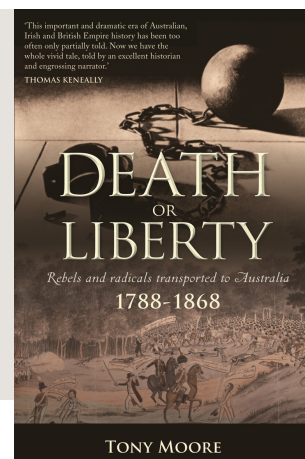


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Description

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- *Death and Liberty* is based on solid historical research, focusing on socio-political history in the period of 1788-1868
- The beautiful and evocative design captures the period content and the book is illustrated with reproductions of historic paintings, lithographs and illustrations
- Dr Tony Moore is a renowned historian and was awarded the NSW History Fellowship to help research and write this book
- The release of this book will be supported by a national media campaign
- Chapter sampler (ISBN 9787777007890 for one pack of 50) and A2 poster (ISBN 9787777007975) available

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