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DARK WINTER: AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO PANDEMICS AND BIOSECURITY

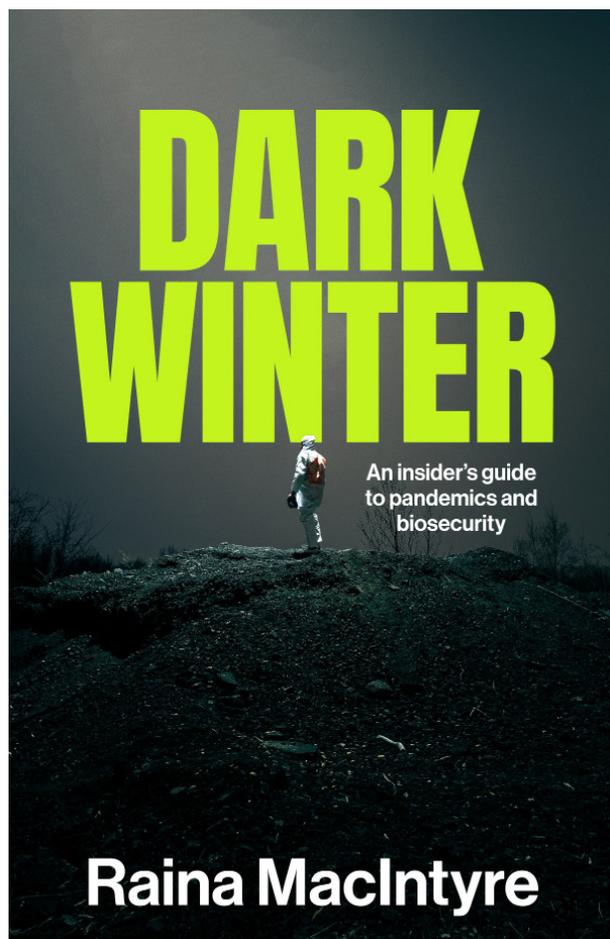
Raina MacIntyre



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BIOSECURITY / INFECTIOUS DISEASES / HEALTH



A sweeping journey through the past, present and future of pandemics and biosecurity.

In *Dark Winter*, world-leading epidemiologist and biosecurity expert Raina MacIntyre provides insights into historical biological attacks, lab accidents and epidemics, and the COVID-19 pandemic. She reveals a recurrent theme of denial, silence and cover-up around unnatural epidemics and the powerful vested interests at play. Using the lens of history, MacIntyre also provides a glimpse into new frontiers of biosecurity. *Dark Winter* outlines quantum advances in genetic engineering and synthetic biology, and a future where human genome editing and resurrection of extinct viruses might be the norm. MacIntyre argues that the solution to the existential threat we face from biotechnology will not come from scientists, but from the community having a voice in the future of the planet and humanity.

'*Dark Winter* does an excellent and balanced job of providing important facts that we as a society all need to know to better understand how to deal with natural and artificial pandemics. Whether discussing past examples of lab leaks, common misconceptions and misinformation about how diseases spread, or the social dynamics of epidemiology and public health as a profession, Raina combines superb writing skill with an informed perspective grounded in both the last two centuries of human history and lessons from her own work.' — Vitalik Buterin

'Here is what we all need — clear evidence about COVID-19, its origins, treatment, and consequences. Professor MacIntyre's conclusions are often shocking, but her only bias is in favour of the empirical truth.' — Alison Broinowski

'... a powerful, important and essential work.'

— *The Saturday Paper*



RAINA MACINTYRE is a physician, epidemiologist and Professor of Global Biosecurity at UNSW and adjunct Professor at Arizona State University. She leads research in epidemic control, vaccinology and aerosol science. She is an expert in outbreak detection and mitigation, including that arising from bioterrorism and biological warfare. She has a 28-year track record in pandemics, epidemic infections, serious emerging infections, vaccines and control of respiratory viruses. She has worked as a clinician in hospitals, as an epidemiologist in a health department and as a researcher. In 2022, MacIntyre won the Eureka Prize for Leadership in Science and Innovation.

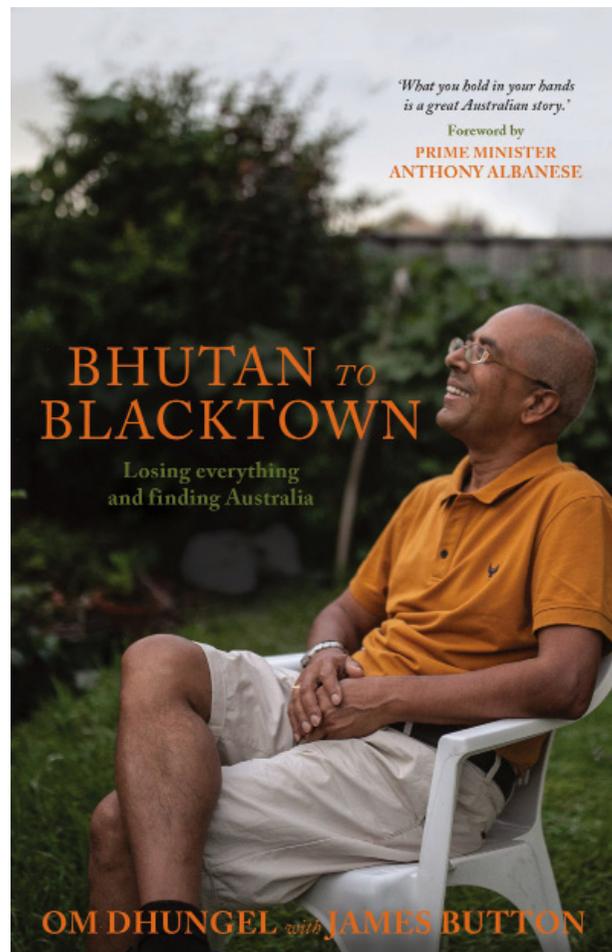
BHUTAN TO BLACKTOWN: LOSING EVERYTHING AND FINDING AUSTRALIA

Om Dhungel with James Button

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MEMOIR



I lost my possessions, my salary, my status, my career, my country. And in that fall, I gained everything.

