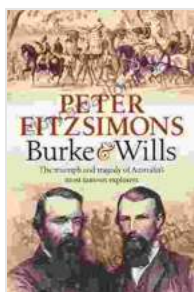


# The Triumph and Tragedy of Australia's Most Famous Explorers

The story of Australia's exploration is one of triumph and tragedy. Triumph, because the vast majority of expeditions were successful, and Australia was mapped and settled in a relatively short period of time. Tragedy, because many explorers lost their lives in the pursuit of knowledge and glory.



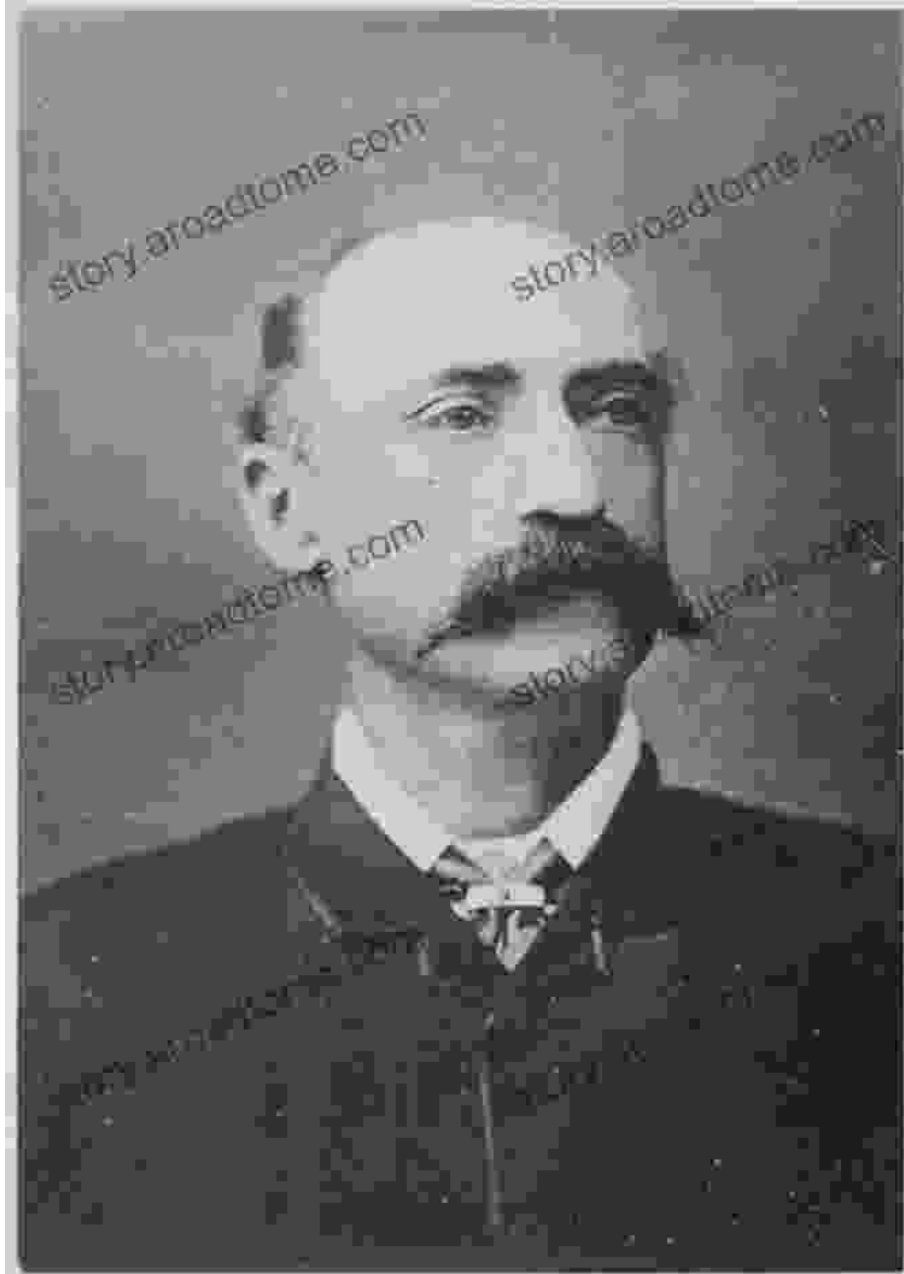
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One of the most famous of all Australian explorers was Ernest Giles. Giles was born in England in 1835, and he came to Australia in 1850. He quickly became involved in exploration, and he led a number of expeditions into the interior of the continent. In 1872, he became the first European to cross the Great Australian Bight, and he went on to explore the Western Desert and the Kimberley region. Giles was a skilled explorer and a gifted writer, and his accounts of his expeditions are still widely read today.



Another famous Australian explorer was Ludwig Leichhardt. Leichhardt was born in Germany in 1818, and he came to Australia in 1841. He quickly became involved in exploration, and he led a number of expeditions into the interior of the continent. In 1844, he led an expedition from Sydney to Port Essington, and he became the first European to cross the continent from east to west. Leichhardt's expedition was a success, but he and his

men were never seen again. It is believed that they were killed by Aboriginal Australians, but the exact circumstances of their deaths remain a mystery.

