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Australia's Bush Poets Banjo Paterson Part 2



Synopsis

A.B. 'Banjo' Paterson was the most published of the bush poets whose writing ranged across a love of the outback, bush horse racing, droving, Australian Boer War and WW1 experience, and as a social commentary. His 'Banjo' nickname comes from a famous racehorse, not a musical ability, and whose best known work 'Waltzing Matilda' came from the experiences of the 'Shearers Strike'. The press of the time tended to pitch Banjo as an adversary of Henry Lawson and others, including a 'Battle of the Poets' based on 'Town' vs. 'Outback'. My collection includes one hundred and twenty Banjo Paterson poems which I have split into three parts. Part 1 includes some of Banjo's best known work after which his poems are listed in alphabetical order through parts 2 and 3. In Part 2 I couldn't bring myself to split the Saltbush Bill series; if you only get a chance for a couple of humorous poems I would recommend Saltbush Bill and Saltbush Bill's Second Fight. Poems included in Part 2: Prelude, Flash Jack from Gundagai, Frying Pan's Theology, Hard Luck, Hay And Hell And Booligal, He Giveth His Beloved Sleep, How Gilbert Died, How M'Ginnis Went Missing, How The Favourite Beat Us, In Defence Of The Bush, In The Droving Days, In The Stable, It's Grand, Jim Carew, Johnny Boer, Johnson's Antidote, Last Week, Lost, Mulga Bill's Bicycle, Mustering Song, Old Australian Ways, Old Man Platypus, Old Pardon, The Son Of Reprieve, On the Trek, Only A Jockey, Our New Horse, Our Own Flag, Out Of Sight, Over The Range, Passing Of Gundagai, Right In Front Of The Army, Rio Grande, Saltbush Bill, Saltbush Bill, J.P., Saltbush Bill's Gamecock, Saltbush Bill's Second Fight. Australia's 'bush poets' provide a rich, entertaining history of the development from settlement to nationhood for the 'Lucky Country'. In their verse newcomers, like me, quickly learn how the Aussie 'Can Do' culture was formed that has come to define the modern nation. Unlike the classic English poets such as Wordsworth, Keats and Shelley, Australia's bush poets are largely drawn from the grass roots (working class) of the new society telling their tales as entertainment for the new Australians. Hugely popular during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries these bards are little known outside Australia, which is our loss? Through the publication of 'Australia's Bush Poets' as Kindle Editions I hope that you will come to enjoy and share this 'Can Do' heritage. Here you'll find struggle, loss, pain and gritty reality mixed in with liberal helpings of Aussie humour; I leave it to you to make the pick. Kindle is the ideal medium for 'Australia's Bush Poets' as you can read these verses round a trail campfire at night or when sheltering from the blazing sun; best of all a Kindle will fit in your pocket while riding a droving horse, exactly the situation this poetry was designed for.

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I love reading Banjos poetry, puts pictures in my mind and usually a smile on my face. Can read one or lots and still feel good.

Was in Australia in Jan. Loved the memories!!!

Great...

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