australia, was written by Emeritus Professor John Melville-Jones. It begins by detailing the circumstances that led to the provision of a very large sum of money from the bequest of Sir John Winthrop Hackett, an unexpectedly large amount, which allowed the Hackett Buildings and St George's College to be built in a more imposing style than would otherwise have been possible. The book then describes the architecture and decoration of these buildings, and includes some stories of events, serious and not so serious, that took place in and around them.

Havens of Refuge by W. S. Davidson

There is at the present time a considerable redistribution of populations taking place in the world, with the consequent redistribution of disease from endemic to non-endemic areas and to susceptible populations.

Havens of Refuge is the history of the incursion of inhabitants from S.E. Asia into the north of Western Australia in pearling days, and the subsequent development of leprosy in the indigenous susceptible population. The book does not deal with clinical details, but with the history of events relative to the introduction of leprosy, its spread and the efforts to contain it, based on and largely told in the words of contemporary observers and administrators, and it illustrates the fallacies of contemporary thought, now in danger of being repeated.

 Hedland, Auld Lang Syne
by E.G. Clutterbuck & Betty Doohan
ISBN 0 85905 327 X, (2003 Reprint), Soft Cover, 50pp, illustrated, 170grams, $22.00*

A visual and written record of the Moore family, one of the early pioneering families of the Pilbara region of Western Australia.

Heroes Have Wings by Peter Firkins, 1993

The stories of RAAF aces in the great air battles of WWII, most told for the first time. The author is one of Australia's best-known military historians.

Hezekiah Pinkham : His Jurnel 1793-1802 - Transcribed and explained by Rod Dickson
ISBN 978-0-85905-500-6, (2011, New), A4, 209pp, illust., 565g, $40.00*

Transcribed from the original logbooks of the Nantucket whaler and trader, Hezekiah Pinkham. These are the log books kept by young Hezekiah Pinkham after he went to sea as a teenager to learn the art of whaling from his uncle, Captain Andrew Pinkham.

Highways and Byways. Ed by PJ Bridge

The letters to The Western Mail in the late 1930s cover reminiscences and observations of bush life by men and women, farmers, drovers, sailors, fishermen and represent the land as it once was before the influx of aliens changed our life. Essential reading to grasp how the nation has changed and why so many are unhappy with the current trends.

History of the North West of Australia by J.S. Battye

Contains details of some 230 early North West settlers, their families and 100 stations. It is the most valuable source of pre-1915 information on the North West.

History of West Australia. A narrative of her past together with biographies of her leading men by W. B. Kimberly
ISBN 978-0-85905-202-3, (1897, R2015), large A4, casebound, laminated cover, PUR glued spine, 620 pages, illustrated, 2.8 kgs, $165.00*

Contains a comprehensive and detailed overview of the state's history and some 236 pages of biographies and portraits of the leading men of the 1890s. The original book brings $5000 and over in dealers listings. This long awaited reprint of W. B. Kimberly's magnificent History of West Australia (1897) culminates our reprint programme of the histories and overviews of WA that have included:- The Cyclopedia of Western Australia, 1912-13. The History of the North West, 1915. Those were the Days, 1933. Twentieth Century Impressions, 1901. Nor' West of West, 1908.

History of the Whalers on the South Coast of New Holland from 1800 – 1888, The by Rod Dickson
ISBN 0-85905-394-6 (2012, 2nd, corrected edition), stiff double edged cover, A4, cleat sewn, 640pp, 1.7kg, $120.00*

This volume traces the history of over 700 individual ships and their voyages from American, French, British and Colonial ports to the southern shores and offshore waters of today's Western Australia from Cape Leeuwin to the Head of the Great Australian Bight.

Is the near forgotten story of the GUARDIAN, her Heroic Commander and his Crew. It is one of the great stories of survival at sea and the importance of leadership.

HMS Sulphur 1829 - 1832 by E.S. & C.G.S. Whitely ISBN 978-0-85905-020-3, (New, 2010), A4, 101pp, 300g., $30.00*

The Sulphur was considered by Dr Cyril Bryan as “the pioneer vessel of the Swan River Settlement.”

Hoovers Millions and how he made them by James O’Brien
ISBN 0 85905 340 7, (2005 reprint of 1932 edition), Soft Cover, 516pp, 800gams $66.00* Direct sale only

Herbert Hoover, President of the United States of America, 1928-1932, worked for Bewick, Moreing and Co. on the Sons of Gwalia mine at Leonora, Western Australia, in 1897 and 1898

Horse Trams of the old West. Peter J. Bridge. ISBN 978-0-85905-733-2, (New, 2018), A4, illustrated, 26pp, 90 gamms, $20.00*

Horse trams were a feature of the old north coastal towns, taking passengers and cargo from the jetties to the townships.

Horses Horses Horses edited by Fiona Stuart Lee ISBN 0 85905 125 0, (1989 New), Soft Cover, 79pp, illustrated, 130grams, $10.00

A celebration of the part played by horses in the development of Australian life in the days before tractors, cars and trucks.

How to Cook Wheat by Mary FarrellyISBN 0 85905 385 7, (2006 reprint), soft cover., A4, 42pp, 150 gamms, $10*

A depression cookbook with many great old ads.

I see something better soon. How a remote community was transformed through empowerment by Jim Heslop ISBN 978-0-85905- 638-0, (New 2016), A4, 312 pages, illustrated, softcover, 840 gamms, $60.00*+

This is a book that I really did not want to write because I had hoped that the journey of community-school transformation and empowerment that was commenced in 1991 in Warakurna would have gone much further and it would have dwarfed the tentative steps that were made at that time.

Unfortunately, it may be argued that the empowerment of Aboriginal people over their school Warakurna or anywhere in the Ngaanyatjarra Lands of Western Australia has probably gone backwards. I have therefore written this book as an historic reminder to readers of what can be achieved by people who have a mind to work cooperatively and in humility towards achieving community aspirations.

In Australian Tropics by Alfred Searcy, Foreword by Dr. C.C. McKnight ISBN 0 85905 067 X, (1984 reprint of 1909 edition with new material), Hard Cover, 478pp, 650gams, $40.00

Searcy led an adventurous life as a customs officer in the Northern Territory in the 1880s. Experiences of the North, buffalo and crocodile hunting, the natives, Chinese, history of the early settlements, and more.


Knut Dahl led expeditions into the NT and Kimberley in 1894-96. In Savage Australia was first published in English in 1926 but is not well known despite his interesting biological work and pertinent comments on the social habits of all races.

Dahl was a biologist with a wide knowledge and interest. Ian Abbot has written the Foreword and an appendix on the fauna described by Dahl. This is the latest volume in the Western Australian Explorers’ Diaries Project and an essential reference for anyone interested in northern Australia.


This is the uncut authors ms.

In the Wake of HMAS Sydney II by Bryan Clark ISBN 978-0-85905-493-5, (2010 new), A4, 265pp, 740 gamms, $50.00*

Researched over a 15-year period by the former editor of The Gascoyne Telegraph and The Northern Times newspapers, Bryan Clark, this newly-released book is the only record of many of the now-deceased German survivors of the World War 11 raider, HSK Kormoran, which sunk the famous Australian cruiser, HMAS Sydney 11, off the West Australian coast on November 19, 1941, resulting in the deaths of 645 Australian naval personnel.


The details of the shooting of two Afghans by R.B. Knowles in 1894 near Ballardiana, for defiling a waterhole, are brought together for the first time. The incident is now part of Australian folklore.


