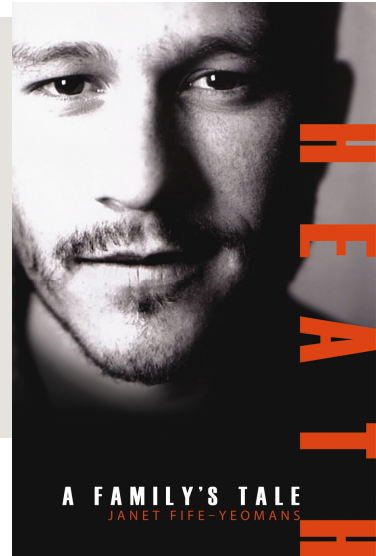


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Description

Heath Ledger was a superstar on the world stage, a gorgeous guy, a true romantic, a man who was dedicated to his craft and who loved a laugh. This is the definitive look at the real life of Heath Ledger from childhood to fully-fledged stardom, with exclusive personal insights from his family and friends. It is also very much an Australian story about the beginning of a legend.

Even before Heath achieved fame and fortune, the Ledgers were well-known in their hometown of Perth. Heath's great-grandfather, Sir Frank, was a pioneer of West Australian business and nurtured a warm, loving family. Heath's childhood was idyllic and happy, and he excelled at school, especially drama. When he was 17 years old, he drove across the country to Sydney, determined to follow his passion for acting. He quickly became a celebrity, but never forgot his roots.

Behind Heath's journey to Hollywood, turmoil split the family. *Heath: A Family's Tale* reveals how Sir Frank's fortune was lost, which thrust the Ledgers into bitter dispute. With Heath's death, new allegations have emerged about the star's hidden millions. Sadly, while Heath's death came as a surprise to the public, those who knew him best were aware of his problems. And those who knew him best were also aware of the allegations that he had fathered a child before his rise to fame.

Sales Points

- Janet Fife-Yeomans is a respected author and journalist and has conducted extensive research into the story of Heath Ledger's life
- Janet had exclusive access to the extended family's story and interviewed Heath Ledger's teachers and hometown friends
- This is the first Australian biography of this international star
- Includes never-before-published family photographs
- Heath is being widely considered as a potential, posthumous, Oscar winner for his role as The Joker in the new Batman film 'The Dark Knight'
- National media campaign and broad coverage across print, television and radio
- 24-copy Dumpbin (ISBN: 9787777003656) and A2 Poster (ISBN: 9787777003670) available

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