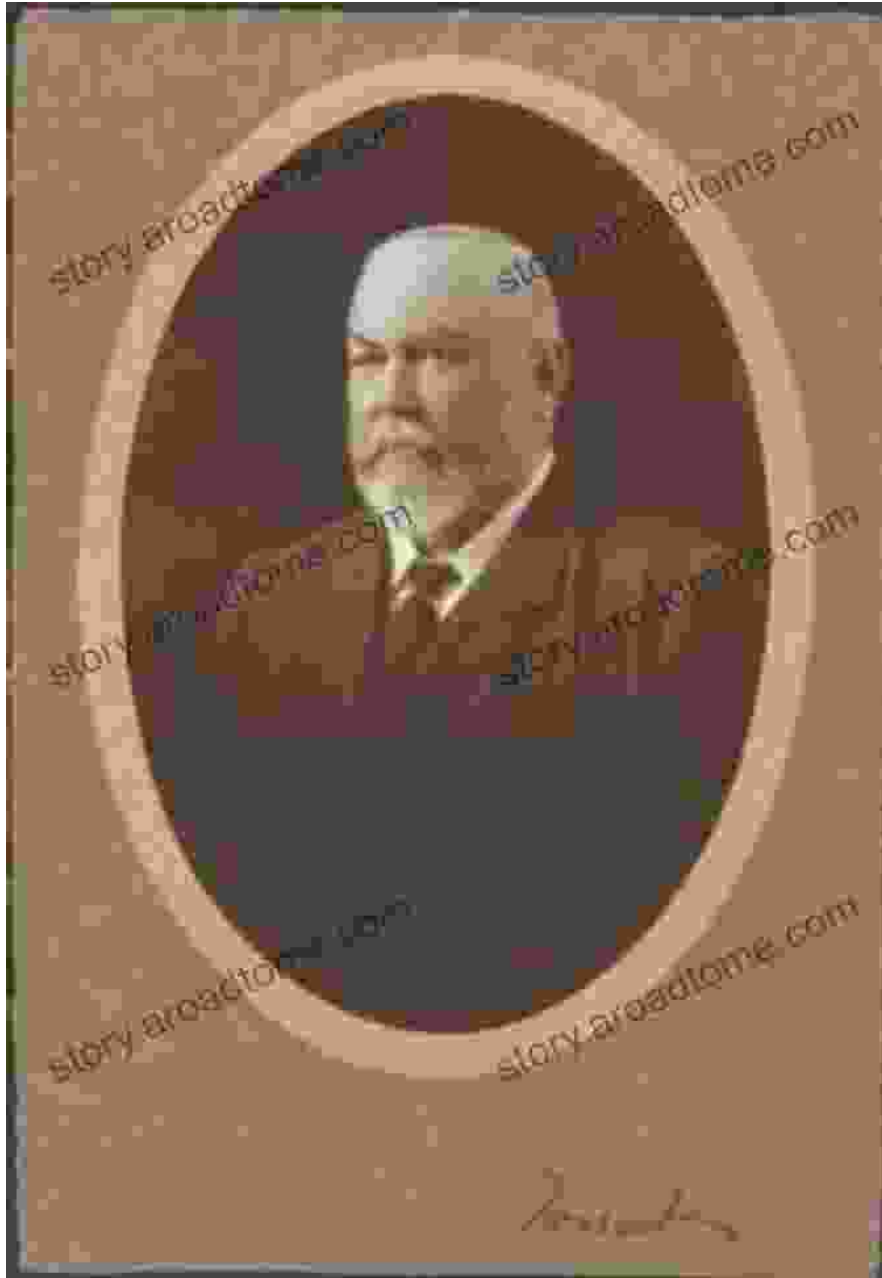


One of the most tragic expeditions in Australian history was the Burke and Wills expedition. Burke and Wills were both Irishmen, and they came to Australia in 1858. They were commissioned by the Victorian government to

lead an expedition to cross the continent from south to north. The expedition set out from Melbourne in August 1860, and it reached the Gulf of Carpentaria in February 1861. However, on the return journey, Burke and Wills became separated from their support party, and they died of starvation in the desert.



Despite the tragedies, exploration continued in Australia throughout the 19th and 20th centuries. John Forrest was one of the most successful explorers of this period. Forrest was born in Western Australia in 1847, and he led a number of expeditions into the interior of the continent. In 1874, he became the first European to cross the Great Sandy Desert, and he went on to explore the Kimberley region and the Northern Territory. Forrest was a skilled explorer and a gifted administrator, and he played a major role in the development of Western Australia.



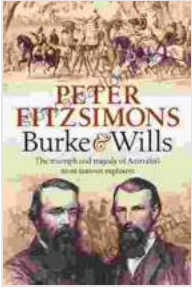
Douglas Mawson was another famous Australian explorer. Mawson was born in England in 1882, and he came to Australia in 1905. He quickly became involved in exploration, and he led a number of expeditions into the Antarctic. In 1911, he led an expedition to the Adelie Land coast of Antarctica, and he became the first person to reach the South Magnetic

Pole. Mawson was a skilled explorer and a gifted scientist, and his work helped to advance our knowledge of the Antarctic.

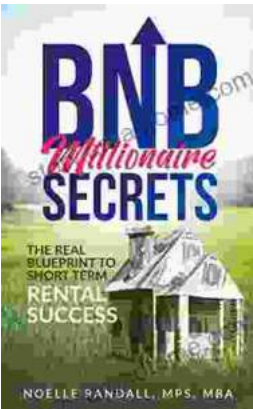


These are just a few of the many famous Australian explorers. Their stories are a testament to the human spirit of adventure and exploration.

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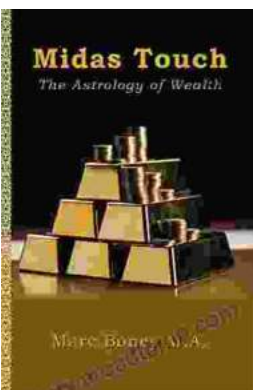


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