This is the story of the remarkable Klemm Swallow aircraft built by Hans Klemm in Munich in 1934 and sent to New Guinea as a mission plane. It is now the oldest surviving mission plane from a lost past in the jungles of New Guinea.

Indian Ocean Whalers on the West Coast of New Holland by Rod Dickson ISBN 978-0-85905-597-0, (New, 2015), A4, 22 pp, 95gams, $22.00*

This is a companion volume to the immense, The history of the Whalers on the South Coast of New Holland from 1800 – 1888, by Rod Dickson. Hesperian Press, 2007. The West Coast book lists the whalers alphabetically, with master, tonnage and rig, home port, date sailed and to which whaling ground. While not detailed to the extent of the South Coast volume, the gems of information on WA coastal activities are of great interest.
Ingenious Inventor - Frank Mather and his Electweld Steel Co. at Kellerberrin by Phil Bianchi and Ray Mather
ISBN 0 85905 404 7, (2007), A4, 40pp, illust, 140grams, $22.00*
Frank Mather was an inventor and engineer whose work was renowned in the WA wheatbelt. This book details his work on gas producers, farming implements, and refurbishing and recycling the Eastern Goldfields water pipeline.

This is a rare account of early post-war Japan from the cutting edge of day-to-day work in the Allied occupation, by an Australian soldier trained in the Japanese language for occupation work. It provides a wealth of insights into the lives both of the soldiers in the British Commonwealth Occupation Force and of the Japanese with whom they lived and worked.

Into The West edited by Chris Holyday
ISBN 0 85905 365 6, (2005 New), Soft Cover, A4, 158pp, illustrated, 440grams, $25.00*
The Western Australian goldrushes of the 1890's witnessed the first major encounter between Australians West and East. Henry Lawson led the charge of writers who came West. This book showcases those writers and some of their works in what was a little known period of great literary activity which would prove significant for both Western Australia and Australia.

Iron in the Fire by Edgar Morrow
1896-1953, was born in Lancashire, England. At the start of World War I he enlisted in the 28th Battalion, attaining the rank of Corporal and served in Gallipoli and France, where he was twice wounded. His book is one of the few from Australian authors of their experiences during the War and is considered among the best from an Australian writing of that great conflict.

Itchy Feet. The life and travels of ‘Happy Bob’ by Bob Johnson.
Bob spent most of his working life in the North, Wodgina Ta mine, on shearing teams, Big Bell, Moola Bulla Station, Bedford Downs, etc. Much info and anecdotes on the people and places. Many photos.

I've had a good life – Phil's Story by George Phillip Alitchison
ISBN 978-0-85905-377-8, (2006 R, 2010), A4, 58pp, 185g, $22.00*
Phil Alitchison's life story has the potential to appeal to the broader community. Australians like to read about “battlers.” How he has overcome adversity and lived a fulfilling life is a fascinating story.

Jacky and Polly & Jimmy by Peter J. Bridge
The tale of Polly, drawn to the delights of civilisation and of the advantage of feminine wiles when devouring a damper. Also of Jacky who had to work for his. And ultimately, Jimmy, who paid the price for sticking his neck out in the wilds of the bush. A cautionary tale for the rest of the tribe. If you are a murderer who wants to remain free then make sure the colour of law matches yours.

ISBN 978-0-85905-726-4, (New, 2018), A4, 93pp, Illustrated, 270 grams, $30.00*
Jim Parry joined WAPET in 1952 and was involved in all their oil exploration, including Rough Range. Later he worked in Libya, returning to work on Barrow Island. A good read for all the old rock choppers.

John Dunn and the Wealth of Nations by Peter Bridge, Ian Murray, Maureen Causer.
ISBN 978-0-85905-061-6 (N, 2010), A4, 64pp, 210g, $22.00*
In 1894 John Dunn discovered the Wealth of Nations Gold Mine at Dunnsville, NE of Coolgardie. A good read for all the old rock choppers.

John Morrell - Northam and Beyond by Michael J. Duggan
ISBN 978-0-85905-651-9, (new, 2016), A4, 534 pages, illustrated, indexed, French flap cover, 2.20 kg, $110.00*
The history of the Northam Morrell family from England to Western Australia.

Journal of Gerald De Courcy Lefroy, The edited and annotated by Bruce and Anne Buchanan
ISBN 978-0-85905-488-3, (2010), casebound, 361pp, 1kg, $80.00*
This is probably the most readable of all the extant colonial journals. It covers the 1840s and early 1850s, with an outline of De Courcy's life to the 1870s.

Journal of the Brockman Droving Expedition of 1874-75 to the North of Western Australia, The edited by Nan Broad with Peter Bridge.
The story of one of the greatest early stock droves in Australia.

ISBN 0 85905 184 6, (Facsimile 1993 reprint of 1902 edition), Soft Cover, 62pp, quarto, illustrated, map, 250grams, $30.00
The journal of the fateful expedition on which two men disappeared. Details of Larry Wells' unsuccessful search for the men who where later found dead from thirst.

Journal of the Elder Scientific Exploring Expedition 1891-1892. David Lindsay. Edited by Peter J. Bridge, Calliope Bridge and Celene Bridge
(WAEDP series.)
ISBN 978-0-85905-658-8, (Reprint 1993 + New 2018), Casebound, section sewn, illustrated - b&w and colour, maps, indexed, 397 pages, 1.08 kg, $105.00* + POST
With appendices on the plants by Alex George and animals by Ian Abbott, reported by the expedition. Also the full Anthropology report by Richard Helms which has not been available for over a century, which contains 6 colour plates and many b&w photos. Biographies of all the men.

This is a very small run which will ensure future scarcity.
Journals of Australian Exploration 1846-1861 by A.C. and F.T. Gregory  
ISBN 0 85905 258 3, (2002 reprint of 1884 edition with 20% larger text), Soft Cover, illustrated, 340grams, $35.00  
Journals of nine expeditions from 1846 to 1861.

Maps to Accompany "Journals of Australian Exploration 1846-1861" by A.C. and F.T. Gregory  
$22.00 for set of four  
Maps not previously published and that have not previously been available to readers. Please note that while these maps are not identical with those listed in 2002 edition, they appear to be all those published by Gregorys.

Judex – Judging the Fields by Fred Casey, edited by Peter Bridge with Celene Bridge  
ISBN 0 85905 421 7, (2007 New), Soft cover, A4, 37pp, saddle, 150 grams, $22.00*

Fred was the surveyor of the Kalgoorlie Council and a prospector who died on the dumps, chasing the wily weight. He was the first historian of early Kalgoorlie.

Kimberley Days and Yesterdays, 45 years in the Great Nor-West of Western Australia by Charles Edward Flinders  
ISBN 978-0-85905-064-5, (New, 2016), A4, well illustrated, indexed, 122 pages, 355 grams, $30.00*  
Charles Flinders was a co-lateral descendant of Matthew Flinders. His time in the Kimberley-North West during their Roaring Days are told in his memoirs. People, incidents and tales of the characters that built the nation are a joy to read.

Kimberley Scenes edited by C. Clement & P.J. Bridge  
A magnificent collection of reminiscences of the early days of Kimberley: the gold rush, droving and police work in the Northern territory with 100 illustrations of the period.