Bhutan is known as the land of Gross National Happiness, a Buddhist Shangri-la hidden in the Himalayas. But in the late 1980s, Bhutan waged a brutal ethnic-cleansing campaign against its citizens of Nepali ancestry, including Om Dhungel and his family.

Bhutan to Blacktown tells Om Dhungel's remarkable story — his journey from a remote village to a senior position in the Bhutanese Civil Service, to life as a human rights activist in Nepal and, eventually, to his work as a community leader in Blacktown, western Sydney. Every step prepared Om for the central role he would play in settling more than 5000 Bhutanese refugees, in one of the most successful refugee initiatives in Australia's history.

Written with Walkley Award-winning journalist James Button, *Bhutan to Blacktown* is a story of grit and struggle, humour and irrepressible optimism — and how losing nearly everything shaped one man's character and fate.

'What you hold in your hands is a great Australian story.'

— Foreword by Prime Minister Anthony Albanese

'A heartbreaking story of exile, with a stirring Australian ending.'

— George Megalogenis

'Om Dhungel's resilience, generosity and humanity shine through this powerful book. It is at once a remarkable story of individual achievement and a considered reflection on the broader policies and practices that shape refugees' experiences.' — Jane McAdam



OM DHUNGEL arrived in Australia as a student in 1998 before being granted a refugee visa in light of the Bhutanese Government's persecution of the ethnic Nepalese of southern Bhutan. Before coming to Australia he was a senior civil servant in Bhutan's Department of Telecommunications then, while a refugee in Nepal, general secretary of the Human Rights Organisation of Bhutan and co-editor of *The Bhutan Review*. In Australia he worked for ten years as a business analyst, and today sits on the NSW Police Multicultural Advisory Council, the Blacktown Multicultural Advisory Committee and the board of the Asylum Seeker Centre. He runs Om Dhungel Consulting.

JAMES BUTTON is a former journalist and Europe correspondent for *The Age* and *Sydney Morning Herald*. He is the author of *Speechless: A year in my father's business and Comeback: The fall and rise of Geelong*, and has won three Walkley awards and a Melbourne Press Club Quill for feature writing. He is a freelance writer and editor.

WHY ARE WE LIKE THIS?: AN EVOLUTIONARY SEARCH FOR ANSWERS TO LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS

Zoe Kean

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POPULAR SCIENCE



What can scuba diving at Shark Bay uncover about evolution of sex and gender? What do Tasmanian devils teach us about treatment for cancer in humans? Why did we evolve to spend a third of our life asleep?

Some questions have nipped at humanity's heels for as long as we've been ... well, humans. As our world becomes more chaotic and uncertain, these questions are becoming increasingly pressing.

Zoe Kean represents the new generation of science writers and communicators, with a passion for evolution, ecology and the environment. In her clear, creative and scientifically rigorous style, *Why are we like this?* will be an enjoyable and informative book for everyone, no matter their level of science literacy. From the cutting edge of research, it will present plenty of surprising parallels and new theories that will make the most avid science reader stop and say, 'I didn't know that!'

In understanding evolution, we see the astonishing adaptability and persistence of life. Life on earth has survived meteorite strikes, ice ages and continent-wide volcanic events. We, and the beings we share this planet with, are directly descended from those survivors. What can we learn from their survival? And how can all life pull through these trying times? *Why are we like this?* will tell you everything you need to know.

ZOE KEAN lives in lutruwita/Tasmania, an island at the bottom of the world. An award-winning science writer with a focus on evolution, ecology, and the environment, she has published in *The Guardian*, ABC, *The Best Australian Science Writing 2022*, *Cosmos Magazine*, and the BBC. Zoe honed her writing and radio skills with the best at the ABC Science Unit as the Darren Osborne Region Science Cadet (2019). Her love for science cannot be contained to the page, Zoe also gives talks, makes science [TikToks](#) and regularly appears on live radio.

THE EYES OF A SPIDER

James O'Hanlon



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POPULAR SCIENCE / NATURE WRITING



There are over 50,000 species of spiders, they surround us in our daily lives, and contrary to popular belief, the vast majority are completely harmless to humans.

While Australia is well-known as the land of terrifying spiders, Dr James O'Hanlon takes us from his regional New South Wales backyard to all corners of the globe (and even outer space!) to explore these fascinating creatures and show us why they're not so scary after all.

In *The Eyes of a Spider*, you'll encounter everything from miniscule jumping spiders with super intelligence to giant tarantulas whose venom could one day save your life. As well as the people who seek them, including the unlikely Australian who stumbled upon a beautiful but elusive new species of peacock spider, which sparked an international collaboration.

Clearing up spider myths and misconceptions, Dr James O'Hanlon introduces readers to the beauty of their lives, including incredible hunting techniques, the fascinating engineering of spider silk, and the spiders that live in extremes – from underwater to the slopes of Mt Everest.



JAMES O'HANLON is a zoologist and science communicator with a PhD in biology from Macquarie University. Much of his career has been spent knee deep in mud, trudging through rainforests and uncovering the secret lives of spiders, stick insects, praying mantises, and many other misunderstood creatures. He has published over 30 academic articles, is a prolific science podcaster, including hosting and producing the In Situ Science podcast, and his science writing has appeared in Australian Geographic, The Conversation and Biosphere Magazine.

