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Captain Donald E Harkness Sr DSC RNAS RAF the author of the original WWI diaries this book is based on was born in Nelson New Zealand on August 27 1894 where he was raised and educated He interrupted his undergraduate studies in engineering to sail off to London at age 21 in hopes of joining the nascent air service and defend his mother country against the Germans in WWI Stationed in France with the Royal Naval Air Service RNAS since early 1916 he soon specialized as a bomber pilot and led many bombing raids which included the raid that earned him the Distinguished Service Cross DSC as well as his last raid that wounded him and damaged his plane causing him to crash land in Holland There he was interned and worked with the underground to help Belgian refugees and downed Allied pilots evade capture Subsequent to WWI he completed his engineering degree at Canterbury College and obtained a position as consulting engineer for New York's Bear Mountain Bridge project After returning to New Zealand in early 1925 he was appointed Lecturer in Civil Engineering at the Auckland University School of Engineering In 1926 he married his New York landlord's daughter and took on additional duties as Acting Head of the Department of Engineering In 1929 he launched a new aerial delivery service in Auckland intending in time to include all of New Zealand and Australia However on December 12 1929 he and his mechanic drowned when the seaplane they were test piloting for this new venture suddenly failed and crashed into Auckland Harbour **Ten Journeys to Cameron's Farm** Cameron Hazlehurst, 2013-11-11 In the whole history of government in Australia this was the most devastating tragedy Three decades after what he called a dreadful air crash almost within sight of my windows Robert Menzies wrote I shall never forget that terrible hour I felt that for me the end of the world had come *Ten Journeys to Cameron's Farm* tells the lives of the ten men who perished in Duncan Cameron's Canberra property on 13 August 1940 three Cabinet ministers the Chief of the General Staff two senior staff members and the RAAF crew of four The inquiries into the accident and the aftermath for the Air Force government and bereaved families are examined Controversial allegations are probed did the pilot F Lt Bob Hitchcock cause the crash or was the Minister for Air Jim Fairbairn at the controls Cameron Hazlehurst is a storyteller one of the all too rare breed who can write scholarly works which speak to a wider audience In the most substantial original and authoritative account of the Canberra aircraft accident of August 1940 he provides unique insights into a critical poignant moment in Australian history Hazlehurst's account is touched with irony and quirks set within a framework of political social and military history distinctions of class education and rank and the machinations of parliamentary and service politics and of the official mind The research is meticulous and wide ranging the analysis is always balanced and the writing at once skilful and compelling This is a work of an exceptional historian Ian Hancock author of *Nick Greiner A Political Biography* John Gorton *He Did It His Way* and *National and Permanent* The Federal Organisation of the Liberal Party of Australia *Ten Journeys to Cameron's Farm* is a monumental work of historical research pegged on a single

lethal moment at the apex of government at an extraordinarily sensitive time in Australia's history. The book embodies top drawer scholarship, deep sensitivity to antipodean class structures and sensibilities and a nuanced understanding of both democratic and bureaucratic politics. Christine Wallace, author of *Germaine Greer: Untamed Shrew* and *The Private Don: the man behind the legend of Don Bradman*. **Flying the Southern Cross** Michael Molkentin, 2012. In 1928 Charles Kingsford Smith and Charles Ulm made the first trans Pacific flight in the Southern Cross, an aircraft constructed largely of wood and fabric. They made the trip from Oakland, California, in nine days during which they faced electrical storms, torrential rain, equipment failure and fuel shortages. Navigational aids were primitive; contact with the outside world was by Morse code only and safety measures were non-existent. After many close calls they triumphantly landed in Brisbane where a crowd of 15,000 welcomed them as heroes. Throughout this extraordinary journey, Ulm kept a logbook in which he recorded his raw impressions of the flight. Using Ulm's logbook plus contemporary newspaper accounts and official documents, *Flying the Southern Cross* tells the gripping tale of this history-making flight and the aviators who made it happen. **The A to Z of Australia** James C. Docherty, 2010-04-01. The last continent to be claimed by Europeans, Australia began to be settled by the British in 1788 in the form of a jail for its convicts. While British culture has had the largest influence on the country and its presence can be seen everywhere, the British were not Australia's original populace. The first inhabitants of Australia, the Aborigines, are believed to have migrated from Southeast Asia into northern Australia as early as 60,000 years ago. This distinctive blend of vastly different cultures contributed to the ease with which Australia has become one of the world's most successful immigrant nations. *The A to Z of Australia* relates the history of this unique and beautiful land which is home to an amazing range of flora and fauna, a climate that ranges from tropical forests to arid deserts and the largest single collection of coral reefs and islands in the world. Through a detailed chronology, an introduction, appendixes, a bibliography and cross-referenced dictionary entries on some of the more significant persons, places and events, institutions and organizations and political, economic, social, cultural and religious facets, author James Docherty provides a much-needed single volume reference on Australia from its most unpromising of beginnings as a British jail to the liberal, tolerant democracy it is today.