Kimberley Squadron - Norforce - The First Twenty Years by Major Trevor Tough RFD (Retd)  
Formerly Troop Commander and later OPSO Kimberley Squadron  
From the Foreword by Major General (Retd) The Honourable Michael Jeffery, AC, AO(Mil), CVO, MC:  
"Major Trevor Tough, himself a long time member of the Squadron, has written an informed, detailed and at times passionate account of the Squadron and its people spanning the first 20 years of its establishment in 1981. Characters abound as the author takes us informatively and interestingly through the myriad of specialised skill sets required of a NORFORCE soldier. And so the book proceeds on a journey describing Trevor’s interesting and often hilarious 20 years’ service; his anecdotes enlivened with very good and quite unique photographs of men, equipment and an uncompromising hinterland that can only be mastered by true bushmen soldiers.

Kimberley was God's by Harold S. Godbehear  
Harold Godbehear was one of the great characters of the Kimberley and known by all of those in the Kimberley between the 1920s and 1950s.

Kinda Warm, Ain't It Missus? by Kath Zuegg  
Kath and Harry Zuegg were mining at the Shenandoah out of Gullewa when they decided to try their luck at Bamboo Creek. Perhaps Kath Zuegg’s own words best describe what this book is all about... "The 'hard as hell' rock in the Doone beat us in the end. It was not profitable to mine with the machinery and tools available to us ... my aim is to share with you my memories of the wonderful people; the happenings -some bright, some sad, - that took place up north during the eighteen months my husband, Harry, and I spent there." A memoir of bush life in the Depression of the 1930s.

Kingdom of Shylock, The (Revised) by Frank Anstey MP.  
First published in 1917, when it was repressed. This is a reprint of the second edition. Frank Anstey (1865-1940) was a leader of the Labor Party, a committed socialist, supporter of public finance and the Commonwealth Bank, and viewed WWI as “a war of rival capitalists”

Knights of the Boomerang by Herbert Basedow  
Episodes from a life spent among the native tribes of Australia. Set mainly in the Northern Territory. Dr. Basedow was Chief Medical Officer and Protector of Aborigines in the Northern Territory, and later Special Aborigines Commissioner.

Kokoda and Gona - New Guinea 1942 by WX8340 L/Cpl W.F. Cousins 2/16 Bn  
Frank Cousins' graphic reminiscences of fighting in New Guinea, with a Foreword by Lt Bill Grayden, also of the 2/16.

Kokoda Lieutenant by William Leonard Grayden  
Lt Bill Grayden, under Brig. Arnold Potts, led his men in the bitter fighting of Kokoda in 1942. This book, possibly the only one written by one of those who fought, rather than by a distant armchair observer.

Krakatoa in Western Australia. Pseudobitumen by Peter J. Bridge  
When Krakatoa lifted off, WA rang like a bell and many strange seismic activities were recorded. Pseudobitumen from desert caves has intrigued investigators for over 150 years

Lady Bushranger by Pat Studdy-Clift  
ISBN 0 85905 223 0, (1996 New), Soft Cover, 240pp, illustrated, 340grams, $30.00  
The story of Elizabeth Hickman ‘Wild Australian’ circus performer, who became the ‘Lady Bushranger’ in the Blue Mountains, clashing with police until her eventual imprisonment and death in 1936.
Lakewood Woodline, 1937 – 1964, The by Phil Bianchi and Ray Tovey.
ISBN 0 85905 422 5, (2007 New), A4, Soft Cover, 220pp, illustrated, 610 grams, $40.00*
Combined documents, photographs, and reminiscences of those who lived on the Lakewood line. Of great goldfields interest.

Land of Gold, The by Julius M. Price
This edition has been re-set and proofed. Julius M. Price, special artist and correspondent for the Illustrated London News, journeyed through Western Australia in 1895, writing of and sketching the scenes of bush life and goldmining in the Eastern and Murchison goldfields.

Landlords of the Iron Shore by John Slade Durlacher, with an Introduction by Dr Peter Gifford
ISBN 978-0-85905-539-0, (New 2013), 106pp, illustrated, 275g, $25.00
J. S. Durlacher was a Pilbara pastoralist with a great interest in native customs. In 1900 he wrote his reminiscences of these, together with a unique series of sketches. Lost for a century his fascinating descriptions are now available courtesy of the Roebourne Shire and Rio Tinto Iron Ore.

Laporte: A history of the Australind titanium dioxide project by Peter O'Shaughnessy
ISBN 978-0-85905-344-0, (2011, New), 207pp, illust., 365g, $35.00
In 1964 one of the most important industrial projects in the history of Bunbury and indeed the South West of Western Australia, opened its gates, amid a storm of controversy.

Lasting the Distance - Memoirs of John Gilmour - World Champion Runner by P.D. Collier
ISBN 978-0-85905-494-2, (new 2010), illust, 179pp, 305g, $30.00
Written as a permanent record of the remarkably long and distinguished athletic career of John Gilmour, one of Australia's greatest runners. It documents his life from the humble beginnings of a primitive existence in a group settlement in the South-West of Western Australia, to his days as a youngster finding his feet on the local athletic scene, through to the hardships and near blindness he suffered as a prisoner of war.

Last Outposts, The. From Port of Pearls to Desert Sands. A Flying Doctor in North Western Australia by William Peasley
In 1956 Bill Peasley set off overland to WA with his family, a beloved jaguar, and a medical degree. He started practice in Derby and there commenced an affair with the bush which is still going strong. This book covers his time in the NW and Kimberley, the people and places, incidents both clinical and recreational and is a welcome read for all old hands of the North.

Law Provides, The by E. Morrow
Morrow recounts his Police patrols through the North West Kimberley and the Murchison after World War I, chasing cattle spearers, killers and tracking lost men. A view of the North recorded by few others.

Laying the Bait by The Dog Stiffener
ISBN 978-0-85905-229-0, (2011), 13pp, 40g, $8.00
Details the use of poison on and by Aboriginals in Western Australia.

Leaves from a Prospectors Diary by J.E. Tregurtha
Reminiscences of prospecting in Western Australia from the 1890s to the 1930s. With Billy Frost, Tregurtha opened up many areas. He recounts his desert expeditions and his time in the Klondyke and New Guinea.

Legal Executions in Western Australia by Brian Purdue
ISBN 1 875778 00 4 Foundation Press, (1993 New), Soft Cover, 85pp, illustrated, 125grams, $22.00
Details of all executions and also those sentenced to death and reprieved.

Legend of the Kimberley – Lawson Holman – Flying Doctor - by Janet Holman
Updated and reprinted
Dr Lawson Holman lived in Derby from 1956 until the end of 1970. He related many entertaining stories and interesting incidents which provide intriguing glimpses of characters and life in the Kimberley in those days. These forming the bulk of the book, are woven into the story of his life. It's a yarn with all the necessary human-interest ingredients – adventure, drama, pathos and tragedy – but, most importantly, it's a collection of wonderful down-to-earth Australian humour which provides a succession of belly-laughs. Reviewer.

Letters from Nigeria by David Carnegie.
ISBN 0 85905 086 6, (1902, 1992, 2008), A4, 114 pp, Soft Cover, 320 grams, $25.00*
Leaving WA after his great expedition, Carnegie went to Nigeria where he was killed by a poisoned arrow while quelling a native rebellion. These are his letters arranged by his sister. Only 100 copies were made of the original edition.

Liberty Call by Ian Johnson
ISBN 0 85905 289 3, (2003 New), Soft Cover, 364pp heavily illustrated, 625grams, $45.00*

Lieutenant Bunbury’s Australian Sojourn. The letters and journals of Lt. H.W. Bunbury, 21st Royal North Fusiliers, 1834-1837. Edited by JMR Cameron and Phyllis Barnes.
Henry William St Pierre Bunbury, after whom the City of Bunbury in Western Australia is named, was a professional soldier, the son and nephew of distinguished professional soldiers. He was just 21 years old when he sailed for the Australian colonies in charge of the military guard on the convict transport Susan. Between his arrival in Sydney in July 1834 and his departure in November 1837, he spent 10 months in New South Wales as aide-de-camp to Governor Bourke, 9 months in Van Diemen’s Land, and 21 months in Western Australia.