UNDERGROUND LOVERS: ENCOUNTERS WITH FUNGI

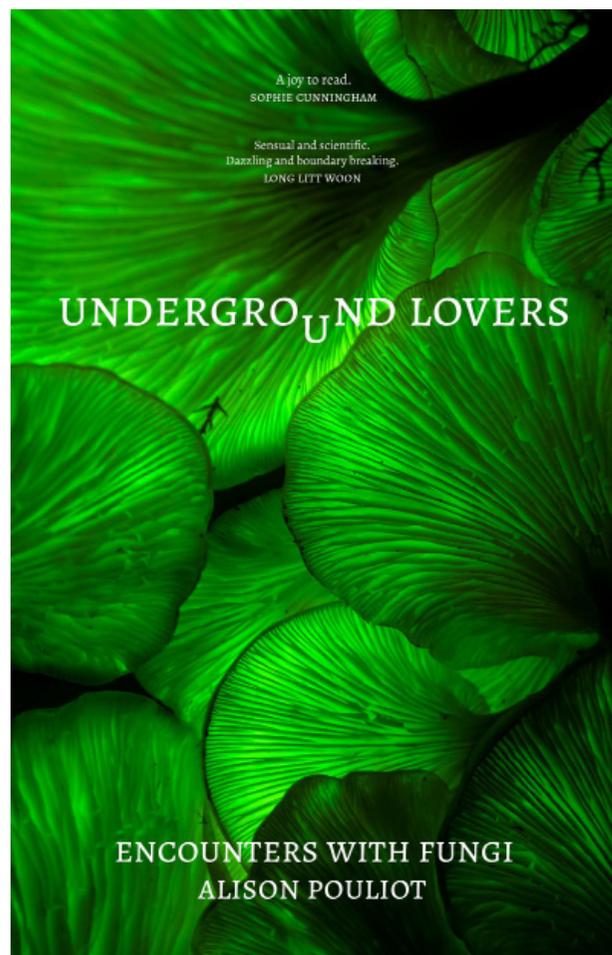
Alison Pouliot



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ENVIRONMENT / NATURE WRITING



'In the gloom of the forest floor, fallen branches are sheathed with fungal stripes of yellow and purple. But beneath the colourful surface, the fallen litter is alive with the clandestine workings of fungi.'

What can we learn from the lives of fungi? *Underground Lovers* brings us to our knees, magnifier in hand, to find out.

Fungi offer a way to imagine life differently. In *Underground Lovers* Alison Pouliot reaches down to earth, and deeper, to dwell with fungal allies and aliens, discover how fungi hold forests together, and why humans are deeply entwined with these unruly renegades of the subterranean. Told through first-hand stories — from the Australian desert to Iceland's glaciers to America's Cascade Mountains — Alison Pouliot shares encounters with glowing ghost fungi and unearths the enigma of the lobster mushroom. Melding science and personal reflection, she explores the fungi that appear after fire, how fungi and climate change interact, the role of fungi in our ecosystems, and much more.

'Underground Lovers is a joy to read.' — Sophie Cunningham, author of *City of Trees*

'Sensual and scientific. Dazzling and boundary breaking. Underground Lovers will make you see the world anew.' — Long Litt Woon, author of *The Way Through the Woods*

'The world of fungi is our world even if we don't know it and can't see most of it — strange, dazzling, spooky, unpredictable, friendly, deadly, sly. And Alison is the perfect guide. She surprises and informs, delights and warns; makes you wish you could walk with her and her passionate companions. That's OK. In this book you do.' — Paul Kelly, songwriter



ALISON POULIOT is an ecologist with a passion for fungi. Her journeys in search of fungi span the northern and southern hemispheres, ensuring two autumns and a double dose of fungi each year. As a scientist, photographer, author and someone who roams the forest daily, Alison explores fungi through multiple lenses. Alison is the author of *The Allure of Fungi* and co-author of *Wild Mushrooming*.

PERIPATHETIC: NOTES ON (UN)BELONGING

Cher Tan



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PERSONAL ESSAYS



‘If something is repeated often enough, then it crystallises itself as truth in the cultural consciousness. It took me a long time to unlearn and discard the mythic images that the old country was trying to sell to me. I’m sure there are still residual traces. See how I dare not invoke its name.’

An exploration of identity across global and digital territories, Cher Tan’s essays of bend and break boundaries to resist easy categorisation.

Peripathetic contains work that is self-reflexive, wry, intelligent and restless. It includes a lyric essay on the tropes surrounding the cultural signifiers of ‘normal’ vs ‘weird’; an extended critique on the tensions the term ‘authenticity’ presents; a meditation on the artist as influencer; the existential tensions that are connected to ‘performance’ in everyday life; and an autofictive essay on Tan’s 20-year history of ‘unskilled’ labour that prises apart contemporary ideas of class and capital.

The collection is as non-linear as Tan’s work and life: traversing subjects from technology to late capitalism, interrogating power, borders and capital while considering the ever-evolving facets of identity, self, and culture in a hyper-real world. In *Peripathetic*, Tan has created a collection of essays that blends cultural criticism, experimental writing, autotheory, (inter)net writing and literary memoir, bringing us new ways of viewing familiar artistic territory.

CHER TAN is an essayist, critic and editor living and working on unceded Wurundjeri land (so-called “Melbourne”). She previously lived in Kaurua Yerta/ Adelaide and Singapore, where she was born and raised. Her work has appeared in Sydney Review of Books, The Saturday Paper, Kill Your Darlings, Cordite, Gusher magazine, Catapult, The Guardian, and The Lifted Brow, among others. She is the reviews editor at Meanjin and an editor at LIMINAL magazine.

TIWI STORY: TURNING HISTORY DOWNSIDE UP

Mavis Kerinauia and Laura Rademaker

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AUSTRALIAN HISTORY



Tiwi people have plenty to be proud of. This little tropical island community has more than its fair share of surprising stories that turn ideas of Australian history upside down. In *Tiwi Story* historians Mavis Kerinauia and Laura Rademaker profile Tiwi storytellers and their many stories of resilience, creativity and survival.

The Tiwi claim the honour of having defeated a global superpower. When the world's most powerful navy attempted to settle and invade the Tiwi Islands in 1824, Tiwi guerrilla warriors fought the British, and won. The Tiwi remember the fight, and oral histories reveal their tactical brilliance.

