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We Of The Never-Never



Synopsis

In 1902, newly-married Jeannie Gunn (Mrs Aeneas Gunn) left the security and comfort of her Melbourne home to travel to the depths of the Northern Territory, Australia, where her husband had been appointed manager of 'The Elsey', a large cattle station. One of the very few white women in the area, she was at first resented by people on and around the station, till her warmth and spirit won their affection and respect. This is her moving and simple account of her life amidst the beauty and cruelty of the land, and the isolation and loneliness.

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Customer Reviews

This is the story of a year on an Australian cattle station. The author, a city girl, and her husband took charge of the station with all its problems and delights. She overcame the suspicions of the hearty cattlemen and aboriginal workers with good humor and modesty. Well worth reading and remembering.

If you want to see outback Australia through the eyes of a woman who lived there at the turn of the 20th century, this is the book for you. Clearly drawn characters, who are in fact characters themselves. Written as a novel, but actually an autobiography. Author became famous as a result of her book and work with soldiers, and received the Order of the British Empire.

A diary of life on a remote station right around the turn of the century. I got it on Kindle as a way of learning about Australian for my upcoming trip. I found the book interesting, and it sure did introduce

me to a lot of 'Aussie" vocabulary.

I was in Australia and a local resident recommended this to me for a glimpse into one aspect of life there. I found the writing style a bit difficult: I wasn't always sure who was narrating. But there was also some really interesting "turning of phrase" and very colorful characters were described, but if one is looking for a lot of action this book did not have it. Maybe a second reading would have me feeling it was worth the time spent on it.

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