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Life and Adventure in Northern Australia by Thomas Traine

Tom Traine was one of the overlanders from Queensland to the West in the 1880s. His story covers the opening of the Barkley Tablelands, Black Jack Reid, the Ragged Thirteen, aboriginal encounters, running pubs and stations and the first development of Port Hedland.

List of Cancelled Gold Mining Leases which have produced Gold (1954) by the Mines Department of WA.
ISBN 0 85905 058 0, (1954, R2008), A4, 275 pp, Soft Cover, 750 grams, $50.00*.
This important list of mining leases, set out by goldfield and district, lists the active years, the tonnage of ore, and the gold produced. It is an essential volume for any prospector in WA. See also our Alphabetical Index of this.

List of Nuggets found in Victoria by E.J. Dunn
A compilation of data on 1360 nuggets each weighing over 20 ozs.

Little Boy Lost - Northampton in 1865 by Peter J Bridge
There is little more heart-breaking for parents than to lose a child, especially one of tender years, in whom love and dreams for the future were the warp and weft of a precious tapestry. Index can be downloaded from website.

Little Wonder gold mine, The by P.J. Bridge
The spectacular gold output of this now forgotten show created legends in the 1890s. The ore was carted hundreds of miles by packhorse for treatment. Most of the owners drank themselves to death.

Loaming For Gold by Sam Cash, with a Foreword and biographical notes by Bob Sheppard.
The technique of loaming has found many new gold mines and millions of $ of gold. This book by the ‘Prince of Loamers’ is an essential handbook for prospectors. It gives the potential for the creation of great wealth.

Londonderry - The Golden Hole by A. Sprake
The full story of the 1890s’ share fiasco that shattered London and Western Australia.

Lone Hand, The: Charles Ross and the mountain bandits by Peter J Bridge
Charles Ross was of that great Australian breed, the Overlanders. Arriving on the Ashburton in the early 1890s from the Kimberley and further east, he was a successful prospector.

Longest Fence in the World, The by F. H. Broomhall
Frank Broomhall, after serving in Ireland, Mesopotamia, Persia, and India, joined the Rabbit Department in 1926 and spent 14 months as a boundary rider on the Rabbit Proof Fence. After farming and government work he completed a BA on retirement. He had several history books published.
This is the history of the Rabbit Proof Fence and the story of the men who made it and rode it. One of the great stories of the bush in WA.

Loreto by J. Stephenson
History of the Loreto School in Perth. Well illustrated. A must for Loreto “old girls”.

Lucky Ross by W.H. Ross
John Ross served on the HMAS Sydney and HMAS Canberra. This unique account will become a naval classic.

Ludovic de Beauvoir’s visit to Australia translated and edited by John Melville Jones with Nicola Cousen, Steve Mullins, Stefan Petrov and Marie & John Ramsland.
This publication presents a revised English translation of the first volume (Australie) of an account of a voyage around the world undertaken in 1866 by two young French aristocrats. In Australia they visited Melbourne, Ballarat and Bendigo, and outside Melbourne experienced the life of a squatter at that time. They also visited Hobart, Sydney, Newcastle and Brisbane before sailing north towards South East Asia.

Lure of the North by F. W. Gunning
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On Life's Journey by Edward Holthouse

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One Man's Gold by H Cooper

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has flooded our institutions and destroyed much of the records. Without knowledge of the past one cannot understand the present, or plan the

future.

Our Western Australian Home. Being Sketches of Scenery and Society in the Colony by George J. Webb, Esq., D.A.C.G. (edited and annotated by Geoff

Blackburn, Steve Errington and Peter J. Bridge)

George Webb lived in Perth from April 1839 until January 1848, working in the commissariat building (where the Supreme Court now stands),

and progressing from Assistant Clerk to D.A.C.G (Deputy Assistant Commissary General) by December 1845. He was a 'young man about
town', organising Assembly balls and Foundation Day regattas, singing at St Patrick’s Day dinners and taking part in Perth’s first amateur

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The sketches were published in 1847, in monthly issues of the London newspaper the Swan River News, providing us with a snapshot of life in

Perth around 1841-43.
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Overlanders – Crossing the Nullarbor, 1870s – 1970s, The by Peter J Bridge with Ian Murray
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Packhorse and Waterhole by Gordon Buchanan
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The classic of Northern Territory pastoral exploration. Bluey Buchanan, old “Paraway”, was one of Australia’s greatest bushmen. His life story is told by his son who went with him on his later expeditions.

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Pastoral Pioneers of W.A. 1884-1889 by E.T. Hooley
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Pearling Days: The pearling voyage of the Sarah to the North West and Kimberley in 1889 and 1881, with an appendix on the death of WH Lowe during an expedition NE of the Gascoyne in late 1881 by John Brockman
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From John Brockman’s 1912 manuscript. With a Foreword by Mike McCarthy of the Maritime Museum, and edited by Peter J Bridge.

Pearls and Pearling Life by EW Streeter
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An incisive examination of Broome in its heyday.
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The 1870 rush to the Irwin River near Geraldton and the details of its discoverer George Brelsford, with notes on barisal guns, diamonds and gold at Mingenew.


153 B&W photos taken on the expedition, of Aboriginals, landscapes, settlers, expedition members. Never before released photos of the Mjioberg expedition and an important collection that will create interest in camps on both sides of the creek.

Pigeon by WC Charnley
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This narrative describes the hectic career of an Australian aboriginal who first learned all that the whites could teach him, and then turned against them. Placing himself at the head of a gang of "cattle-killers," he waged pitiless war on man and beast alike, and for over three years defied all efforts to capture him. Nemesis overtook him at last, but the cattlemen breathed a sigh of relief when the scourge of ranges was laid low.

Pilbara Bushman – The Life Experience of W. Dunn by Graham J. Wilson

An intriguing story of part-Aboriginal pastoralist Billy Dunn. While working with Pilbara pioneers Dunn was encouraged to learn and to achieve. He graduated to managing stock stations and achieved ownership of his own station.

Pioneer Father - Pioneer Son - York to the Gascoyne with the Collins family by Bonnie Milne
ISBN 978-0-85905-071-5, (2010, new), A4, illust., 136pp, 380g, $30.00*

Charles Collins was born at Worth in Sussex, England on the 4th December 1825. He came to the colony of Western Australia on the Simon Taylor in 1842, as an indentured labourer. Four days after landing in Fremantle, he walked up the rugged Green Mount into the Avon district to work as a shepherd and there he lived the rest of his life.

Pioneering in the Kimberleys by Hamlet Cornish

Hamlet and Anthony Cornish of Pinjarra were part of the Murray Squatting Company, a syndicate formed to take up land in the Kimberley after the explorations of Alexander Forrest.

Pioneers of Nor'-West - Pastoral and Pearling by Lockier Clere Burges

The author was an early pioneer of the NW and wrote the reminiscences in 1911. The original copies are extremely rare.

Pirates of the Ethel, The by George Stacy, William Charnley, Peter J. Bridge

In 1898 a pearler of Broome hired cheap foreign labour in Singapore. They promptly gutted him and his crew. Later the WA Police tracked them to Macassar and they were extradited and hung at Fremantle Prison. This is to be part of a series on piracy and the joys of multiculturalism.

