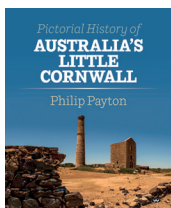




## YORKE PENINSULA PICKS



### **Pictorial History of Australia's Little Cornwall**

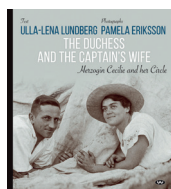
PHILIP PAYTON

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In the 1840s Cornish miners and their families came pouring into South Australia to take their part in the new colony's great copper boom. They came to lend their home-grown expertise to extracting the rich ore that gave South Australia a world-wide reputation as being the Copper Kingdom.

These 'Cousin Jacks', as they were called, left Old Cornwall by the thousands when the news of the copper discoveries became known. In a matter of only a few years they had created Cornish communities with the same traditions, the same mining prowess, the same piety and the same determination to adhere to their own identity, as the Cornish people they had left behind. Miners, mining Captains and mining engineers stepped ashore at Port Adelaide and immediately set about putting such names as Burra, Kapunda, Moonta and Wallaroo firmly on the map of Australia.

Even after the end of immigration in the mid-1880s, the mines lived on and the Cornish traditions flourished. In this widely researched book, Philip Payton has recorded in words and pictures the human face of the history of Australia's Little Cornwall as it was and as it still is today.



### **The Duchess and the Captain's Wife**

*Herzogin Cecilie and her circle*

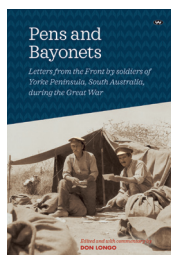
TEXT BY ULLA-LENA LUNDBERG, PHOTOGRAPHS BY PAMELA ERIKSSON

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Certain ships, like certain people, grow larger than life over time. In maritime history the *Herzogin Cecilie* sails on, her splendour undiminished. The circumstances of her shipwreck still evoke heated feelings eight decades after her drawn-out tragedy.

Surrounding the Duchess, as the ship is affectionately known, bustle a cast of finely drawn, large characters as if written for the opera: voices that carry over the roar of the ocean, costumes cut for dramatic effect, backdrops created from thousands of metres of sail, tall ships racing from the ports of southern Australia, Cape Horn and the Devon coast.

An exciting find of photographs lies behind this book. Ulla-Lena Lundberg's text is a breathtaking true story about the young sea captain Sven Eriksson and his wife Pamela Bourne. Pamela's unique photographs depict everyday life on the ship on the oceans. The crew, the officers, the sea form a triangle drama which captivates the reader far beyond the horizon of the past.



### **Pens and Bayonets**

*Letters from the Front by soldiers of Yorke Peninsula during the Great War*

DON LONGO

PB • 358 PP • 234 x 156 • ISBN 9781743056103 • \$39.95

*Pens and Bayonets* gives voice to the young Australian soldiers who volunteered to fight for our freedom in the Great War. They answered the call willingly, with many thinking it may be all over before they got there. How wrong they were. South Australia, and Yorke Peninsula in particular, were proud to provide soldiers for their country.

The letters were written during quiet periods and give us an insight and sometimes graphic account of the day-to-day encounters during the Gallipoli campaign and various offensives on the Western Front and Palestine.

It would take months for the letter to arrive. With the letter came a connection with family that gave a belief that their loved ones were safe and, importantly, the needed hope that the end of the Great War would bring them home.

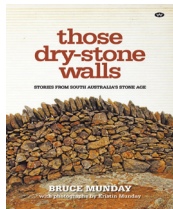
The letters the soldiers received, many weeks after being written, gave comfort and solace to these men, and provided their only contact with loved ones.

Don Longo has gathered many of these moving letters, and set them in their historical context, to bring these soldiers back to life.





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### Those Dry-stone Walls

*Stories from South Australia's Stone Age*

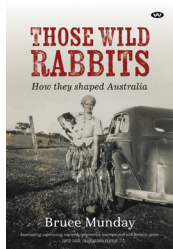
BRUCE MUNDAY, KRISTIN MUNDAY

PB • 192 PP • 240 x 195 •

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Beautiful stone was nature's gift to South Australia, and an irresistible building material for early settlers. Many stone walls, without mortar or with no more than mud as glue, have defied gravity and the elements all these years. Or did gravity combine with deft balance to sustain them?

Join Bruce and Kristin Munday as they traverse South Australia in search of these walls, finding historic masterpieces and insights into rural life in the years following settlement. *Those Dry-stone Walls* is rich with beautiful imagery of these walls, the stories behind them, and advice to inspire you to follow in the footsteps of our early settlers and start building your own.



### Those Wild Rabbits

*How they shaped Australia*

BRUCE MUNDAY

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A century ago Australia was home to 10 billion rabbits, thriving in their adopted home. Storyteller Bruce Munday finds the rabbit saga irresistible – the naive hopes of the early settlers, the frustration, environmental damage, cost to agriculture, dreams shattered, and the lessons learned and ignored.

*Those Wild Rabbits* highlights not only the damage done but also Australia's missed opportunities for real rabbit control. It recognises the bush's paradoxical love affair with an animal that was at one time a significant rural industry and is still recalled with nostalgia. More importantly, it offers hope for a brighter future, making the case for continued research to drive the next rabbit-control miracle.



### The Red Devil

*The story of South Australian aviation pioneer, Captain Harry Butler, AFC*

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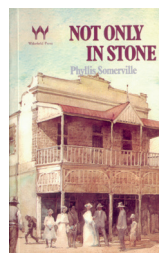
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Captain Harry Butler, AFC, was a national hero in the early 1920s. Hailed as a top aviator, his legacy continues to this day, yet he has been largely forgotten.

Harry Butler returned from war with two aircraft and dreams of starting an industry. With his little crimson monoplane, *Red Devil*, Captain Butler inspired many thousands as he performed aerial shows in support of Peace Loan efforts.

*The Red Devil* tells the story of a pivotal figure in early aviation in Australia and, through his pilot training role, throughout the world.



### Not Only in Stone

PHYLLIS SOMERVILLE

PB • 300 PP • 180 x 115 •

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*Not Only in Stone* is the story of Polly Thomas, a woman of strength, courage, and compassion, whose life is intimately tied to the pioneering era of South Australia. Polly arrives in Adelaide from Cornwall in 1865 with her husband Nathan, a miner, Richard, her baby son, and Ellen, her young sister. The baby had been born on the long and arduous voyage to Australia. Polly and Nathan move to the copper mining towns on the Yorke Peninsula where tragedy and death haunt Polly's life. Her sister dies in childbirth; Polly has four children but only two survive; Nathan is crippled; and a crooked lawyer swindles Polly of her life savings. Although tragedy robs Polly's life of joy, her independent spirit is never quelled. This is a history with a human face.

