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NOVELS/SHORT STORIES



Marcus Clarke, *For the Term of His Natural Life*, 1870
Henry Lawson, *The Drover's Wife*, 1892
Ethel Turner's *Seven Little Australians*, 1894
Ethel Pedley, *Dot and the Kangaroo*, 1899
Miles Franklin, *My Brilliant Career*, 1901
Jeannie Gunn, *We of the Never Never*, 1908
Henry Handel Richardson, *The Getting of Wisdom*, 1910
Henry Handel Richardson, *The Fortunes of Richard Mahony*, Vols. I-III, 1917-1930
Norman Lindsay, *The Magic Pudding*, 1918
Frederic Manning, *The Middle Parts of Fortune*, 1929
Ruth Park, *The Harp in the South*, 1948
Nevil Shute, *A Town Like Alice*, 1950
Patrick White, *Voss*, 1957
George Johnston, *My Brother Jack*, 1964
Thomas Keneally, *The Chant of Jimmie Blacksmith*, 1972
David Malouf, *Johnno*, 1975
Xavier Herbert, *Poor Fellow My Country*, 1975
David Ireland, *The Glass Canoe*, 1976
Helen Garner, *Monkey Grip*, 1977
Robert Drewe, *The Bodysurfers*, 1983
Peter Carey, *Oscar and Lucinda*, 1988
Tim Winton, *Cloudstreet*, 1991
John Marsden, *Tomorrow, When the War Began*, 1993
Peter Temple, *Bad Debts*, 1996
Christos Tsiolkas, *The Slap*, 2008

MOVIES



Michael Powell, <i>They're A Weird Mob</i> , 1966	P. J. Hogan, <i>Muriel's Wedding</i> , 1994
Nicolas Roeg, <i>Walkabout</i> , 1971	Rob Sitch, <i>The Castle</i> , 1997
Ted Kotcheff, <i>Wake In Fright</i> , 1971	Kate Woods, <i>Looking for Alibrandi</i> , 2000
David Williamson, <i>Don's Party</i> , 1971	John Curran, <i>Tracks</i> , 2013
Peter Weir, <i>Picnic at Hanging Rock</i> , 1975	Bruce Beresford, <i>Ladies in Black</i> , 2018
Colin Thiele, <i>Storm Boy</i> , 1976	Kriv Stenders, <i>Danger Close: The Battle of Long Tan</i> , 2019
George Miller, <i>Mad Max</i> , 1979	Robert Connolly, <i>The Dry</i> , 2020
Gillian Armstrong, <i>My Brilliant Career</i> , 1979	
Peter Weir, <i>Gallipoli</i> , 1981	
Peter Faiman, <i>Croccodile Dundee</i> , 1986	

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POEMS



- Caroline Carleton, *The Song of Australia*, 1859
Banjo Paterson, *Clancy of the Overflow*, 1889
Henry Lawson, *The Drover's Wife*, 1892
Banjo Paterson, *Waltzing Matilda*, 1895
Dorothea Mackellar, *My Country*, 1904
A.D. Hope, *Australia*, 1938
Ken Slessor, *Five Bells*, 1939
Dame Mary Gilmore, *No Foe Shall Gather Our Harvest*, 1940
Oodgeroo Noonuccal, *The Dispossessed*, 1964
Les Murray, *Noonday Axeman*, 1965
Bruce Dawe, *Life Cycle*, 2009
Sarah Day, *A Dry Winter: Some Observations About Rain*, 2009

SONGS



- Trad., *Wild Colonial Boy*, 19th century
Skipper Francis, *Australia Will Be There*, 1915
Eric Bogle, *And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda*, 1971
AC/DC, *It's a Long Way to The Top (If You Wanna Rock and Roll)*, 1976
The Saints, *(I'm) Stranded*, 1976
Cold Chisel, *Khe Sanh*, 1978
Peter Allen, *I Still Call Australia Home*, 1980
Icehouse, *Great Southern Land*, 1982
Redgum, *I Was Only Nineteen*, 1983
John Farnham, *You're The Voice*, 1986
Neil Murray, *My Island Home*, 1987
Slim Dusty, *G'day G'day*, 1988
Yothu Yindi, *Treaty*, 1991
Nick Cave, *Red Right Hand*, 1994

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ART



- Eugene von Guérard, *Mount Abrupt, the Grampians, Victoria*, 1856
Tom Roberts, *Shearing the Rams*, 1890
William Barak, *Corroboree*, 1895
Frederick McCubbin, *The Pioneer*, 1904
George Rayner Hoff, *Sacrifice*, ANZAC Memorial, Hyde Park, NSW, 1934
Sidney Nolan, *First-class Marksman (Ned Kelly series)*, 1946
Russell Drysdale, *The Cricketers*, 1948
Albert Namatjira, *Central Australian Landscape*, 1953
Margaret Olley, *Susan with Flowers*, 1962
GMH, *Monaro*, 1968
Fred Williams, *Dight's Falls*, 1974
Brett Whiteley, *The Jacaranda Tree (On Sydney Harbour)*, 1977
Clifford Possum Tjapaltjarri, *Warlugulong*, 1977
John Olsen, *Lake Eyre Channel Country*, 2011

LIVES



- Judith Wright, *The Generations of Men*, 1959
Clive James, *Unreliable Memoirs*, 1980
A.B. Facey, *A Fortunate Life*, 1981
Geoffrey Serle, *John Monash: A Biography*, 1982
David Marr, *Patrick White: A Life*, 1992
Raimond Gaita, *Romulus, My Father*, 1998
Jimmy Barnes, *Working Class Boy*, 2016

HISTORIES



- Watkin Tench, *Complete Account of the Settlement at Port Jackson*, 1793
W.K. Hancock, *Australia*, 1930
Russell Ward, *The Australian Legend*, 1958
Mary Durack, *Kings in Grass Castles*, 1959
Donald Horne, *The Lucky Country*, 1964
Geoffrey Blainey, *The Tyranny of Distance: How Distance Shaped Australia's History*, 1966
Michael Cathcart, *Manning Clark's History of Australia*, 1989
David Kemp, *A Liberal State: How Australians Chose Liberalism over Socialism 1926-1966*, 2021

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