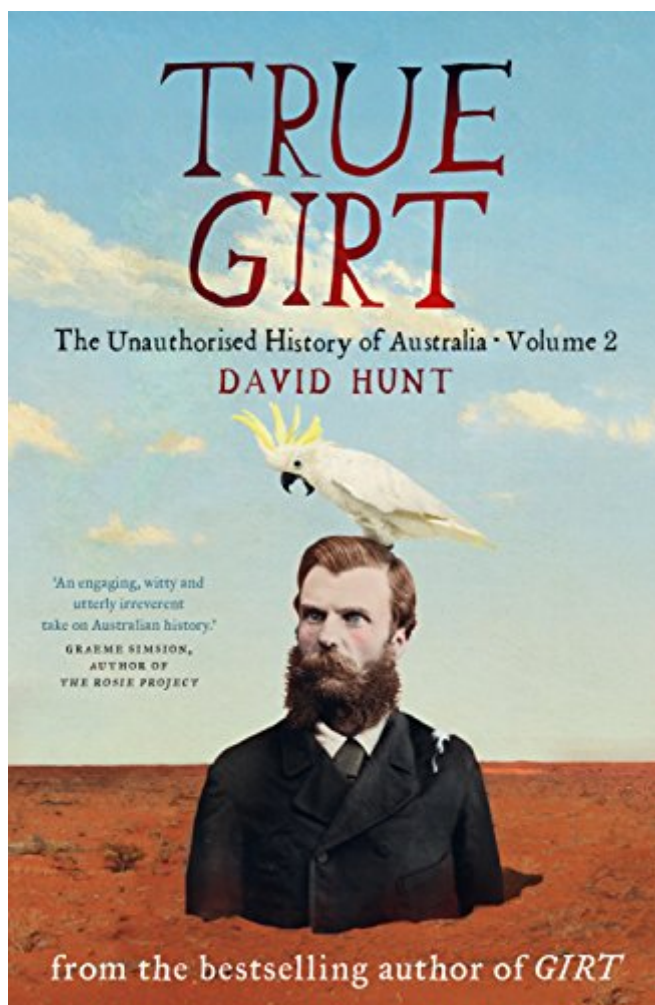


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Synopsis

First there was Girt. Now comes ...True Girt! In this side-splitting sequel to his best-selling history, David Hunt transports us to the Australian frontier. This was the Wild South, home to hardy pioneers, gun-slinging bushrangers, directionally challenged explorers, nervous Indigenous people, Caroline Chisholm and sheep. Lots of sheep. True Girt introduces Thomas Davey, the hard-drinking Tasmanian governor who invented the Blow My Skull cocktail, and Captain Moonlite, Australia's most notorious LGBTI bushranger. Meet William Nicholson, the Melbourne hipster who gave Australia the steam-powered coffee roaster and the world the secret ballot. And say hello to Harry, the first camel used in Australian exploration, who shot dead his owner, the adventurer John Horrocks. Learn how Truganini's death inspired the Martian invasion of Earth. Discover the role of Hall and Oates in the Myall Creek Massacre. And be reminded why you should never ever smoke with the Wild Colonial Boy and Mad Dan Morgan. If Manning Clark and Bill Bryson were left on a desert island with only one pen, they would write True Girt. An engaging, witty and utterly irreverent take on Australian history. Graeme Simsion, author of The Rosie Project – Astounding, gruesome and frequently hilarious, True Girt is riveting from beginning to end. Nick Earls David Hunt is an unusually tall and handsome man who likes writing his own biographical notes. His first book, Girt, won the 2014 Indie Award for non-fiction and was shortlisted for the NSW Premier's Literary Awards and Australian Book Industry Awards. He has a birthmark that looks like Tasmania, only smaller and not as far south.

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Customer Reviews

Laugh out loud is just so right! This is the way to read history: factual, but highlighting the Good Bits...especially at the expense of the Australians...who, as a little brother Kiwi, I believe should always be kept in their place by constant reminders of those bits of their history they'd prefer forgotten :-) Don't ignore the footnotes on your way through: in my Kindle edition readily accessible as you go - they provide many of the funniest and most irreverent, iconoclastic juicy bits!) I loved this so much that I got True Grit 2 straight away, and am reading it slowly, trying to remember bits to remind my Aussie friends about at parties...

Mark Twain was right when he commented that no one could make up Australian history. Unbelievable characters, strangely bizarre and down right comical came to Australia in its early days. Who could ever invent a cross dressing, ostrich riding highwayman, or a blind one for that matter, a prison full of female convicts simultaneously mooning a visiting state governor, and so on. Lawyer and journalist David Hunt has in his two books captured some of the best. It would be unbelievable if fiction but they all actually existed.

I am yet to finish this volume. Moving straight on from Volume 1 was perhaps too much, given the extraordinary amount of information which is presented; I have nothing but admiration for the research and knowledge the author has poured into these works. His jocular and irreverent tone is refreshing and enables the reading of what would often be dry history - he brings it alive. Too much of this tone in the end got a little tedious, though that is my problem rather than his. I found this second volume to start to wander a bit off track around a third of the way through, especially a significant deviation into New Zealand history for no apparent reason, and it became as though the author had a lot of scraps of information about various matters he'd collected and wanted to make use of, anywhere - had his editor lost interest at this point also? I will return and re-read this volume because the information is brilliantly researched, novel in presentation and vitally interesting. It is a good read and I need just take a break before resuming, I think.

I read the first book of the GIRT series. Loved it. Had to get the second. Should be a great read.

Excellent and unsanitised history of Australia, an enjoyable read! As a kiwi i learned stuff about NZ they never taught me at school, Marsden and Wakefield were bounders, NZ was part of NSW until 1840, what!

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