

## **A.B. 'Banjo' Paterson Library**

### **Biography/Autobiography**

**Adams, David**      **Chasing liquid mountains: adventures of a solo yachtsman**      **910.45 ADA**

The story of a lone yachtsman who set himself a goal and overcame enormous setbacks with exceptional determination to achieve that goal.

**Against the sea : great adventure stories** edited by Louisa Rudeen      **910.45 AGA**

These 24 true tales of adventure tell of heroes who embark on daring missions, situations fraught with danger, and maritime disasters that destroy ships and men. Each account comes from the very people who lived through the events.

**Al-Windawi,**      **Thura's diary**      **920 AL**  
**Thura**

What would it really be like to live through the bombing of Baghdad? This poignant diary is a first-hand account of a family in a city living under attack. Written by 19-year-old Thura al-Windawi, it describes the chaos and destruction around her.

**Aliav, Ruth ; Long, Peggy**      **The last escape**      **940.5315 ALI**

The true story of how just ten people managed to save the lives of many thousands of Jews who were doomed to die in Hitler's concentration camps. Describes Ruth Kluger's desperate and exciting adventures.

**Ansell, Rod; Percy, Rachel**      **To fight the wild**      **904.7 ANS**

An incredible Robinson Crusoe sage of survival who lived for two months in a tree house in the wilds of the Northern Territory.

**Bailey, Maurice & Maralyn**      **117 days adrift**      **910.45 BAI**

After Maralyn and Maurice Bailey's yacht 'Auralyn' sank, they spend 118 days in their small life raft and rubber dinghy. For most of the time they were totally dependent on resources provided by the ocean and the sky.

**Beah, Ishmael**      **A long way gone : memoirs of a boy soldier**      **920 BEA**

In 'A long way gone', Beah, now twenty-six years old, tells a riveting story. At the age of twelve, he fled attacking rebels and wandered a land rendered unrecognisable by violence. By thirteen, he'd been picked up by the government army, and Beah, at heart a gentle boy, found that he was capable of truly terrible acts. Eventually released by the army and sent to a UNICEF rehabilitation center, he struggled to regain his humanity and to reenter the world of civilians, who viewed him with fear and suspicion.

**Benson, Ross**      **Paul McCartney: behind the myth**      **781.66092**  
**MCC:B**

A detailed and authoritative biography of one of the most talented and best loved figures in popular culture.

**Brickhill, Paul**      **The great escape**      **F BRI:P**

One of the most famous true stories from the last war, 'The Great Escape' tells how more than six hundred men in a German prisoner-of-war camp worked together to achieve an

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extraordinarily daring breakout. Made famous by the Hollywood film of the same name, this is the original story.

**Brudenell-Woods, Basil**      **Four packs to freedom**      **F BRU:B**

Taken captive after just a few days action in North Africa as a private in the Australian Infantry, the author endured over three years as a POW in Italy and Germany before making a daring break for freedom. This is the story of the 80 days on the run across Czechoslovakia.

**Bryson, Bill**      **A walk in the woods**      **910.4 BRY**

The longest footpath in the world stretches from Georgia to Maine, through some of the most arresting and celebrated landscapes in America. Bill Bryson set off to hike through the vast tangled woods which have been frightening sensible people for 300 years, to achieve a lifetime's ambition - not to die outdoors.

**Campese, David; Bills, Peter**      **On a wing & a prayer**      **796.333092 CAM:B**

The story of David Campese, rugby genius, who burst onto the world scene as an 18-year-old unknown on the Wallabies' 1982 tour of New Zealand and who played a vital part in winning the World Cup in 1991.

**Carter, Paul**      **Don't tell mum I work on the rigs**      **920 CAR**

A 'take no prisoners' approach to life has seen Paul Carter heading to some of the world's most remote, wild and dangerous places as a contractor in the oil business. Amazingly, he's survived (so far) to tell these stories from the edge of civilization, and reason.

**Child, Greg**      **Over the edge**      **364.154 CHI**

The climbers swept up in the events of August 2000 are people little different from the rest of us. Though their climbing skills taught them a thing or two about survival, it was their individual characters and their compassion for each other that kept them alive.

**Clarke, Marcus**      **For the term of his natural life**      **F CLA:M**

Murder, shipwreck, brutal tortures, cannibalism amongst escaping convicts - this novel brings to life all the horror and suffering of the settlement at Port Arthur and the system under which countless convicts disappeared without trace. The survival of Rufus Dawes is amazing in itself.

