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After Andrew: Two Kiwis Cross Australia

Bill Lennox

In 1899 self-appointed missionary Andrew Lennox spent twenty-two weeks on horseback travelling from Adelaide to Darwin. A year later he rode back on a bicycle. In *After Andrew*, his grandson Bill Lennox undertakes a journey of epic proportions following in his grandfather's footsteps across Australia – albeit by car. *After Andrew* tells the story of both men. Bill's witty and engaging prose spliced with Andrew's regular (and often cryptic) diary entries. This is a story of personal family discovery (as Bill explores the journey of his grandfather and traces he left behind him) but also a cultural exploration of Australian communities as experienced in the year 1899 and then again 109 years later. Bill relays both his journey and his grandfather's with energy and ease to create an insightful, moving and often humorous read. Brilliant descriptions of the places and colourful characters he meets on his travels propel the story, elevating it from the status of a family history to a tale of much broader appeal. Complemented by a range of black and white images, this is an excellent read for New Zealanders and Australians alike.