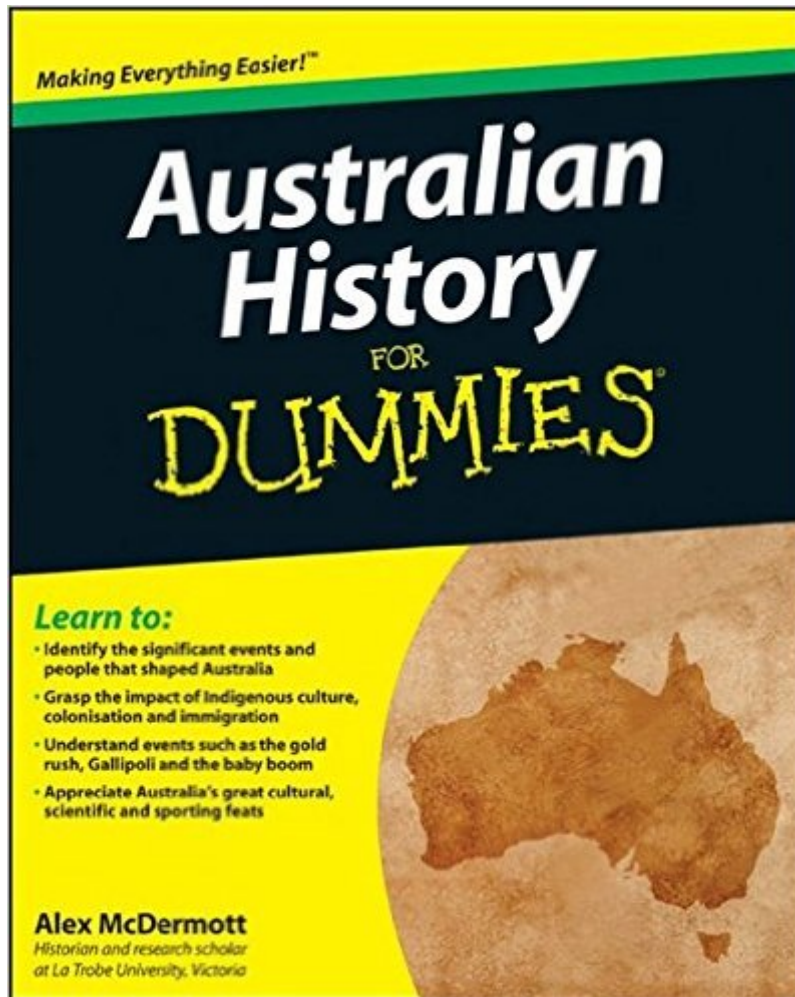


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The history of Australia is mostly modern history when compared to other countries. It was originally colonized by the British in 1788 for use as a penal colony, a place to dump convicts and other undesirables out of Great Britain. Despite this, colonists grew to form their own functional society and the population exploded in the 1850s after the discovery of gold on the continent. The various colonies agreed to form a new country in 1901 creating the modern Australian commonwealth. Through two world wars and Australia's struggle to figure out its place in the world afterward, the book ends with the rise of Julia Gillard, the country's first female prime minister. I read this book because I was looking for a basic overview of Australian history. The book is set up to tell one story in a chronological fashion making it fairly easy to read from beginning to end. For me personally, not having known much about Australian history beforehand, I feel like I have a better understanding of

the country. I would recommend this book to those looking for a basic guide to Australian history.

Good book and very simple. Jumps a bit referring to subjects that are mentioned in other parts of the book and you have to keep looking at the different sections. It is not a straight read.

Just what I needed. Easy reading and well put together. The history of Australia is varied and diverse but this pulls it all together for the ordinary reader.

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