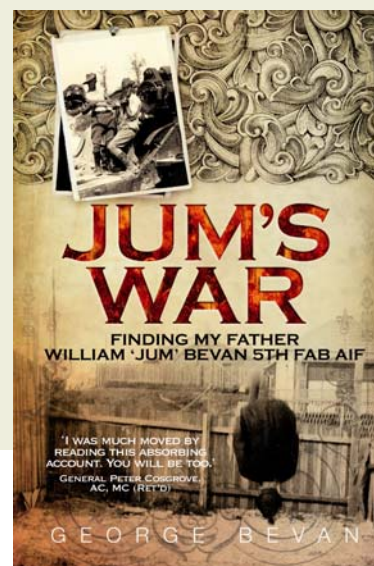


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## Description

William Charles Bevan was a wild child, unruly and a handful, aggressive and fiercely competitive. He was also extremely strong — so strong that his friends nicknamed him 'Jumbo', as in the elephant, soon shortened to Jum. As an adult, Jum was an athlete, larrikin, horseman, musician, lover, husband, father — and a fighter, on and off the blood-soaked battlefields of the First World War. His estranged son George remembered him only as a troubled, violent man.

When George discovers Jum's wartime diaries and medals, he decides to find out what he can about the father he never really knew. In this dramatised biography, George uses Jum's war diary to recreate his father's wartime experiences as an artilleryman and mounted runner, interweaving the diary excerpts with his own memories and longings.

In so doing, he shares with the reader his own struggle to understand and make peace with the estranged, violent father whose funeral he had not attended, and whose emotional and physical decline had caused as much suffering for his wife and children as for himself.

## Sales Points

- Features a foreword by General Peter Cosgrove AC, MC (Ret'd)
- Features nostalgic and evocative design that incorporates elements of Jum Bevan's war diary as well as family photographs
- A perfect gift for Father's Day
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## Author Profile

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