Police and other People by Mick Liddelow

With a Foreword by Police Historian, Peter Conole. Vincent Wallace Liddelow, 1903-1982, joined the Police in 1925 as No. 1512. He was first attached to Central Police, then Fremantle and the Water Police.

Pompey’s Story. A Man for His Time by Nerina Coopes

‘Pompey’ Gull was a master pearler from his youth. His independent life led to the 10th Light Horse and the Imperial Camel Corps in WWI, fighting with such as Lawrence and at Damascus in the Great Ride where he earned the Military Cross for clearing machine gun nests. Postwar he helped quell Egyptian rioting and in 1920 was instrumental in controlling the hordes of Japanese and Koepanger race riots at Broome. A great story of a type of Australian now rarely seen.

Poona W.A. and the seekers of its emeralds by Alex Palmer

Ever since the discovery of emeralds in 1912 by Harry Ryan, Poona and its emeralds has exercised the imagination of prospectors, miners, and collectors. The brilliant green emeralds in the black green biotite schist have fascinated everyone from princes to prospectors.

Price of a Pearl, The by Rod Dickson

The hardships of men in the pearling industry in the northwest of Western Australia. Many of these men were never to see their homelands again and were buried in lonely, mostly unmarked graves, scattered along the vast distances of the northwest coast or consigned to the depths of the sea. Divers, tenders, crew members, shellopeners, skippers and owners all paid the ultimate price through carelessness, wild nature, storms and cyclones. More than a thousand deaths with hundreds of luggers, schooners and ketches wrecked, all for the price of a pearl."

Prisoners of the Past. Compiled by Calliope Bridge, Celene Bridge, Angela Teague, Mark Chambers & Tom Hogarth.
ISBN978-0-85905-657-1, (New, 2017), A4, fully illustrated and indexed, 329 pages, 900 grams, $60.00*

All the mugshots of prisoners released from Fremantle Gaol from 1899 to 1919, over 3850, and fully indexed. A unique picture of the past showing the features of those who had transgressed. Interestingly, non-Europeans, apart from the obligatory Aboriginals, form a far larger proportion of the prisoners than their kind would represent as a percentage of the whole population. That certain elements do not obviously appear to be represented should not be taken as any indication of their lack of criminality. It may be that they were imprisoned for longer terms for more serious crimes and so do not appear in among the more general riff-raff with the frequency that might expected by their general behaviour. Early feminists are there in their glory, proclaiming their equal rights to criminality. (The publisher’s great aunt among them).
Reprint of ultra-rare catalogue of industrial downdraft gas producers from over a century ago.

The habit of chooks to eat bright gold grains led to some interesting incidents on the fields. The development and effect of a catchy doggerel verse that has had wide echoes. A collection to add to our Ghosts of Bayley Street

Life on No 7 Pumping Station on the goldfields' pipeline in the early 1950s.

Some of the most significant ethnographic material ever published on the Australian Aborigines. Over 1,500 photographs, line drawings and maps in three magnificent volumes. This is essential for all interested in Aboriginal culture.

Ramblings of a Ratbag by Colin Doig ISBN 978-0-85905-705-0, (New 2018), A4, 142 pages, 410 grams, $40.00*
The autobiography of the author of History of the 2nd Independent Company & 2/2 Commando Squadron (available from Hesperian Press). Initially privately circulated, this autiobiog is a great story of unconventional life and is of course politically incorrect, as any book worth reading must be. From childhood through the Great Depression, to a boxing troupe, con merchants, farming, the army and the only units undefeated by the Jap hurricane.

Michael Dwyer, patriot, his life in Ireland and Australia, his trial and exile. Charged with Rebellion he was sent to Norfolk Island until his release to his farm in New South Wales where he died in 1825.

Available direct from the author A.L. Spring, antoyspring@yahoo.com.au
The story of the Spring family of Metters fame and the history of Roy Hill Station. Covers all the people, incidents and development up to the sale of the station to the Kennedys in 1972. An important record of the Pilbara.

Reminiscences of by-gone Menzies by the Old Fossicker & On the Northern Fields by Henry Harris. ISBN 978 0 85905 455 3, (1907-8, 1935-6, R2009), Soft Cover, A4, 66pp, illust., 210 grams, $25.00*
The early history of Menzies and other centres of the North Coolgardie Goldfield.

Ngarinyin Elder and community leader, Eddie Bear shares his family story with Dr Robert Hoskin, researcher and retired minister of the Uniting Church. The story begins with life in the remote land of Majaddin in the West Kimberley and continues through colonialisn incursions as Eddie's family took refuge at the Munja Aboriginal feeding station on the Kimberley Coast. Following Munja's demise, the family joined with other Ngarinyin families working on pastoral stations (Kimberley Downs and Napier). Eddie and his siblings grew up on these stations and would later seek work in this developing industry.

Rivers of the Kimberley by Kim Epton ISBN 0 85905 277 X, (2000 New), Soft Cover, spiral bound, A4, 90pp, 260grams, $30.00*
A meticulously researched work on the discovery and naming of rivers in the Kimberley by Europeans.

Some short stories about the characters of old Wiluna.

Road to Bulong, The by P. Rajkowski and E. Tuettemann. ISBN 0 85905 420 9, (2007 New), 380pp, illustrated, Soft Cover 1.3kg, $** , Hard Cover, dj, ** kg $**
The story of the Jones family of Hampton Hill Station, from the colonial pearling days of Shark Bay and the Gascoyne, with the Butcher family, to goldfields pastoralism, transport and mining. Available direct from the Jones family at Hampton Hill. Direct from Bob Jones:- jarac@bigpond.com.au

This ground-shaking report of a century ago changed goldfields life forever. While referred to multiple times in the daily rags there are no copies in the government library system, including the Battye. It may be that, like the Belgian governments investigation of Herbert Hoover's crooked rorts, all copies were purchased and destroyed. Luckily a single copy surfaced from which this copy is produced in a small run. 5707 questions asked but few real answers were given. Many leading GF men decided it was wise to have a holiday for the duration of the investigation. This is the precursor the a book on gold stealing due out shortly.

Ruby Yen ISBN 978-0-85905-659-5, (New, 2017), A5, 16pp, Iust, 40 grams, $10.00*
The controversial murder of a Chinese girl in Perth in 1925. Another of our series on the joys of multiculturalism.

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Russian Jack by P.J. Bridge
ISBN 0 85905 283 4, (2001 New), Soft Cover, $22.00
Biography of the most famous “barrowman” of the Kimberley, Northern Territory and the Murchison.

Saddle in the Kitchen by Enga Smith
The popular story of the author’s childhood in country Western Australia.

Sailor and Commando by A.E. (Ted) Jones
A R.A.N. Special Service Commando’s WWII experiences in training and on service in the East Indies and Borneo.

Sailors in Slouch Hats edited by W.W. Rice
ISBN 0 85905 299 0, (2001 New), Soft Cover, 168pp, illustrated, 230grams, $22.00
Wartime reminiscences of the men of 42 Australian Landing Craft Company, RAE.

Sold only as a set.
A magnificent overview of the colony from a police perspective. Contains a great deal not available elsewhere.

Sand and Stone - Cattle and Conflict by Kevin Moran
ISBN 978-0-85905-449-2, (New, 2010), illust., A4, 436pp, 2Vols, 1.2kg, $80.00* NB. This book is in two parts, of 232 and 204 pages respectively. The parts will not be sold separately.
Sand and Stone continues to chronicle the story of the violent hidden history of Western Australia’s Kimberley Region in this two part volume ‘Cattle and Conflict’.