One Hundred Years of Air Power and Aviation Robin Higham, 2003. In this precise, interpretive and informative volume, Higham looks at everything from the roots of strategic bombing and tactical air power to the lessons learned and unlearned during the invasion of Ethiopia, the war in China and the Spanish Civil War. He also considers the problems posed by jet aircraft in Korea and the use of Patriot missiles in the Persian Gulf. He covers anti-guerrilla operations, doctrine, industrial activities and equipment as well as the development of commercial airlines. **Charles Kingsford Smith** Peter Davis, 1977. The life story and career of the pioneering Australian pilot. **No Empty Chairs** Ian Mackersey, 2012-05-10. The 1914-18 conflict narrated through the voices of the men whose combat was in the air. This moving book uses letters and diaries to evoke the terrible cost of such warfare. Sleepless nights, separated lovers and grieving parents are recalled with painful

immediacy in this meticulously researched tribute to those who died or were lucky enough to survive DAILY MAIL The empty chairs belonged all too briefly to the doomed young First World War airmen who failed to return from the terrifying daily aerial combats above the trenches of the Western Front The edict of their commander in chief was the missing aviators were to be immediately replaced Before the new faces could arrive the departed men s vacant seats at the squadron dinner table were sometimes poignantly occupied by their caps and boots placed there in a sad ritual by their surviving colleagues as they drank to their memory Life for most of the pilots of the Royal Flying Corps was appallingly short If they graduated alive and unmaimed from the flying training that killed more than half of them before they reached the front line only a few would for very long survive the daily battles they fought over the ravaged moonscape of no man s land Their average life expectancy at the height of the war was measured only in weeks Parachutes that began to save their German enemies were denied them Fear of incarceration and the daily spectacle of watching close colleagues die in burning aircraft took a devastating toll on the nerves of the world s first fighter pilots Many became mentally ill As they waited for death or with luck the survivable wound that would send them back to Blighty they poured their emotions into their diaries and streams of letters to their loved ones at home Drawing on these remarkable testimonies and pilots memoirs Ian Mackersey has brilliantly reconstructed the First Great Air War through the lives of its participants As they waited to die the men shared their loneliness their fears triumphs and squadron gossip with the families who lived in daily dread of the knock on the door that would bring the War Office telegram in its fateful green envelope *History in Movies Hollywood Style* John Howard Reid,2013-05-21 Table of Contents Abraham Lincoln Adventures of Marco Polo Affaire Nina B All Quiet on the Western Front Anastasia Anna Boleyn Assassination of Jesse James Belle Starr The Big Knife Bonnie Prince Charlie Boys Town Brigham Young Butch and Sundance The Early Days Captain Fly By Night Carry On Dick Charge of the Light Brigade Children of Eve Cleopatra The Court Martial of Billy Mitchell The Cruel Sea Day of the Locust Destination Unknown Disraeli Divine Lady The Devil s Brigade The Devil s Needle Don t Lose Your Head Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde End of the Trail The Enforcer Excalibur Fangs of Destiny Great Gatsby Great Dictator Great Moment Hawk of the Hills Helen of Troy Humanity and Paper Balloons If I Were King The Informer In Old Arizona In Old Chicago Is Paris Burning James Dean Story The Jayhawkers Joyeux Noel King of Kings The Lady of the Lake The Law and Outlaw Lives of a Bengal Lancer The Lawless Breed Man with the Green Carnation Marco Polo etc etc

In a Sunburned Country Bill Bryson,2012-05-15 Deliciously funny fact filled and adventurous In a Sunburned Country takes us on a grand tour of Australia It s a place where interesting things happen all the time from a Prime Minister lost yes lost while swimming at sea to Japanese cult members who may entirely unnoticed have set off an atomic bomb on their 500 000 acre property in the great western desert Australia is the only island that is also a continent and the only continent that is also a country Its aboriginal people a remote and mysterious race with a tragic history have made it their home for millennia And despite the fact that it is the most desiccated infertile and climatically aggressive of all inhabited continents it

teems with life In fact Australia has more things that can kill you in extremely nasty ways than anywhere else sharks crocodiles the planet s ten most deadly poisonous snakes fluffy yet toxic caterpillars sea shells that actually attack you and the unbelievable box jellyfish don t ask The dangerous riptides of the sea and the sun baked wastes of the outback both lie in wait for the unwary Australia is an immense and fortunate land and it has found in Bill Bryson its perfect guide In a Sunburned Country offers the best of all possible introductions to what may well be the best of all possible nations Even with those jellyfish

Women in British Imperial Airspace Liz Millward,2007-12-18 The romance of flying the airways that developed above the British empire between the two world wars seduced young women with the promise of independence glamour and adventure

