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The bestselling story of a real-life Crocodile Dundee. In this remarkable memoir, Tom Cole tells the stories of his life in the outback during the 1920s and 1930s. With great humour and drama, he recounts his adventures as a drover and stockman in the toughest country in Australia and later on as a buffalo shooter and crocodile hunter in the Northern Territory before the war. First published in 1988 and having sold over 100 000 copies, Hell West and Crooked is perfect for anyone who enjoys a classic outback yarn. 'A real-life story of the pioneering days of the Top End that out-adventures anything fiction writers could hope to produce.' - THE WEST AUSTRALIAN 'Tom Cole is a living legend, a real-life Crocodile Dundee. His stories paint a vivid picture of wild and exciting times in the Australian outback.' - MELBOURNE SUNDAY EXPRESS 'A story of the outback and cattlemen and women, stripped of glamour, that will become an Australian classic to rub covers with authors like Ion Idriess.' - GOLD COAST BULLETIN

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Carron Stevenson says

We are currently travelling in the Northern Territory as part of our Australian Austerity Road Trip. So it was with some interest that we came to No 7 Well, stayed at Tennant Creek and many other places mentioned by Tom in the book. He's a real character and has a way with words. A great read that gives a very real idea of what life is like in the NT.

Andrew Gills says

I read this book as a teenager and I still think back to it now that I'm in my mid-30s. It's a remarkable story that's been beautifully written. When I need inspiration in my life, I think back to the way I felt while reading Tom Cole's story of his life and realise that I can just go out there and take risks.

I highly recommend this book to anyone who likes a good adventure story on a grand scale and also to anyone interested in Australian history.

Vicki says

Read quite a while ago now. One of the best Australian autobiographies I have read. Tom Cole comes from England as a young lad, and works on stations etc. Winds up in the Northern Territory earning a living from buffalo shooting.

Paul says

Great book a friend put me onto it. Loved it

Danielle says

This took a strange amount of effort for a book so entertaining.

Perhaps it was because I'd just read a heap of fantasy followed up by easy, page turning thrillers, but this sensational autobiography took 10 days to finish. Crazy.

Despite portraying bush battling and mustering and buffalo shooting as realistically as possible, I still felt a tinge of romanticism and was drawn to Cole's lifestyle in the 20s and 30s in the NT. Never in my life have I felt more inclined to invest in a swag and saddle (and a horse for that matter) and just go bush.

The last time I felt this way was watching Baz Luhrmann's "Australia", and I feel my reasons for going bush

then had more to do with Hugh Jackman's flawless abs than with any real inclination to ride a horse.

In any case, it's motivated me to read more autobiographies of people in the NT. I'm remarkably drawn to this entire territory and it's people and history, and I feel myself becoming more at home here with each passing day.

It's quite unsettling for someone who has never felt more in her element in cities like Sydney and Melbourne.

If anything this book has reaffirmed what I believe more than ever; visit the NT at least once in your life, no matter where you're from. It'll change your perspective on just about anything.

Ian Bates says

I thoroughly enjoyed this well written book. I can't believe I have owned it for so long without reading it before. Recommended to anyone with an interest in Australian Outback life.

Pigsta says

Great read interesting insight into early Australian cattle trade, horse breaking and hunting. I think the raw honesty of the writer is a great selling point. Some of the terms used in the book are now considered racially offensive however they were written in a time when these terms were not viewed with a 2013 perspective.

I found his descriptions of the Northern Territory very effective however, given I live there perhaps my mind is automatically filling in blanks other readers may encounter.

Life was hard back then and I think this book demonstrates that well.

Andy Hickman says

“Hell West and Crooked” by Tom Cole (1988).

Vivid first-hand account of 1920s and 30s Northern Australia as a drover, station hand, buffalo shooter and crocodile hunter.

Holds its place among other Outback classics such as A.B. Facey's “A Fortunate Life” (1981) and Dame Mary Durack's 1959 novel “Kings in Grass Castles.”

This historical autobiography is rich with humor, such as this comment in the opening pages:

“It was here that what I regarded as a serious interruption to my education occurred – I was compelled to go to school, one of the more undistinguished periods of my life. I have no doubt the relief I felt when I left was only exceeded by that of my teachers.”

Brian Lomas says

Wow, this was book was an insight into droving in the 1920' and 30's in Australia. Cole detailed not only the everyday life of a drovr but also the experiences of Australia's cattlemen. In addition, Cole was a superb horseman and has a splendid, down to earth style, which captures his love of horses. His description of indigenous Australians is completely unbiased, a point worth noting and one he can be proud of.

This was an engrossing page-turner, and I would have liked to have know more about the author.

Janet Narrier says

A good book, found it a bit hard to get into at the beginning but once a third of the way through found it very interesting with real history of what the Northern out back was like and some real adventures during the early years of the 1920s to 30s.

krin says

With a matter of fact style touched with humor, Cole writes about his life in northern Australia working with cows, horses, buffalo, and the many interesting people he meets. While I'm not usually interested in books about horses and cattle, I found that Cole's narration held my interest.

Charlie says

My favourite Australian non-fiction book. This is at its heart the story of an English boy who found his place in the world in the desolate outback of Australia. Cole is often billed as the real life crocodile Dundee and there's plenty (dare I say too much) crocodile hunting in this book but it's his times as a cattle drover and buffalo hunter which I enjoyed the most.

Understatement is the great Australian art and this is one of its masterpieces.

Anna says

A fun read, a bit hard to follow without an outback dictionary. There are plenty of sorties started in these pages that would be fun to track down, but they ran together a bit here and with so many names, a different adventure every half year, well the start of the book wasn't much different than the middle or the end. Did get to learn how to run down a buffalo and skin a croc ;)

Rachel says

It took me a little while to sink my teeth into this book, the early stage being mainly anecdotes about droving and horse breaking. I found this part, whilst interesting, a trifle repetitive. As the book moved into descriptions of buffalo and crocodile hunting, the pace lifted. I was fascinated by Cole's relationship with the indigenous people of NT. Even though he was their white boss, he appeared to respect and admire the first Australians. Not much was given away about his private life and I assume this may have been colourful. Fascinating was his recount of survival in the outback and living off the land. I was intrigued by Cole's high standard of writing given he led a life in the bush. He must have had some decent schooling early on. His dry wit and Australian humour was most entertaining. I gave this book 5 stars due to my keenness to pick it up and immerse myself in this remote NT life of the 20s and 30s.

Danielle Burns says

Just re-read this Aussie Classic as we drove through the outback. Such an entertaining narrative on the early cattlemen, buffalo & crocodile hunters that built this region. Should be required reading at all Oz high schools.