Sand and Stone – Foreign footprints. Police in the Kimberley 1880 – 1890s by Kevin Moran
It is a chronicle of verifiable and uncontestable truth of the violent hidden history of Western Australia’s Kimberley Region. It provides an account of colonial police officers and settlers of Western Australia; their tribulations, bravery and sacrifice in this furthest frontier of Western Australia.

Sand and Stone - Pigeon by Kevin Moran - with a Foreword by Peter Conole
This is Pigeon’s story and of those who suffered his reign of terror and the men who hunted him.

Sarah of Enderslea Farm by Diane Pope & Jenny Davis
ISBN 978-0-85905—606-9, (New, 2015), 190 x 235, Illustrated with colour plates, 139pages, 550 grams, $40.00*S
Sarah of Enderslea Farm, Red Flowering Gums, and River Dreaming are three plays, one set in the early Swan River Colony and the others as examinations of later colonial and society attitudes.
For all sales and other queries please contact Diane Pope, popetwo@gmail.com and see www.endersleafarm.com

Savagery on the Swan River Settlement: The aboriginal murder cycle and the 1839 killing of Sarah Cook. Collected and edited by Peter J Bridge
ISBN 978-0-85905-246-7, (New 2010), A4, 36pp, 135 grams, $22.00*
Savagery on the Swan River Settlement has two primary threads. That the government and media of 1839 suppressed the publication of the true facts of several vicious murders of Europeans to protect the native tribes from the retaliation of concerned settlers.

Scarlet Pillows – an Australian nurse’s tale of long ago by Mrs Arthur H. Garnsey
Mrs Garnsey was a nurse at Coolgardie amidst the rush and typhoid. A bush classic.

Scarlet Stain, The - Harlots, Harridans and Hellholes of Old Kalgoorlie edited by Sheryl Milentis and Peter J Bridge
By the late 1890s the Kalgoorlie brothels had become a byword for degradation and the most flagrant in the English-speaking world. The Sun newspaper campaigned against the outrageous displays by the prostitutes, the activities of their bludgers and the vested interests of the landlords and sly grog traders. This book details that campaign and shows a vastly different old Kalgoorlie to that usually depicted.

Separate Pathways by R. Rolfe
ISBN 978-9-85905-552-9, (New, 2013), A4, 102pp, 300grams, $30.00*
A study examining the attempts at assimilation of Aborigines within the larger white society in Western Australia during the administration of A.O. Neville.

Shearer's War, The by Stuart Svensen.
Second only to the rebellion of Eureka Stockade, the great Queensland shearer’s strike of 1891 was suppressed with the threat of troops with artillery and machine guns. The leaders were marched in chains for hundreds of miles and gaolled in loaded courts. This was the birth of the ALP. Many of the leaders became Members of Parliament. This is the first time the real story has been told of the machinations of the pastoralists, politicians, banksters, and like parasites in their antagonism against Australian workers.
Shrew and the Horsethief, The by Peter J Bridge & Sheryl Milentis
James Cody was a charismatic young WA bushranger in the 1880s. He was shot by the police at Esperance. Research showed a strange colonial background with his mother hung for murder in the old Perth gaol. A long forgotten but interesting story.

Signaller at the Front by Arthur G. Howell, MM. edited by John Coe
ISBN 0 85905 305 9, (2001 New), A4 Spiral Bound, 82 pages, 250grams, $22.00*
The war diary of Gunner Howell, 1st Australian Field Artillery Brigade and his impressions of the Great War 1915-1918.

Sir James Mitchell: Premier and Governor of Western Australia by Bruce Devenish
Available direct from the author at 60 Dyson street, Kensington, 6151, Tel 93676531, wongaburra3@optusnet.com.au
This first definitive biography of one of the State’s notable historical figures is well overdue. Foremost in promoting the wheat industry, Sir James Mitchell served his State wearing many hats, being at various times banker, farmer, parliamentarian, Premier, Lieutenant Governor and universally acclaimed Governor.

Six-Mile Murder, The, The Rifles and Rotgut, Mary Jane Wain and James Conley. Peter J Bridge
The murder and trial that created a sensation in WA in 1897.

Sketches from the South West : Louis Cox in Peace and War. Ed. by Peter J Bridge & Gal Dreezens
Louis Cox (1878-1975) was a returned soldier of the 16th Bn, who had, after working as a survey hand, started clearing a block near Koajonup. His reminiscences about the land and its people together with his own drawings make this a delightful read. More sombre is the second part where as a soldier, he was captured and imprisoned in Germany in 1917.

Small Scale Underground Mining For Prospectors, Tributors and Mine Owners by F.W. Bojesen
ISBN 0 85905 292 3, (2003 New), A4, wire spiral bound,170pp, illustrated, 440+grams, $ 40.00*
It describes step by step how to develop and run a small underground mine cheaply, safely and profitably in today’s world. Starting with leases and permits, it takes you through every stage from road building and camp construction to the final shutdown. It explains each operation in detail in plain language, with many drawings, diagrams and photos. First shaft sinking and other forms of access, then development of levels and orebodies, ventilation, transport and haulage, pumping and other services, safety and all else needful for efficient mining. It tells you how to find cheaper machinery and gear, as well as what you can make yourself and shows how to make it. The photos give real life situations from current mining of this sort. To further increase its usefulness, the volume ends with a large glossary of underground mining terms and a practical index to ease searching and crosschecking.

Some Ghosts Some Not by Eloise I Sharp
This book was first published privately in 1979 and has never been easy to obtain. Now a new edition with minor updates and with the colour photos on a gloss paper is available. Eloise and her husband were post war English migrants who took to the Australian bush as the proverbial duck to water. They lived in many places - Dirk Hartog Island and Deepdale Station being just two, and Eloise’s passion was bush history. She would stop anywhere to talk to bush people and enjoy a cup of tea, a characteristic passed on to her daughter, Mary Taylor of Northampton, who has produced several local histories and Volume 1 of The Bushman’s Directory.

Spanish Settlers of Yoongarilup by Alejandro Torrent
ISBN 0 646 16939 4, (1993 New), Soft Cover, 74pp, illustrated, 105grams, $10.00
A little-known migrant group near Busselton in the south west of Western Australia who arrived between 1906 and 1909.

Pioneers, prostitutes, pub keepers, Aboriginals, all the women who are part of the history of the North. An important, and until now, rare book that is essential for all interested in WA history.

Spinifex and Sand by David W. Carnegie
ISBN 0 85905 139 0, (1989 reprint of 1899 edition), Soft Cover, 275pp, illustrated, 500grams, $30.00
A first hand account of the Coolgardie gold rush, the suffering of the prospectors, great gold discoveries, his own long march with typhoid fever, desert tribes, the constant search for water, the death of one of his men, and the vastness of the surrounding desert. All are woven together in one of the most readable accounts of exploration in Australia.

Spinifex and Sand - Maps
(1989 re-print of 1898 edition), 280grams, $22.00
Set of four large maps illustrating Carnegie’s journey.

Steadfast Endeavour by Graham Wilson

Stealing by the Mile by W. C. Chamley
ISBN 978-0-85905-644-1, (1920s, R, 2016), A4, facsimile, illustrated, 100 pages, 290 grams, $25.00*
Steam in the Forests by MRH Southcombe

The South West timber industry relied upon steam engines of many types. Mills, whims, trains, haulers, traction engines, all were part of the bush scene, now looked upon in a romantic light. This is the story of steam in the forests, the men, the animals, and the forests by an old timberman. Maurice Southcombe died in 2000.