**Cooper, Dr. Harry**      **Anecdotes & antidotes**      **F COO:H**

From hilarious accounts of dysfunctional birds and cunning canines, to moving tales of the loss of childhood pets, this is a collection of these very special stories, told with Dr Harry's trademark warmth and humour.

**Crofford, Emily**      **Born in the year of courage**      **F CRO:E**

In 1841, having been shipwrecked and picked up by an American whaling ship outside Japanese territorial waters, 15-year-old Manjiro decides to go live in America and work towards opening trade between his country and the West. This is based on the true story of Manjiro's remarkable life.

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**Dahl, Roald**      **Boy : tales of childhood**      **F:DAH:R**

The boyhood adventures of Roald Dahl. Hilariously true are the details of the Great Mouse Plot of 1924, when an eight-year-old Dahl and his gobstopper-loving friends took a just revenge on the disgusting sweetshop owner Mrs. Pratchett. Full of excitement and the unexpected.

**Diver, Stuart**      **Survival**      **920 DIV**

The story of how one man found the mental and physical strength to live through tragedy and survive against impossible odds. Stuart relives the event that changed his world forever.

**Dowswell, Paul; Ross, Peter; Jackson, Tony**      **True Escape Stories**      **904.7 DOW**

From convicts in Alcatraz to prisoners in Colditz Castle, these stories celebrate the cunning, determination and courage of the would-be escaper.

**Durrell, Gerald**      **My family and other animals**      **F DUR:G**

The Durrell family arrives in sun-soaked Corfu and so begin the delightful tales of the extraordinary family and the even more extraordinary menagerie Gerry collects.

**Emmerich, Elsbeth**      **My childhood in Nazi Germany**      **940.5482:EMM**

A fascinating story of the author who was only 5 years old when WWII broke out. It tells of her childhood on the German home front, with all its unhappiness, excitement, terror and joy.

**Facey, Albert**      **A fortunate life**      **994.104092 FAC**

A book about a real Australian and how he coped with WWI. This is the autobiography of Albert Facey and tells of his early life in WA before the war and how he went on to fight at Gallipoli.

**Frank, Anne**      **The diary of a young girl**      **940.53161**

**FRA**

The story of a Jewish girl during the Second World War in the Netherlands. She and her family hide from the Nazis in an attic. Her diary records their true story.

**Freeman, Cathy**      **Born to run**      **920 FRE**

Cathy Freeman shares with younger readers the incredible tale of how she became a true Australian champion.

**Galway, James**      **An autobiography**      **788.3092 SPR:F**

The story of one of music's most unconventional, most engaging stars, from his apprenticeship in Uncle Joe's flute band to fame and fortune alongside some of the greatest names in world music.

**Gavin, Jamila**      **Out of India**      **F GAV:J**

Born to an Indian father and an English mother, the author grew up in two different worlds. In India she lived in a palace built for a prince and learned to steal sugar cane and suck mangoes. England brought chillblains, air-raids and a passion for cowboy films.



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John Hughes writes about growing up in the Hunter Valley coal-mining town of Cessnock, in a household dominated by memories of the Ukraine, which his mother and grandparents were forced to flee during the Second World War. Hughes charts the effect their stories and routines had on him as a child, the way they shaped his imagination and determined his idea of himself, as a student in Newcastle and later as the holder of a prestigious scholarship at Cambridge University.

**Hill, Anthony      Soldier Boy      F HIL:A**

Jim Martin was 14 years old when he sailed away to war on the troopship Berrima on 28 June 1915, bound for Gallipoli. This is the true story of how an inexperienced and enthusiastic schoolboy became Australia's youngest known Anzac.

**Kent, J.A.      One of the few      940.548341**

**KEN**

Johnny Kent is perhaps best known as flight commander of the ace 303 Squadron of Fighter Command, RAF, which played such a decisive part in the Battle of Britain. This book tells how the author welded the individual pilots into a crack unit, and also of his career in the RAF.

**Knecht, G Bruce      The proving ground      797.140994 KNE**

The worst disaster in recent ocean racing history began on Boxing Day 1998 on Sydney Harbour. Soon 112 competitors were battered by hurricane-force winds and 25-metre waves. What made these sailors risk all in some of the world's most treacherous waters?

**Knoke, Heinz      I flew for the Fuhrer : the story of a German airman      940.544943**

**KNO**

The autobiography of Heinz Knoke, an outstanding German fighter pilots of WWII. As a contrast to the many accounts of British and American war experiences, this record from the other side makes fascinating reading.