Then, in 1911, Catholic priest Francis Xavier Gsell styled himself as the 'Bishop with 150 wives,' and cast Tiwi history as a story of slavery, sex and salvation. According to Gsell, he 'purchased' Tiwi women and 'freed' them from early marriage, and Tiwi girls grew up into devoted Catholics. But, as the story of Tiwi woman Martina shows, Tiwi women had more power in their marriage negotiations than the missionaries realised. Tiwi women worked out how to be both Tiwi *and* Catholic. And it was the missionaries who came around to Tiwi thinking, not the other way around. Including being converted to the Tiwi's 'number one religion': Aussie Rules Football!

Tiwi people remember the planes gunning their mission during World War II and sending the alarm to Darwin and oral histories bring important new insights to the history of race relations and the Pacific War.

Tiwi Story showcases the dramatic and complex history of the Tiwi Islands as told by Tiwi people.



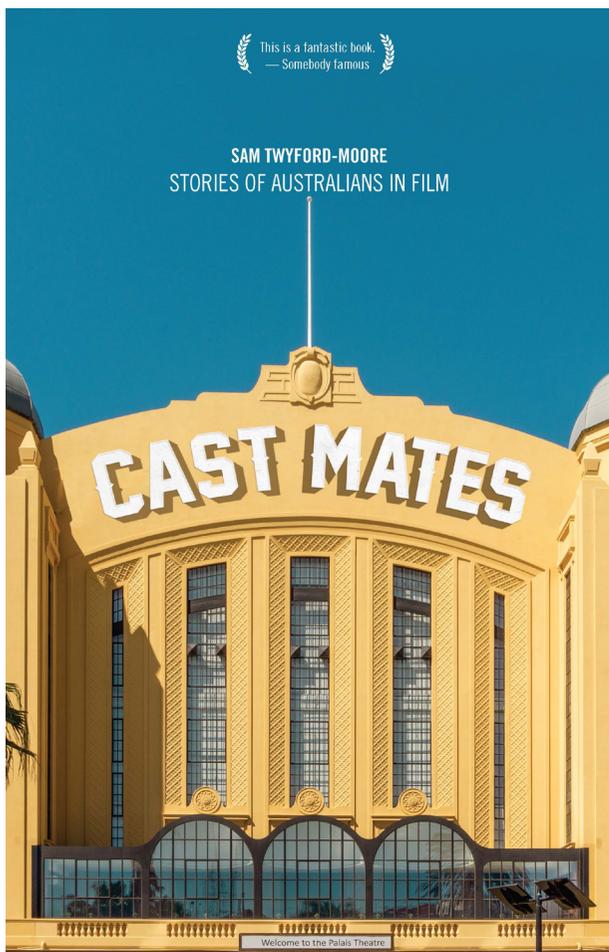
MAVIS KERINAIUA is a Tiwi historian and researcher. She has contributed to historical exhibits at the Northern Territory Library and the Patakiyiyali Museum and worked as a researcher for the Australian National University and Flinders University. She has worked in cultural liaison for the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and in education on Bathurst Island. Creator of the Turtuni Framework for research practice, Kerinauia is an expert in culturally responsive and appropriate research.

LAURA RADEMAKER is an historian of Aboriginal Australia and religion with a PhD from the Australian National University and a strong interest in oral history. She is the author of *Found in Translation* (University of Hawai'i), shortlisted for the NSW Premier's Australian History Prize and awarded the Australian Historical Association's Hancock Prize. She is also co-author with *Traditional Owners of Bible* in Buffalo Country, winner of the NT Chief Minister's Award for History.

CAST MATES: STORIES OF AUSTRALIANS IN FILM

Sam Twyford-Moore

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 FILM HISTORY / POPULAR CULTURE



Cast Mates – starring Errol Flynn, Peter Finch, David Gulpilil and Nicole Kidman – uncovers the long history of Australian actors in cinema at home and abroad.

Australia has a long cinema history. Starting with the world’s first feature film, *The Story of the Kelly Gang*, which was made in Melbourne and released in 1906. Today, much of Australia’s film talent goes to the United States, looking for bigger and more lucrative opportunities overseas.

The outsized personalities that form the heart of book – Errol Flynn, Peter Finch, David Gulpilil, and Nicole Kidman – have dominated cinema screens both locally and internationally, and star in some of the biggest films of their eras – from *The Adventures of Robin Hood*, *Network* to *Crocodile Dundee*, amongst others.

From the Golden Age of Hollywood in the 1930s, until the streaming wars and Marvel domination of today, the biographical details of these four actors, and their many cast mates, tells a story about the progress of cinema since the advent of sound.



SAM TWYFORD-MOORE is a writer and cultural critic. His first book, *The Rapids: Ways of looking at mania*, was published by NewSouth and University of Toronto Press in North America. He was formerly the founding host of *The Rereaders*, a fortnightly literary and cultural podcast, and Festival Director and CEO of the Emerging Writers’ Festival. As a writer he has contributed to a wide range of publications, including the *Monthly*, the *Los Angeles Review of Books*, and many others.

BACK UP: WHY BACK PAIN TREATMENTS AREN'T WORKING AND THE NEW SCIENCE OFFERING HOPE

Liam Mannix

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HEALTH AND WELLBEING



Back pain is the one of the world's greatest public health challenges. It is the leading reason we visit the doctor, the leading reason we take time off work, the second biggest cause of disability worldwide. Some one in 10 people will develop chronic, life-ruining back pain. And rates are growing.

A multi-billion dollar industry exists to serve these people – to shrink discs, melt nerves, cut their spines up and put them back together. Yet leading experts say more often than not, all this medicine is making things worse.

But in the last 20 years, a new theory has emerged, born from cutting-edge neuroscience. It claims back pain has nothing to do with the back or the discs or the spine. Instead, back pain is all about the brain.

This new science offers new solutions – including, remarkably, evidence that just by teaching people the new theory of pain we can actually cut it.

One of the many who experience back pain, Liam Mannix takes his own experience as a starting point for this work of investigative-journalism looking into the causes of back pain, the crazy ways we try (and fail) to treat it, and the new science that might hold a cure.