Stitching the Stock Route Eileen Lanagan first woman down the Canning. Edited by Phil Bianchi, Peter Bridge, Ethel Bianchi, Angela Teague, Maria Bloomfield.

Contains her diary and a biography by Miriam Howard-Wright with details of their life on Wongawol Station, Eileen’s bush cookery book, obituaries and details of the graves at CSR Well 40.

String of the Last Wreath, transcribed, The by Ray Scott.

The Hall’s Creek goldfields diary of Henry Berand.

Henry Berand emigrated from Prussia to Australia, via New Zealand, around 1852, apparently following the Gold Rushes in the Eastern States. About 1887 Henry with his young wife and daughter migrated to the Kimberley Gold Fields at Halls Creek in search of their fortune.

Stout-Hearted – the story of Stephen Montague Stout by Irma Walter
ISBN 978-0-85905-565-9, (2014, New), A4, illustrated, SC, 162pp, 455g, $35.00*

Stephen Montague Stout was one of the 10,000 convicts sent to WA in the 1850s. His education, personal charm and intelligence both charmed and antagonised the colonials. Starting as a teacher he became a renowned photographer, journalist, and publisher.

This is one of the most interesting colonial biographies to have been written and will create a wider audience for our almost forgotten past.

Suicides and Settlers - Their place in 19th Century West Australian social history by Claire McIntyre

This book is a social history of 19th Century Western Australia told through the 315 suicides recorded here from the towns of the Swan settlement, Fremantle, Perth and Guildford. They also reach from the Kimberley to Esperance and the distant deserts.

Sunrise – the Fred and Elsie Colson story by Alb Colson.

The story of the NT pioneer family who arrived in 1927 to work on the Oodnadatta to Alice railway. Carting, mining, the Lasseter expedition, searching for lost airmen, purchase of Aileron Station in 1934, WWII contracting. Fred and Elsie became some of the best known of the Centralian personalities.

10,000 Hours by Harry Moss

The autobiography of a flying doctor pilot and his adventures in aircraft from the 1930s to the present in New South Wales, Northern Territory, Victoria, Queensland, New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

ISBN 0 85905 391 1, (1969 reprint 2007), Soft Cover, A4, 140 pp, illust, 410 grams, $30.00*

The story of the 28th in France in WWI. Collett’s volume covers the unit until they arrived in France and Kahan continues the story.

Tales of the Overland - Queensland to Kimberley in 1885 by G.H. Lamond

A Kimberley classic reprinted

In Queensland in 1885 Barney Lamond and his mate Jack Horrigan heard of gold in the Kimberley. Looking for land and adventure they rode their horses thousands of miles through the wild outback, surviving attacks by natives, thirst and accidents to become some of the first men on the goldfield which changed the history of WA.

Barney Lamond died in 1940 but he had dictated his story, now published for the first time. It is one of the best and most interesting of pioneer accounts of the north.

Tall Trees and Tall Tales by J. Morris and R. Underwood
ISBN 0 85905 168 4, (1992 New), Soft Cover, 94pp, illustrated, 150grams, $22.00

Stories of old Pemberton. A marvellous reminiscence of the characters and places of the big timber country, in the South West of Western Australia.

Teams and Teamsters edited by Peter J Bridge, Gail Dreezens & Angela Teague
ISBN 978-0-85905-433-1, (New 2010), A4, illustrated, 147pp, soft cover, 430 grams, $35.00*

This collection of articles from the files of Hesperian Press compares the usefulness of bullocks, donkeys, mules, horses, and camels. It then details the working of these teams.

Terry’s Story - A Good Life by Terry McKrill
ISBN 978-0-85905-023-4, (2010, New), A4, 75pp, 253 grams, $22.00 *

The autobiography of Terry McKrill born in 1935. Brought up in the suburbs, Boranup, army life, Muralgarra sheep station, Marble Bar, Yarrie, Wittenoom, trucking, Bell Brothers, roo shooting, Ashburton, fencing, metal detector prospecting with Dick Poland, East Murchison.

There’s Gold There – Look For It by John Drayton, with a biographical introduction by Peter J Bridge.
ISBN 978-0-85905-544-4, (R New 2013), A4, 128pp, 380g, $30.00*

60 true tales of real finds and lost mines from Queensland to the Kimberley. Treasures from the files of John Drayton, prospector and journalist of the 1890s to 1940s. This could be the jackpot for a modern prospector.
Then They Called Me Tjampu-Tjilpi by Bob Verburgt
ISBN 0 85905 249 6, (1999 New), Soft Cover, 144pp, illustrated, 225grams, $22.00
The bush experience of the author as a patrol officer in the Western Desert in the 1950s and 1960s.

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They Kept This State Afloat – with the 48th in France by P.R. Heydon
The history of the people, horses and place of the fabled Landor bush races of the North West of Western Australia. A racing classic.

They Simply Fade Away – with the 48th in France by J.A Williamson
John Alexander Williamson, 1886 – 1971, was born at Bonnyrigg, Scotland and emigrated to Australia in 1911. His life as a migrant, struggling to get a start, is detailed in an appendix to this book. Williamson enlisted in the AIF in 1916, on his second attempt, and served in the 48th Battalion in France. As many other Westerners did in the two world wars, Williamson tested his writing skills in The Western Mail columns. Under the non-de-plume of “Don Zed (48th), Perth” he published anecdotes and reminiscences of his war experiences. One of these has been included as an appendix.

Thomas Edwards of Beverley: Emigrant, Policeman, Settler by Mollie Bentley
ISBN 0 85905 076 9, (1985 New), Hard and Soft Cover, 115pp, illustrated, HC 290grams, SC 180grams, HC $28.00, SC $22.00
The biography of an early colonial policeman, with much detail of the Police Force from 1850 to 1868. Details of explorations with E.H. Hargraves for gold and C.C. Hunt for land, Aboriginal contacts, and the development of the areas to the east of the Colony’s capital.

Those Were The Days by Arthur Reid
ISBN 0 85905 101 3, (1986 reprint of 1933 edition with new material), Hard Cover, 418pp, illustrated, quarto, l.5kg, $95.00*
An important reminiscing history of Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie. Biographical details of more than 400 early goldfielders. Fully indexed.

Three Families Outback in Australia’s Tropic North by Florence Martin
The story of the families on Carlton Hill, Ningbing, and Legune Stations in the early 1900s.

Through Aurumalia by A.J. Vogan.
Arthur Vogan was a journalist, explorer, photographer, artist. These are his reports on the mines of Kalgoorlie and the surrounding areas in the mid 1890s.

Through Bush and Scrub - Travels in the North among the Stations by Norman Malcolm (Canmore)
Jornalist and returned soldier, Norman Malcolm (d1926), once well known, and whose biography is outlined, wrote of developing pastoral stations of the North. This collection describes the people, districts, travel, and stations, 1923-1926.

Through Spinifex and Sand to the Last Desert Family by William J. Peasley
ISBN 978-0-85905-590-1, (2015, New), A4, 100pp, well illustrated, indexed, 300 grams, $30.00*
Bill Peasley and his associates travelled to the Great Sandy Desert in 1976. They brought into civilisation the last of the ‘wild’ aboriginals who had, because of tribal laws, chosen to live a free life in the desert. This is the story of the expedition, the family, and earlier travels in that area.