**Krakauer,      Into thin air: a personal account of the Mount Everest      796.522**

**Jon      disaster      KRA**

A riveting story, which reveals the harsh realities of mountaineering and echoes with the frantic calls of climbers lost high on the mountain and way beyond help.

**Kuhne, Cecil      On the edge: adventurous escapades from around the world      910.4 KUH**

A 'Lonely Planet' publication which follows the fortunes and misfortunes of the world's best travel writers in jungles and on the seas, off the beaten track and even off the planet. On foot, on camel or on a sailing ship: this book will enthrall you from start to finish.

**Kuroyanagi, Tetsuko      Totto-chan: the little girl at the window      920 KUR**

The story of the unconventional early education of a popular Japanese television personality.

**Lord, Walter      A night to remember      910.45 TIT:L**

On April 14, 1912, the 'unsinkable' Titanic struck an iceberg and began to sink. By 8.50am on April 15, it was all over. The Titanic sank on its maiden voyage, and the last of 705 survivors had been pulled out of the freezing sea. This book is the result of 28 years of research by Lord on that ill-fated voyage.

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**Lowe, Pat**                    **In the desert : Jimmy Pike as a boy**                    **920 PIK:L**

Jimmy Pike is one of Australia's most famous Aboriginal artists. He grew up in the Great Sandy Desert during the 1940s and 1950s. This is his story as told by his lifetime partner, who spent three years in the desert with him, and many more years listening to his stories.

**Mah, Adeline**    **Chinese Cinderella**                    **F MAH:A**  
**Yen**

When Adeline Yen Mah's mother died giving birth to her, the family considered Adeline bad luck and she was made to feel unwanted all her life. This is the story of her struggle for acceptance and how she overcame the odds to prove her worth.

**Marshall, Alan**        **I can jump puddles**                    **920 MAR**

I Can Jump Puddles is Alan Marshall's story of his childhood - a happy world in which, despite his crippling poliomyelitis, he plays, climbs, fights, swims, rides and laughs.

**Mattingley, Christobel**    **Escape from Sarajevo**                    **F MAT:C**

Asmir's father's account of survival in besieged Sarajevo after his beloved family flees to Austria and he is separated from them, perhaps forever.

**McDonald, Roger**            **Slipstream**                    **F MCD:R**

The story of a famous Australian aviator, Roy Hilman who first achieved glory as a pilot in WWI and then as a stuntman in the early days of Hollywood.

**McManners, Hugh**            **Commando: winning the green beret**                    **356.167**  
**MCM**

This is the story of the intensive training, physical hardship and mental pressure that ends with the gruelling Commando tests and the right to wear the coveted Green Beret

**McNab, Andy**            **Immediate action**                    **356.167**  
**MCN**

By turns chilling, astonishing, violent, funny and moving, this first hand account of life at the forward edge of battle confirms Andy McNab's standing in the front rank of writers on modern war.

**Milligan, Spike**        **Adolf Hitler: My part in his downfall**                    **827.914 MIL**  
Milligan's unique view of World War II, unlike any other account of the war.

**Milton, Giles**            **The riddle and the knight**                    **910.4 MIL**

In 1322, Sir John Mandeville left England on a 34-year pilgrimage. He returned and wrote a book claiming it was possible to circumnavigate the globe. In the 19th century sceptics questioned his voyage, and suspected he never left England at all. This book investigates if Mandeville really made his voyage.

**Minney, R J**            **Carve her name with pride**                    **940.5486 SZA**  
Violette Szabo, widowed at 22, resolves to leave her wartime job and fight for her country. She

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trains as a secret agent, and parachutes into Occupied France. Captured and interrogated by the Gestapo, and despite torture, imprisonment and solitary confinement, Violette remains silent until the very last.

**Morgan, Sally**      **My place**      **920 MOR**

'Sally Morgan traced the experiences of her own life, growing up in suburban Perth in the 50s and 60s. Through the memories and images of her childhood and adolescence, vague hints and echoes begin to emerge, hidden knowledge is uncovered and a fascinating story unfolds.

**Morpurgo, Michael**      **Joan of Arc of Domremy**      **F MOR:M**

The moving story of the life of Joan of Arc of Domremy - one of the most extraordinary lives ever lived - brings Joan to life, nearly seven hundred years after her terrible death in Rouen.