LIAM MANNIX is a multi-award winning national science reporter for *The Age* and the *Sydney Morning Herald*, as well as *Nine's* other stable of mastheads. He won the 2020 Walkley Award for Short Feature Writing, the 2019 Eureka Prize for Science Journalism, and has twice won the Walkley Young Journalist of the Year (Innovation) award.

SAVING LIEUTENANT KENNEDY

Brett Mason



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MILITARY HISTORY / AUSTRALIAN HISTORY



The incredible story of a little-known Australian who helped save the life of a future president.

In August 1943 a US torpedo boat commanded by Lt John F Kennedy, on patrol in Blakett Strait in the Solomon Islands, was rammed by a Japanese destroyer. The crash killed two of Kennedy's crew instantly and left the other ten clinging to the wreckage within sight of Japanese encampments. After more than 16 hours in the water, Kennedy led the survivors ashore on Plum Pudding Island (later renamed Kennedy Island). Fortunately for the shipwrecked Americans, Australian 'coast watcher' Lt Arthur Reginald ('Reg') Evans witnessed the immediate aftermath of the collision. Working under the searching eye of the Japanese military, from his hideaways on nearby Kolombangara and then Gomu Island, over the next five days Evans coordinated the rescue operation involving local Solomon Islander scouts – including Eroni Kuman and Biuku Gasa – and the US Army and Navy, which eventually took Kennedy and his crew to safety.

Kennedy's wartime heroism helped pave his way to the Whitehouse. He met with Evans in the Oval Office a few months after his inauguration. In this fast-paced book Brett Mason also explores the part this dramatic rescue played in the future alliance between the US and Australia.

Praise for *Wizards of Oz*:

'Unputdownable!' — General Sir Peter Cosgrove

'It's a timely reminder ... of an era when Australian scientists not only held their place on the world stage but commanded it.'

— Bianca Nogrady

'A compelling read: exquisitely detailed, beautifully written.'

— Hon Julie Bishop

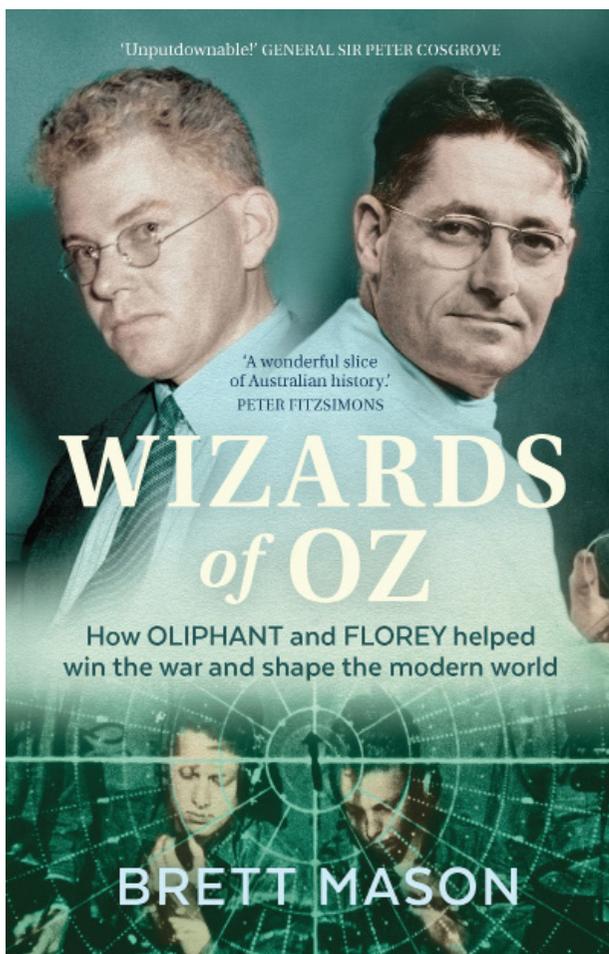


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THE WIZARDS OF OZ: HOW OLIPHANT AND FLOREY HELPED WIN THE WAR AND SHAPE THE MODERN WORLD

Brett Mason

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HISTORY / MILITARY HISTORY



Two scientists played a vital yet largely unknown role in the Allied victory in the Second World War. Almost eight decades later, *Wizards of Oz* finally tells their story.

In this fast-paced and compelling book, Brett Mason reveals how childhood friends from Adelaide – physicist Mark Oliphant and medical researcher Howard Florey – initiated the most significant scientific and industrial projects of the Second World War: manufacturing penicillin, developing microwave radar and building the atomic bomb. These innovations gave the Allies the edge and ultimate victory over Germany and Japan.

More than just a story of scientific discovery, *Wizards of Oz* is a remarkable tale of secret missions, international intrigue and triumph against all odds. Mason tells how Oliphant and Florey were also instrumental in convincing a reluctant United States to develop and deploy the three breakthrough inventions in time to change the course of the war. These two Australians not only helped win the war but shaped the peace, with their war-time contributions continuing to influence international politics and the health and wealth of nations.

Oliphant and Florey emerge in *Wizards of Oz* as the two most consequential Australians of the Second World War – perhaps of all time.

‘Unputdownable!’ – General Sir Peter Cosgrove

‘A compelling read: exquisitely detailed, beautifully written.’
– Hon Julie Bishop



BRETT MASON is Chair of the Council of the National Library of Australia and Adjunct Professor in Law at the Queensland University of Technology. He was formerly Australia’s Ambassador to the Netherlands. From 1999 to 2015 he was Senator for Queensland and served in the Howard and Abbott ministries. He was educated at the Australian National, Cambridge and Griffith universities and holds a PhD in legal theory.

