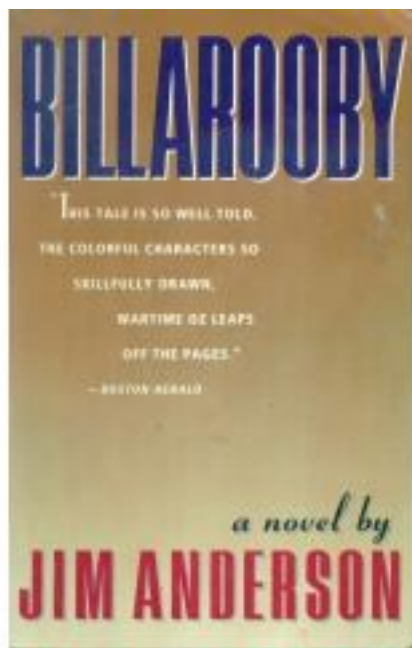


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"Remarkable. A story that will remain in the reader's memory."

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During the tumultuous summer of 1942, eleven-year-old Lindsay Armstrong confronts an exotic alien trespassing on his family's farm in Billarooby, a small town in the Australian outback. While the war may be a year away, the alien Lindsay encounters an escaped Japanese prisoner from a nearby POW

camp brings the traumatic repercussions of the war close to home. As the oppressive summer drought threatens to devastate the Armstrongs farm and dissolve the family ruled by Lindsay's grim disciplinarian father. Lindsay's imagination takes flight. Witnessing the prisoner's brutal recapture triggers nightmares of a veiled event from Lindsay's past. and he drifts between these memories and fantasies about the prisoners not the hated enemy but noble warriors who deserve freedom to return to their emperor. The townspeople are obsessed by the POWs as well--but their fantasies of a mass escape and their plans to thwart it are far blacker than Lindsay's imaginings could ever be.

Billarooby is a gripping story of a boy's struggle to separate fact from fiction; of a family undone by the revelation of its darkest secrets; of a drought-ridden outback village under the spell of its own imagining; and of faith in human nature versus prejudice and paranoia.

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Bob Shacochis.

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"Jim Anderson renders the scenery of the Australian outback with cinematic force. Remarkable."

The New York Times Book Review

"The writing works brilliantly..., affecting and imaginative. "

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