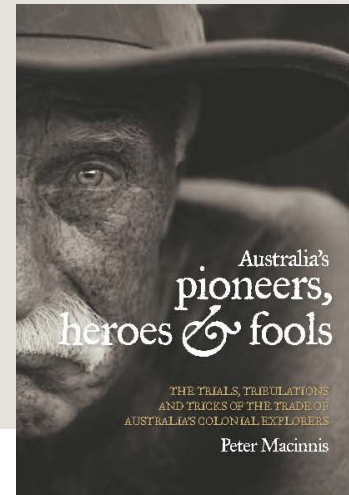


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### Description

Combining the heroic, the tragic, the bizarre and the humorous, *Australia's Pioneers, Heroes & Fools* takes you along the intriguing highways and byways of Australian exploration, focusing on the tricks and tools of the explorer's trade and the trials and tribulations experienced on the journeys.

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- Focuses on the fascinating, lesser known explorers as well as the more well-known 'stars' of Australian exploration
- A 'dramatis personae' provides potted biographies of all of the characters mentioned in the book

### Author Profile

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