DISPATCH FROM BERLIN, 1943: THE STORY OF FIVE JOURNALISTS WHO RISKED EVERYTHING

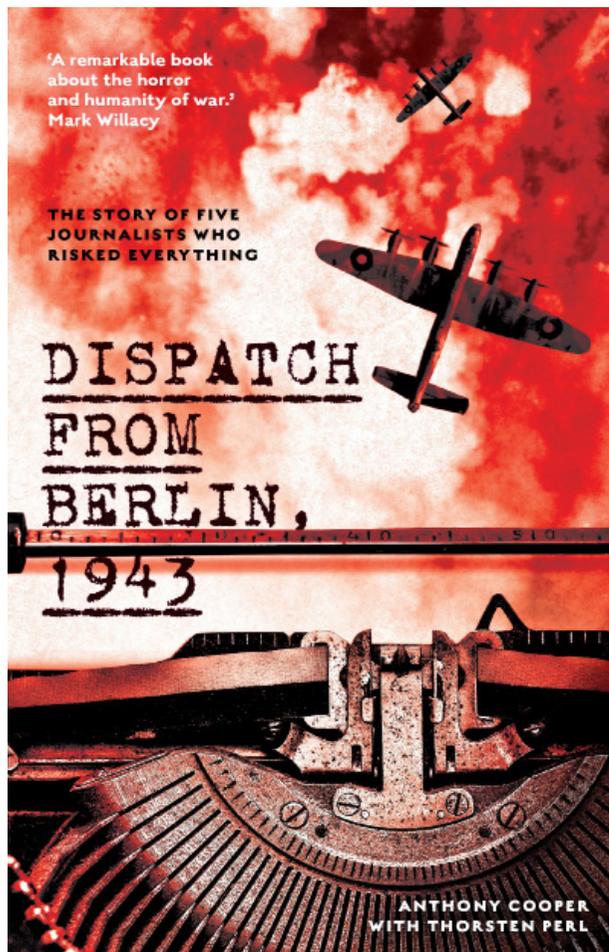
Anthony Cooper with Thorsten Perl



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MILITARY HISTORY



In December 1943, five courageous correspondents join a British air raid on Berlin. They are Australians, Alf King from the *Sydney Morning Herald* and Norm Stockton from the *Sydney Sun*; Americans, Ed Murrow from CBS and Lowell Bennett from the International News Service; and Norwegian journalist and activist, Nordahl Grieg. Each is assigned to one of the 400 Lancaster bombers that fly into the hazardous skies over Germany on a single night. Of the five, only two land back at base to file their stories.

After parachuting out of his doomed aircraft, one reporter is taken prisoner. From there his captors take him on a remarkable tour of bombed-out German cities.

In *Dispatch from Berlin, 1943*, Anthony Cooper and Thorsten Perl uncover this incredible true story of life on both sides of the war.

‘This book captures the life and death drama that saw five war correspondents, assigned to RAF Bomber Command to report on the most dangerous campaign of the Second World War – bombing Berlin. Neither they nor the crew knew if they would survive the night. A compelling story of a single raid that has remained untold for too long.’ – Peter Rees

‘*Dispatch from Berlin, 1943* takes you on a heart-stopping bombing raid over enemy territory as brave allied air crew battle flak, fighters and fate. Told through the eyes of five brave journalists who went with them, this is a remarkable book about the horror and humanity of war.’ – Mark Willacy



ANTHONY COOPER is a retired schoolteacher with a PhD in German civil aviation in the Weimar Republic, and is the author of *HMAS Bataan 1952* (NewSouth, 2010); *Darwin Spitfires* (NewSouth, 2011 and 2022); *Kokoda Air Strikes* (NewSouth, 2014); *RAAF Bombers over Germany*; *Paddy Finucane and the Legend of the Kenley Wing*; and *Sub Hunters*.

THORSTEN PERL is an investigator of historical and scientific topics. He has been involved with official agencies in the search for and clarification of missing crew members of the Second World War for twenty-seven years. Thorsten works in research and development of regenerative agriculture and lives with his family in Eberswalde near Berlin in Germany.

THE CHIPILLY SIX
Lucas Jordan

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HISTORY / MILITARY HISTORY



A remarkable true story of six brave soldiers.

On 9 August 1918, on high ground overlooking the Somme River, an entire British Army Corps is held up by German machine gunners. The battle has raged for 30 hours and more than 2000 Englishmen have fallen, for no gain.

Meanwhile, two Australian sergeants, Jack Hayes and Harold Andrews, go absent without leave and cross the Somme River ahead of the British lines. Hayes and Andrews gather weapons and four of their best mates and return to take on the Germans by themselves.

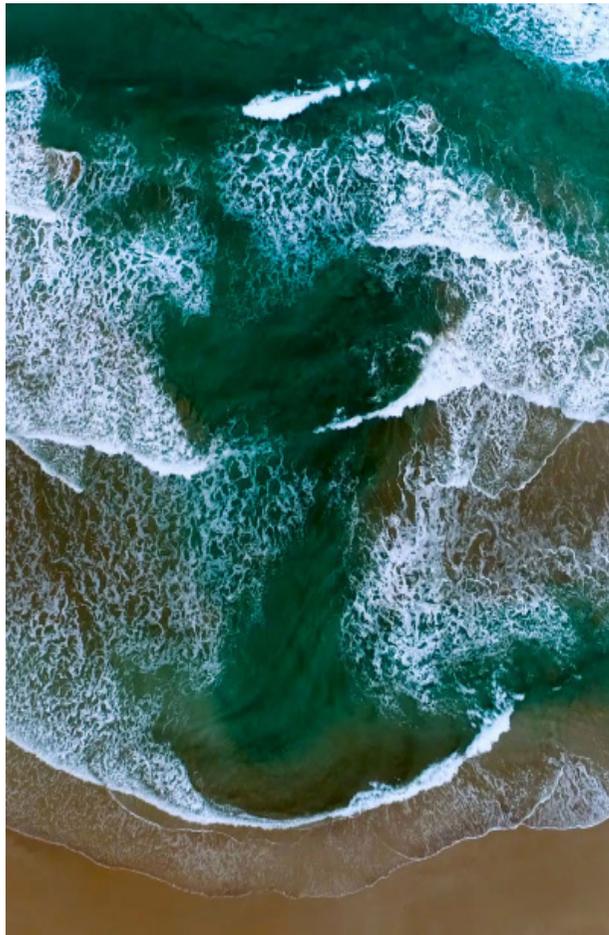
The exploits of the Chipilly Six have been overlooked and the personal stories of the six diggers never told. Unlike most military histories, this book doesn't end when the war does. Instead, it follows the lives of these soldiers, chronicling their return home and years after, including a pandemic, the Great Depression, a shifting world order and another world war. It is a fascinating story that goes beyond wartime heroics to reveal how they survived the war, and the years that followed.