Through the Murchisons. The Peak Hill, Murchison, and Yalgoo Fields in 1904. Daisy Bates.
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Time of the Brolga by Jean Bull
Jean Bull, a prominent Queensland rural journalist, weaves a picture of station life in southwest Queensland in the early 20th century from the perspective of a child growing up in the outback. This is a narrative composed of poignant literary sketches of life on Tiranna station interspersed with interesting anecdotes and socio-historical details. This book records an important epoch of post-World War I station history.

To Call Our Own by M.R.H. Southcombe
The pioneering of the Group Settlements, Kalgoorlie in the depression, riots on the goldfields, and timber milling.

To King George the Third Sound for Whales by Rod Dickson
To King George the Third Sound for Whales. A voyage aboard the British Whaling Vessel Kingston of London, Captain Thomas Dennis. 1800-1802. Transcribed from the original ship’s logbook by Rod Dickson.
To King George the Third Sound for Whales is one of the seminal documents of Western Australia and describes the voyage of the first whaling ship to WA, just nine years after the voyage of Vancouver, and a year before Matthew Flinders 'rediscovered' King George the Third Sound. And of even more importance, 26 years before the 1826 settlement of Albany.

**To the Bar Bonded** by Kath Mallet
A history of Marble Bar by Mrs Mallet, ex Limestone Station. A fascinating look at this quintessential Western Australian outback town from its beginnings.

**To the Savage Land - the life of John Costello** by M.J. Costello
In the 1880s John Costello, a pastoralist from Yass who had settled on Coopers Creek, purchased Lake Nash Station. He then opened up the wild country on the Limmen River of the Northern Territory, fighting disease, drought, malaria, hostile natives and cattle thieves. He eventually lost the battle but never forgot the promise of his savage land.

**Tom’s Story - An Autobiography** by Thomas Fisher
When Tom Fisher was growing up on a farm in Western Australia in the 1920’s, and during the Depression of the 1930’s, he could never have imagined that he would take part in some of the toughest naval battles of World War II. Able Seaman Tom Fisher commenced his war service on 3 September 1939 and, except for a brief period in late 1945, served at sea throughout the war.

**Tommy Ningebong** by Phil Bianchi
ISBN 978-0-85905-599-4, (2015, New), A4, 71 pp, illustrated, 190 g, $25.00*
Bushman, tracker, drover, stockman, pastoralist, Aboriginal Ningebong was an extraordinary individual. C1904-1978 he spent most of his life in the wider Wiluna area. He was a favourite of the local people and many are the stories of his solidity and of course his little quirks. This biography places on record his life and peoples appreciation of him. He was the principal witness in the trial of the murderers of trapper Joe Wilkins in 1937 and in a rustling trial in the 1970s. He was one of the first Aboriginals to have his own pastoral Lease.

**Toodyay - the good old days** by Wally Chitty edited by Chris Martin
ISBN 0 85905 342 3, (2004), Soft Cover, 248pp, 240x160mm, 150+ photos, maps, 415grams, $35.00
A magnificent new book on Toodyay - an anecdotal snapshot of life in times gone by.

**Toodyay Gold** compiled by Peter J Bridge and Angela Teague
Toodyay, one of the earliest settlements in Western Australia, dating from the 1830s, and the scene of many interesting incidents, showed that after a century of occupation it had more secrets to reveal, when in 1931, early in the first Great Depression, Brown and party discovered payable gold in Yinniding Creek, eight miles south-west of the town. This is an example of resources expanding to fill the needs.

**Toodyay Homesteads** by Rica Erickson & Robyn Taylor
An invaluable book for anyone interested in Western Australia’s rural heritage. It describes the evolution of the Toodyay District and the farming properties that have operated since the 1830s and 1840s. The book takes the reader on a journey from Morby Cottage in Northam to the Berkshire Valley homestead in Moora. Individual chapters reveal the social, administrative, and economic forces that shaped the early development of the Swan River colony, while the homesteads provide insights into the use of local materials, and construction and farming methods up to the present day.

**Top Camp, Soldiers Secret and the Ashburton Gold Rush** by Peter J Bridge
The history of the Ashburton Gold Rush of 1890 with details of the pastoral stations, aboriginal conflict, lonely deaths, and all the adventures of the distant bush. This is a companion volume to the earlier, Bangemall.

**Top of the Hill, The**. Ed by PJ Bridge
The letters to The Western Mail in the late 1930s cover reminiscences and observations of bush life by men and women, farmers, drovers, sailors, fishermen and represent the land as it once was before the influx of aliens changed our life. Essential reading to grasp how the nation has changed and why so many are unhappy with the current trends.

**Touch Me Not** by Pat Studdy-Clift
This is an historical novel, based on fact and brimful of the adventures, trials and triumphs of one pioneering family – the Gadens. In 1923 with two small babies, aboard the lugger "Chantress", their adventurous father and his brave-hearted wife headed into the uncivilised part of Australia now known as Kakadu National Park, only to find themselves living in "bough sheds" at the mercy of tropical cyclones, buffalo bulls, fierce snakes and primeval crocodiles, to mention a few of their hazards. Add to this a daughter Madge, who was not only a gifted pianist, but also a “darling”. She touched the hearts of many, world-wide, when leprosy struck both her and her father. Top this with the inferno of World War Two as Madge, the mixed-race patients and their carers on Channel Island in Darwin Harbour faced the bombing of Darwin. History leads us through a record of man’s inhumanity, but also man’s humanity to man.

**Trackmaster, The - Sig Schlam** by Bill Elkes
ISBN 0 85905 112 9, (1987 New), Soft Cover, 28pp, illustrated, 100grams, $10.00*
The biography of one of the World’s greatest speedway motorcycle riders.

**Tragedy Track** by F.E. Baume, 1994
The story of the Northern Territory Granites’ gold rush of the 1930s. A bush classic. The area now has major gold mines.
Travels and Adventures of Ben Bridge Throughout Western Australia and Northern Territory
ISBN 978-0-85905-019-7, (2010, R), 28pp, illust, SC, B5, 50g, $10.00*

Some people regard pearls as unlucky. However that may be, an uncanny fatality certainly seemed to attend the big ‘stone’ that figures in this remarkable narrative. First found off the coast of North-West Australia, it was stolen within a few hours of its discovery and almost immediately stolen again. Thenceforth it passed rapidly from hand to hand until it was lost to view, but during its travels it brought death to at least four men who had never even set eyes on it!

Travels among Gold and Cannibals in Western Australia 1870 – 1874 by Thomas Scott

In this idiosyncratic travelogue written for the author’s friends describes a journey from Albany, overland to Perth and eventually to Northampton.

Travels and Adventures of Ben Bridge Throughout Western Australia and Northern Territory by Ben Bridge

An intriguing story of one of the great and almost forgotten characters of the Australian bush.

Ben Bridge was one of Australia’s greatest horsemen at a time when nearly all Australians were familiar with the finer points of horses and their riders.

Travels in Western Australia by May Vivienne

The writer sparkled through Western Australia and the goldfields by train, coach and bicycle, charming all. Always popular, this is a goldfields’ gem.

Travels with a Lawbook - Memoirs of a Magistrate by Ken ‘Lazarus’ Moore
ISBN 978-085-905-442-3, (2008 New), Soft cover, notch bound, A4, 384 pages, 1.1 kg, $50.00*

In this autobiography the author takes us on a roller-coaster journey from his birthplace in the Glens of Antrim to far distant places around the globe.

Trenches In The Sky, The by Dan Conway

The best Australian book of the Air War in Europe and one of the best on Bomber Command.

Triangle. W.C. Charnley.
ISBN 978-0-85905-729-5, A4, 100 grams, $16.00*

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