Aviation in Northern California 1910-1939 Allen Herr,2020-07-01 Aviation in Northern California 1910 1939 Vol 1 San Francisco Bay Area is the only book to give a detailed account of early flying in the Bay Area Historian Allen Herr recalls the aviation pioneers who flew weekly exhibitions promoting the Panama Pacific International Exposition fifteen months prior to its San Francisco opening These pioneers formed flying schools built airports manufactured aircraft and competed against each other Herr captures the energy behind the Bay Area aviation movement tells who was involved and describes the effects of their extraordinary determination and achievements This edition is one of three in Herr s series of Aviation in Northern California 1910 1939

Australian Dictionary of Biography, Volume 19 Melanie Nolan,2021-03-09 Volume 19 of the Australian Dictionary of Biography ADB contains concise biographies of individuals who died between 1991 and 1995 The first of two volumes for the 1990s it presents a colourful montage of late twentieth century Australian life containing the biographies of significant and representative Australians The volume is still in the shadow of World War II with servicemen and women who enlisted young appearing but these influences are dimming and there are now increasing numbers of non white non male non privileged and non straight subjects The 680 individuals recorded in volume 19 of the ADB include Wiradjuri midwife and Ngunnawal Elder Violet Bulger Aboriginal rights activist poet playwright and artist Kevin Gilbert and Torres Strait Islander community leader and land rights campaigner Eddie Mabo HIV AIDS child activists Tony Lovegrove and Eve Van Grafhorst have entries as does conductor Stuart Challender the first Australian celebrity to go public about his HIV AIDS condition in 1991 The arts are as always well represented including writers Frank Hardy Mary Durack and Nene Gare actors Frank Thring and Leonard Teale and arts patron Ian Potter We are beginning to see the effects of the steep rise in postwar immigration flow through to the ADB Artist Joseph Stanislaw Ostoja Kotkowski was born in Poland Pilar Moreno de Otaegui co founded the Spanish Club of Sydney Chinese restaurateur and community leader Ming Poon Dick Low migrated to Victoria in 1953 Often we have a dearth of information about the domestic lives of our subjects politician Olive Zakharov however bravely disclosed at the Victorian launch of the federal government s campaign to Stop Violence Against Women in 1993 that she was a survivor of domestic violence in her second marriage Take a dip into the many fascinating lives of the Australian Dictionary of Biography

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Australian Documentary Trish FitzSimons, Pat Laughren, Dugald Williamson, 2011-01-31 Australian Documentary brings to life over a century of documentary making

Long Flight Home Lainie Anderson, 2019-05-15 The First World War is over and air mechanic Wally Shiers has promised to return home to his fiancée Helena Alford But Wally never reckoned on charismatic fighter pilot Ross Smith and an invitation to compete in the world's most audacious air race A 10 000 prize has been offered for the first airmen to fly from England to Australia Smith is banking on an open cockpit Vickers Vimy a biplane with a fuselage that looks ominously like a coffin And who can resist a hero Wally writes to Helena to say he won't be home for another year and the love of his life is left holding her hand stitched wedding dress Using war diaries letters and Churchill Fellowship research from along the race route Long Flight Home recreates one of the most important and largely forgotten chapters in world aviation history Lainie Anderson's ambitious and moving novel is told through her narrator Wally Shiers The tale spans the decades and crosses the globe and at his journey's end we're left peering down from an open cockpit on two beacons of truth There is no heroism without honour There is no legacy without love

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King of the Air Ann Blainey, 2021-08-03 A revealing portrait of a brilliant and troubled figure a daredevil of the sky Charles Kingsford Smith was the most commanding flyer of the golden age of aviation In three short years he broke records with his astounding and daring voyages the first trans Pacific flight from America to Australia the first circumnavigation around the equator the first non stop crossing of the Australian mainland He did it all with such

courage modesty and charm that Australia and the world fell in love with him He became a national hero Our Smithy Yet his achievements belied a traumatic past He had witnessed the horror of World War I first as a soldier at Gallipoli later as a combat pilot with the Royal Flying Corps and like so many of his generation he bore physical and emotional scars The public saw the derring do only those close to him knew the anxious man who pushed himself to the edge of health and sanity In November 1935 Kingsford Smith's plane crashed and he was lost at sea near Burma his body never to be recovered This brilliant work from one of Australia's foremost biographers reveals the complicated tumultuous life of a fascinating figure who pursued his obsession to the greatest heights of fame and catastrophe Ann Blainey is the author of the acclaimed I Am Melba which won the 2009 National Biography Award and was the most popular book in the 2009 State Library of Victoria Summer Reads program Her other books include biographies of Leigh Hunt and the Kemble sisters Brilliant Blainey's fascinating book focuses on the inner as well as the outer man While Smithy's career highlights may be well known his ambiguous relationship with fame his drinking and his doubts and fears were not In this beautifully written scrupulously researched and meticulously indexed work Blainey has filled this gap to perfection Ross Fitzgerald The Weekend Australian Crisply written Even people not particularly interested in the feats of aviators will find this book an engrossing read Jim Davidson The Sydney Morning Herald Blainey is a pleasure to read and this biography is superbly researched Michael McGirr Australian Book Review

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