

POLICE AND GOVERNMENT IN AUSTRALIA

WHO'S IN CHARGE AND WHO SHOULD BE IN CHARGE

Ian Killey

Ian Killey examines what should be a simple question: Who controls the body exercising the policing power of the state? He finds the current understanding is both confused and concerning. Previous examinations and changes to Australian legislation have been made without considering basic elements, such as the parliamentary intention of earlier legislation; the doctrine of ministerial responsibility; the Canadian review of the same statutory model; and the intention of the founder of modern policing, Sir Robert Peel.

Despite these and other serious inadequacies, the legal or conventional independence of police is now widely believed to exist. Yet Australian parliaments have also routinely provided governments with indirect and non-transparent means of influencing police by reducing the security of tenure of Police Commissioners.

Dr Killey argues that Australian police forces have the elements of the worst of all possible worlds: a confused mixture of asserted police independence based on bad history and poor legal analysis combined with provisions which encourage police subordination by non-transparent, indirect government influence. His book undertakes a complete assessment of the constitutional relationship of Australian police with government and proposals for law reform for the establishment of a clear, coherent and constitutional relationship between them.

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AUSTRALIA RACE POLITICS AND SOUTH AFRICA, 1945-1975

Roger Bell

In 1952 an Australian journalist cabled from Johannesburg '*Apartheid* is the trigger that has fired racial explosions in South Africa and sent echoes rumbling around the world'. In the outposts of Europe's unstable empires, entrenched racism came under unprecedented assault. 'White Australia', especially, was challenged as opposition to racial oppression under a white minority regime in South Africa hardened. In both countries the politics of anti-racism were unleashed – with very different consequences.

In South Africa entrenched systems of white supremacy were brutally enforced under apartheid. In Australia, ideologies of race and white privilege were disrupted and, slowly, walls of discrimination cracked. Race politics in post-war Australia was deeply affected by the fractious international struggle over apartheid.

The movement against apartheid obliged white Australia to grapple with moral and political issues embedded in its own racialised history and sense of nation. Contests provoked by apartheid were played out on the world stage and, as Indigenous activists emphasised, in Australia's own backyard.

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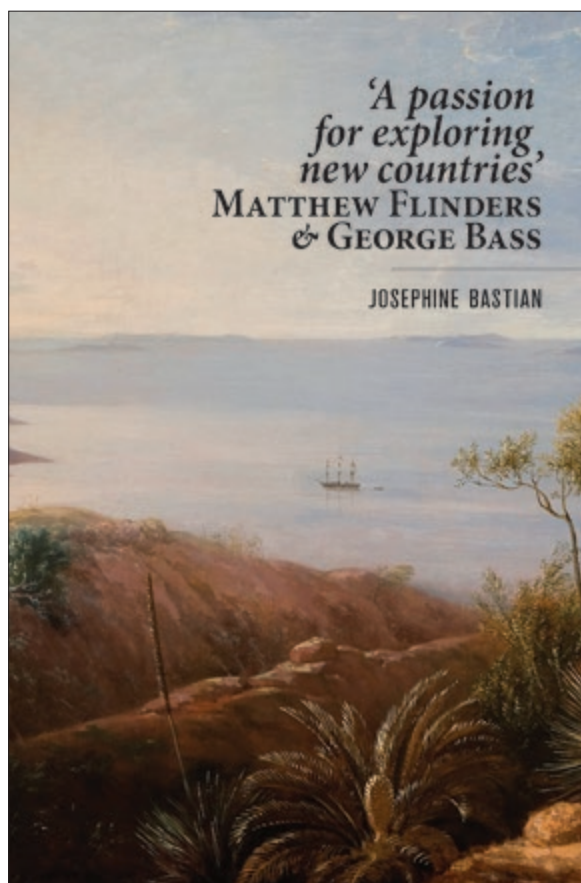
Josephine Bastian

'Australian history ... does not read like history', Mark Twain complained in 1897, 'but like the most beautiful lies ... It is full of surprises and adventures, incongruities, and contradictions, and incredibilities; but they are all true, they all happened.' He might have been thinking of Matthew Flinders and George Bass, two obscure young men from Lincolnshire, who had arrived in Sydney in 1795 determined to achieve greatness.

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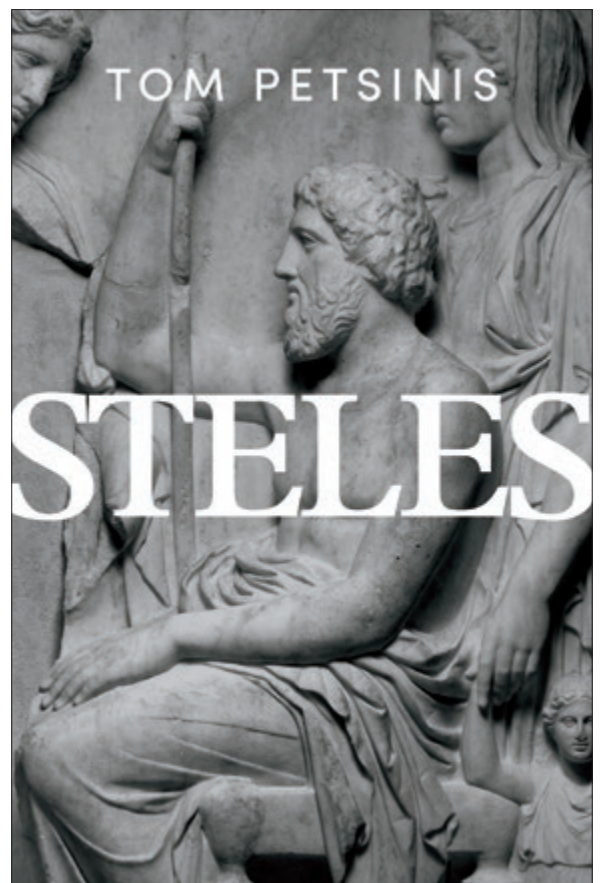
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