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A Shorter History Of Australia



Synopsis

After a lifetime of research and debate on Australian and international history, Geoffrey Blainey is well placed to introduce us to the people who have played a part and to guide us through the events which have created the Australian identity: the mania for spectator sport, the suspicion of the tall poppy, the rivalries of Catholic and Protestant, Sydney and Melbourne, new and old homelands, the conflicts of war abroad and race at home, the importance of technology, the recognition of our Aboriginal past and Native Title, the successes and failures of the nation. For this enlarged edition Blainey has rewritten or expanded on various episodes and themes, making changes to almost every page. He has described significant events and trends of the early 20th century. A final chapter summarises key factors that shaped and still shape this country's history. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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This is an extremely scholarly rendering of the events that shaped Australia the way it is today. Mr. G. Blainey is the most learned professor to write this book and the details incorporated in the writings kept me thinking that I would love to remember all the details. I wish the book had no ending. E. Azar

This was an excellent introduction to Australian history, it gave me a good idea of the basic history of Australia and who the people of Australia are. I found it to be balanced and concise.

In 2015, I travelled to Europe and fell in love with the rich histories of the places and monuments I

visited. I realised that my knowledge of my own country's history was sorely lacking, so I ordered this book by Geoffrey Blainey and started reading it on the plane ride home. I'm glad I did, because Blainey's book is fantastic. It strikes a good balance by being both readable and informative, without going into excessive detail. If you're in my shoes and looking to get an overview of Australia's history without reading an overly lengthy tome then I highly recommend this book.

This excellent book contains so much interesting information in its expanded facts and details, explained in a way a reader is able to imagine or perceive the significance of the relevant occasion. Very comprehensive for a shorter history.

Fabulously written, non-dry historical text! Gives context to Australian history within world's context. Should be compulsory for all high schools.

The first half is very enlightening. The late chapters get pretty redundant.

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