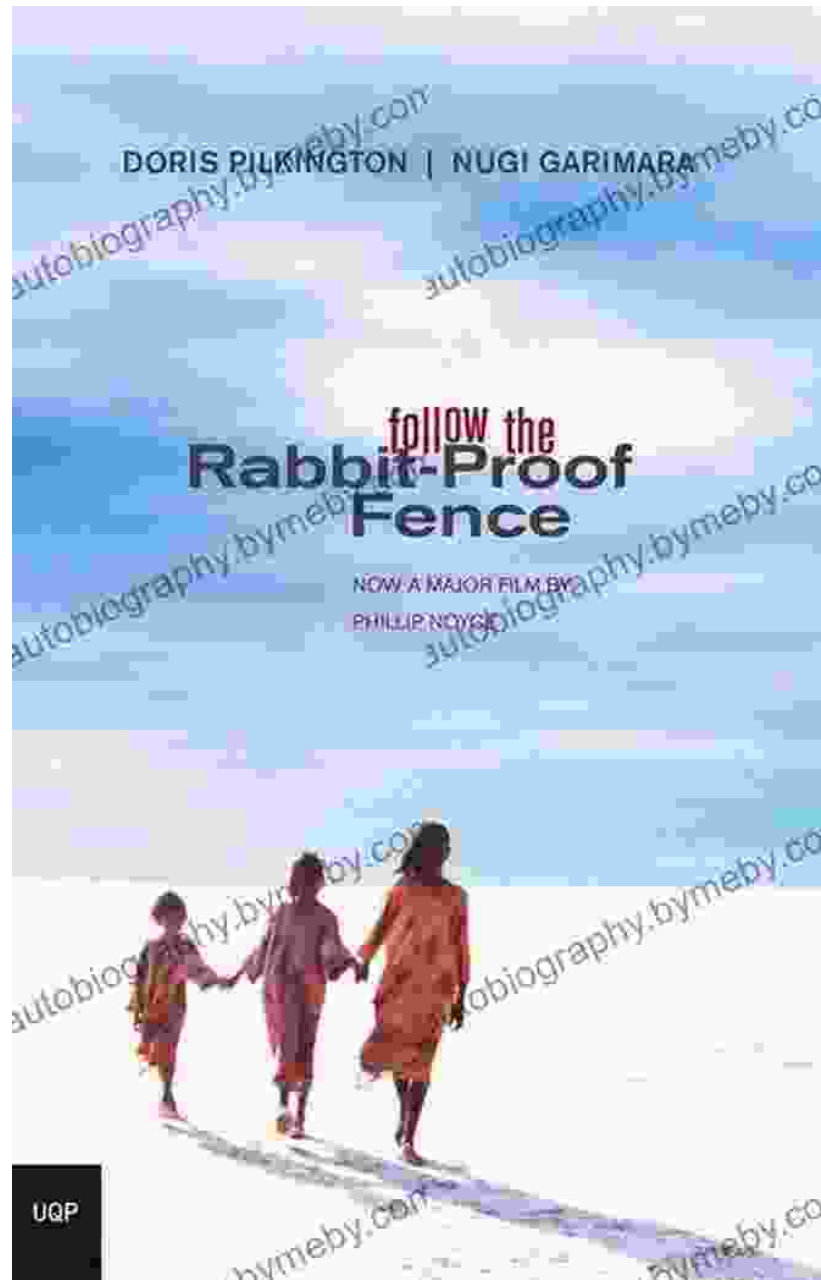


Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence: A Harrowing but Triumphant Journey



Doris Pilkington's *Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence* is a powerful and moving memoir that tells the story of three Aboriginal girls who escaped from a government settlement and walked over 1,500 miles back to their home. It

is a story of resilience, determination, and the indomitable spirit of the human heart.

The book was first published in 1996 and has since been translated into over 20 languages. It has also been adapted into a successful film of the same name. Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence has won numerous awards, including the Miles Franklin Award and the Commonwealth Writers' Prize.



Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence by Doris Pilkington

★★★★☆ 4.3 out of 5

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- File size : 1331 KB
- Text-to-Speech : Enabled
- Screen Reader : Supported
- Enhanced typesetting : Enabled
- Word Wise : Enabled
- Print length : 164 pages
- Lending : Enabled



Historical and Cultural Context

The events depicted in Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence took place in the early 1930s, during a period of intense government assimilation policies towards Aboriginal people in Australia. These policies aimed to forcibly remove Aboriginal children from their families and communities and place them in government-run settlements.

The Rabbit-Proof Fence was a 1,500-mile-long fence built in the early 1900s to keep rabbits out of Western Australia. The fence became a

symbol of the government's assimilation policies, as it was used to round up and transport Aboriginal people to settlements.

The three girls in *Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence* were forcibly removed from their families and taken to the Moore River Native Settlement. They were subjected to harsh conditions and mistreatment at the settlement, and they eventually decided to escape.

The Journey

The girls' journey back home was long and arduous. They had to travel through dense bushland, across rivers and deserts, and avoid being caught by the police. They relied on their traditional knowledge and skills to survive, and they were helped by Aboriginal people along the way.

The girls' journey is a testament to their resilience, determination, and strength. They faced many challenges along the way, but they never gave up hope. They were determined to return home, and they eventually succeeded.

The Enduring Legacy of *Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence*

Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence has had a profound impact on Australian society. It has helped to raise awareness of the Stolen Generations and the impact of government assimilation policies. It has also inspired Aboriginal people to share their stories and to fight for their rights.

The book has also been praised for its literary merit. It is a beautifully written and moving story that has captured the hearts of readers around the world. *Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence* is a powerful reminder of the strength and resilience of the human spirit.

Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence is a must-read for anyone interested in Australian history, Aboriginal culture, or the human spirit. It is a powerful and moving story that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.



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