LUCAS JORDAN grew up in Burekup in Western Australia and studied his Bachelor of Arts at the University of Western Australia. He completed a Bachelor of Education at the University of Queensland followed by a Masters in Aboriginal Studies at the University of Notre Dame. Lucas has taught history to undergraduate students at Deakin and Monash universities. He is currently a history teacher at Western English Language School, a secondary school for new arrivals and refugees in Melbourne. *Stealth Raiders* was his first book, published by Penguin Random House in 2017. Lucas lives in Lara, Victoria, with his wife and two sons.

THE ESSENTIAL FAMILY BEACH BOOK: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SURF, SAND AND RIPS
Rob Brander

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NATURE / TRAVEL



One of Australia’s leading beach scientists shares everything you need to know about how beaches work and how to swim safely, with examples from across the globe.

The Essential Family Beach Book by Rob Brander, a surf-lifesaver and scientist who studies beaches, rips and currents, is a simple, entertaining and useful guide to beach safety, with a solid scientific basis.

This book explains how beaches form, what drives waves and how rips develop, and offers practical advice to show you how to get the most out of your day at the beach — without risking your life.

Taking us from the pebble beaches of Europe to the giant waves of Hawaii, this internationally focused guide to the beach is a must-read for all ocean lovers.



ROB BRANDER is a beach safety researcher who combines elements of coastal geomorphology and hazards with an understanding of social and demographic aspects of beachgoers. The overall goal of his research is to understand the physical-social interaction of beach hazards in order to reduce the incidence of drowning and injury on beaches and other coastal environments. He works at UNSW.

MARRA: ARTISTS MAKING HISTORY VISIBLE

Brook Andrew and Jessica Neath

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ART / AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

An innovative study of how we memorialise through artworks and creative practice and why it is important.

Conceived by Brook Andrew, Wiradjuri/Celtic Australian artist, and co-authored by non-Indigenous Australian art historian Jessica Neath, this highly visual and stimulating book will inspire new thought and creative action in addressing the traumatic histories of colonisation, war and genocide. It showcases how contemporary artists from across the world have created memorial artworks that provoke deeper conversations about the care of stories and sites implicated in these histories.

The form memorials take is not restricted to the Western monument tradition; the authors consider landscapes, installation, performance, sculpture, photography, painting, walking, ceremony and architecture. Memorialisation is different for, and within, different cultures and the focus of remembering may not be for a particular event or loss, but rather to create a space for shared memory and/or resistance, to reconnect with culture, and to forge new relationships.

The book begins in Australia on Aboriginal land and positions the legacies of the Frontier Wars both within the 60,000 years of continual occupation by First Nations peoples of the Australian continent, and within the transnational histories of colonisation, war and genocide that have shaped the modern world. They consider artworks made in Australia, Canada, Cambodia, the United States of America, Poland, Canada, Germany, and Mauritius.

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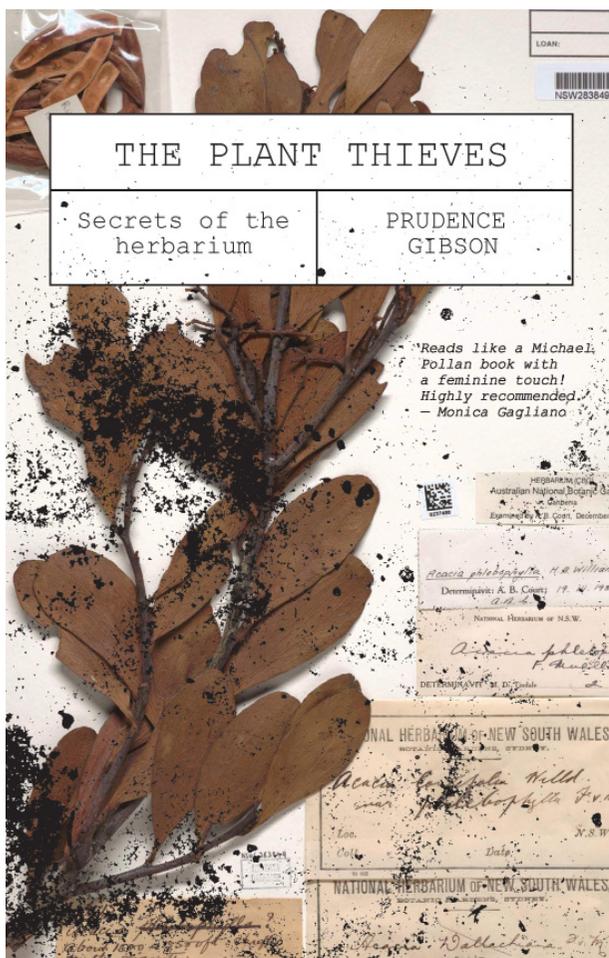
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Who gets to collect plants, name them, propagate them, extract their chemicals, sell them and use them? Whose knowledge is it? And what can the people that work with plants, just outside the law, teach us about plant care?

In *The Plant Thieves*, Prudence Gibson explores the secrets of the National Herbarium of New South Wales and unearths remarkable stories of plant naming wars, rediscovered lost species, First Nations agriculture, illegal drug labs and psychoactive plant knowledge.

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PRUDENCE GIBSON is an author and research academic in plant studies at Art and Design, University of NSW. She is lead investigator of an Australian Research Council project on the herbarium. She is the author of *Janet Laurence: The pharmacy of plants*. She is a contributor to *Art and Australia*, *Sydney Review of Books* and *The Conversation*.