**Mowat, Farley**      **Owls in the family**      **F MOW:F**

Wol and Weeps are two owls - Wol brings dead skunks to the family dinner table and terrorises the minister, the postman, and the French teacher. Weeps is a comical bird, afraid of everything except Mutt the dog, and he never does learn to fly.

**Myers, Walter Dean**      **The greatest: Muhammad Ali**      **796.83092**  
**ALI:M**

A riveting portrayal of Ali's spirit and courage. It also exposes the hazards of boxing - the sport Ali lived, but which ultimately damaged him and many others beyond repair. This is the story of Ali's childhood, his rise as a champion, his politics, and his battle against Parkinson's disease.

**Newby, Eric**      **A short walk in the Hindu Kush**      **910.4 NEW**

No mountaineer, Newby set out with a friend to explore the formidable peaks of the Nuristan Mountains in northeast Afghanistan. His witty, unorthodox report is packed with incidents both ghastly and ecstatic as he takes us where few Western feet have trod. This tale is a classic of travel adventure.

**Newman, Bernard**      **Real life spies**      **940.5485 NEW**

This book is full of anecdotes about real-life spies who operated during the Second World War, the work they did and what happened to them if they were caught.

**O'Brien, Raud**      **Little wing : eastabout the southern oceans**      **910.41 OBR**

The story of Raud O'Brien's single-handed circumnavigation of the world in his yacht Little Wing, a journey of 20,000 miles. In a vessel totally designed, predominantly built, and entirely financed by his own efforts, no life-raft, no means of communication, no engine, and no modern technology to help him.

**O'Neill, Susie**      **Choose to win**      **797.2092 ONE:C**

Susie O'Neill talks about the highs and lows of her extraordinary swimming career. An insight in one of Australia's greatest swimmers and essential reading for anyone who faces challenges.



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accident, of how he focused his thoughts to sustain hope, how he exercised his body and his mind as he kept himself alive.

**Shears, Richard**      **Wildlife warrior : Steve Irwin**      **920 IRW:S**  
Charts Steve Irwin's amazing life - from his childhood, catching snakes in Victoria, through to his work in the wilderness and in his zoo. It follows his love story with his wife Terri and his rise to fame. A down-to-earth adventurer with a love of all animals and passionate about wildlife conservation.

**Smith, Gilly**      **Jamie Oliver : turning up the heat**      **920 OLI:S**  
Encouraging an international audience of fast food fans to cook rather than just defrost, Jamie Oliver has put the passion back into eating. Grabbing no-hope kids off the street, training them up and giving them jobs in his own restaurant as well as some of the best restaurants in the world, he has inspired a new generation of chefs.

**Stone, Irving**      **The agony and the ecstasy**      **F STO:I**  
The story of Michelangelo set in the turbulent Renaissance, the years of poisoning princes, warring popes and the all-powerful de'Medici family and the fanatic monk Savonarola.

**Southall, Ivan**      **Fly west**      **940.548394 SOU**  
This is the story of Ivan Southall's war as a Sunderland pilot of 461 Squadron, Plymouth.

**Sullivan, George**      **Great escapes of World War II**      **940.5472 SUL**  
7 true stories of daring escapes by prisoners of war during WWII, including an escape from Colditz Castle, a German fortress; from Auschwitz, the Nazi death camp; and the incredible tunnel escape by dozens of Allied prisoners from Stalag Luft III which became known as The Great Escape.

**Vassilieva, Tatiana**      **Hostage to war**      **F VAS:T**  
Tania is 13 when Russia is invaded by Nazi troops. After enduring months of starvation, she is transported to a labour camp in Germany. For 3 years Tania has to work in the fields and factories of the Third Reich. Throughout the hardship she is kept going by the thought that her mother and sister might still be alive.

**Vondra, Josef**      **No-name bird**      **F VON:J**  
Jose Rodriguez was 14 years old when the Indonesians came to East Timor in 1975. This is the story of his Uncle Adolfo and the fighting bird they train as their daily lives changed forever. Jose is caught up in adventure and danger, and the fighting bird becomes a symbol of courage which he clings to.

**Walker, Kathrine Sorley**      **Saladin: Sultan of the holy sword**      **909.07 WAL**  
The struggle between Christianity and Islam as well as Saladin's own success story. Saladin was a Kurd, the son of a local official in Mesopotamia who became the greatest prince of Islam in the twelfth century.

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**The tunnel**

**F WIL:E**

Peter Howard was shot down and captured by the Germans. He was sent to a high-security prison camp in Poland where the only hope was escaping through the tunnel.