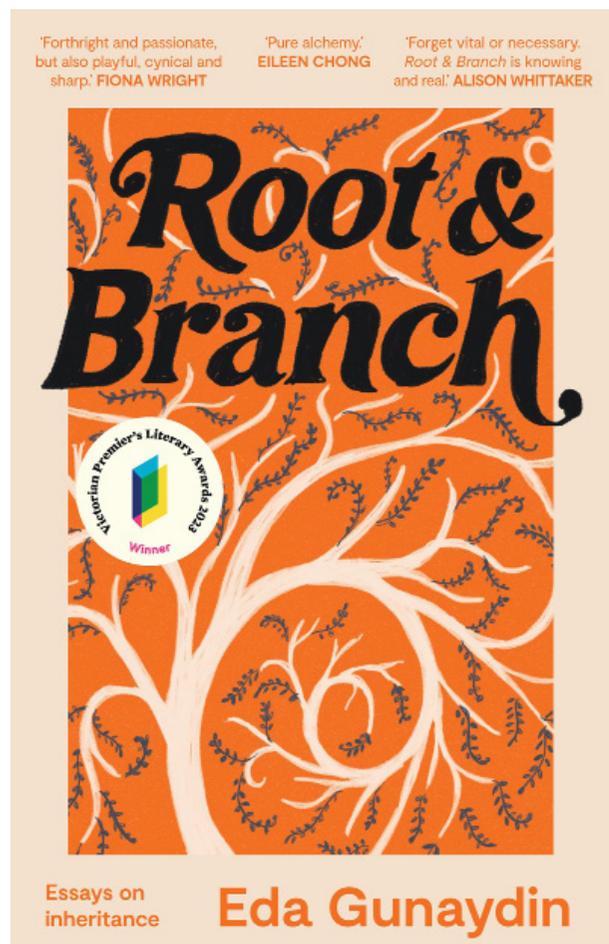
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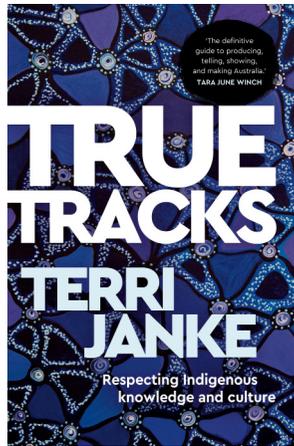
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TRUE TRACKS: RESPECTING
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TERRI JANKE is an Indigenous lawyer of Meriam and Wuthathi heritage. In 2000 she set up a law firm, Terri Janke and Company, focusing on Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP) law and commercial law. She has acted for Indigenous and non-Indigenous clients, artists, community-controlled organisations, government and corporates.



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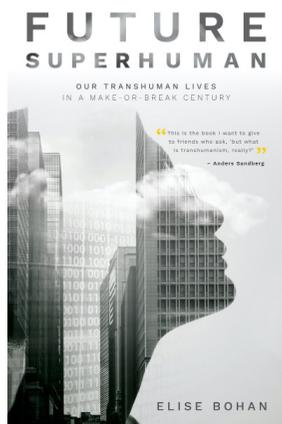
Two world-leading doctors reveal the true state of modern medicine and how doctors are letting their patients down.

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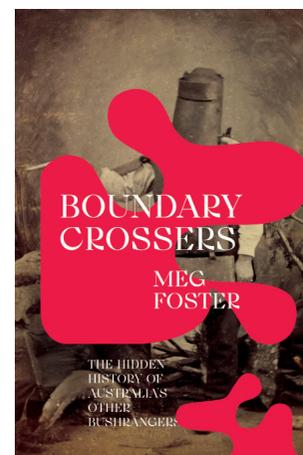
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CULTURE / SOCIETY / TECHNOLOGY

We're hurtling towards a superhuman future – or, if we blunder, extinction. The only way out of our existential crises, from global warming to the risks posed by nuclear weapons, novel and bioengineered pathogens and unaligned AI, is *up*. We'll need *more* technology to safeguard our future – and we're going to invent and perhaps even merge with some of that technology.

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ELISE BOHAN completed a PhD in Modern History at Macquarie University in November 2018. In the past few years she has been a contributor to the popular digital publication Big Think and The Griffith Review. She has published several book chapters on Big History and transhumanism and wrote the introduction to the popular Dorling Kindersley book Big History (2016). Bohan is currently a Senior Research Scholar at the Future of Humanity Institute Oxford University.



**BOUNDARY CROSSERS: THE
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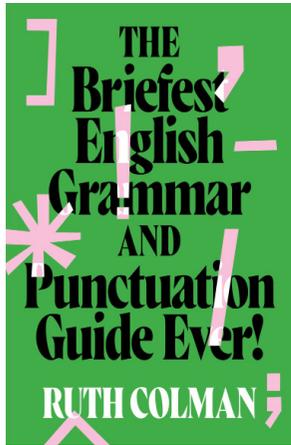
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Bushrangers are Australian legends. Ned Kelly, Ben Hall, 'Captain Thunderbolt' and their bushranging brothers are famous. They're remembered as folk heroes and celebrated for their bravery and their ridicule of inept and corrupt authorities. But not all Australian bushrangers were white men. And not all were seen in this glowing light in their own time.

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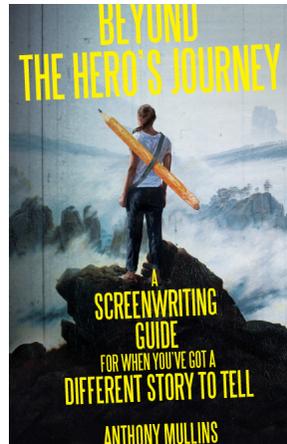
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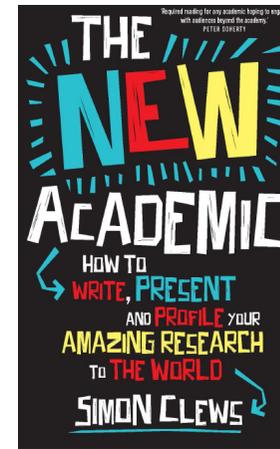
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