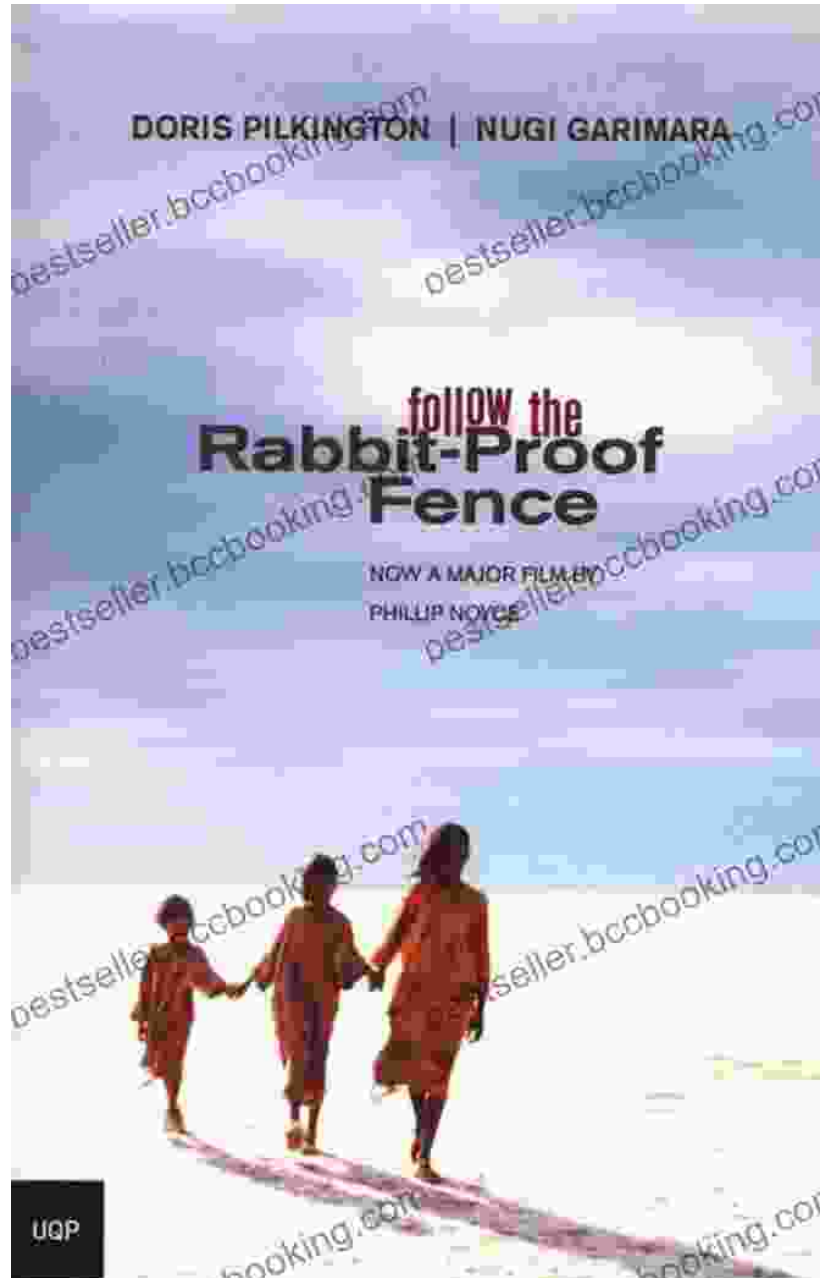


# Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence: A Journey of Resilience



The Rabbit-Proof Fence, a vast network of fences built in Australia in the early 20th century, has become a poignant symbol of the Stolen Generations, a period of government-sanctioned removal of Aboriginal

children from their families. Doris Pilkington's acclaimed memoir, *Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence*, tells the unforgettable story of her mother, Molly Craig, and her two younger sisters, Daisy and Gracie, who embarked on an epic journey of over 1,500 miles along the fence in an attempt to return home to their country.



## Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence by Doris Pilkington

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### A Stolen Childhood

Molly Craig was born in 1909 on Jigalong Station, a remote Aboriginal community in Western Australia. Her childhood, like that of many Aboriginal children at the time, was marked by the trauma of being forcibly removed from her family by government authorities. At the age of three, she was taken to Moore River Native Settlement, a notorious institution where Aboriginal children were subjected to assimilationist policies and stripped of their cultural identity.

### The Journey Begins

After enduring years of separation and abuse at the settlement, Molly, Daisy, and Gracie decided to escape and make their way back home. They

traveled under the cover of darkness, following the Rabbit-Proof Fence as a guide. With little food and water, they faced numerous challenges along the way, including hunger, exhaustion, and the relentless pursuit of government officials.

## **Persistence and Resilience**

Despite the formidable obstacles they encountered, Molly, Daisy, and Gracie refused to give up. They relied on their knowledge of the land, their determination, and the support of Aboriginal communities they encountered along their route. Their journey became a testament to the resilience and strength of the human spirit in the face of adversity.

## **A Return Home**

After nine grueling weeks, the three sisters finally reached Jigalong Station. They had traveled over 1,500 miles, enduring unimaginable hardship but never losing sight of their goal. Their arrival was met with joy and celebration by their community, who had never stopped searching for them.

## **The Legacy of the Rabbit-Proof Fence**

The story of Molly Craig and her sisters has become an iconic tale of resistance and survival. The Rabbit-Proof Fence has come to symbolize the resilience of the Stolen Generations and the enduring connection between Aboriginal people and their land. *Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence* has been adapted into a critically acclaimed film and taught in schools around the world, inspiring countless people with its message of hope and overcoming obstacles.

## **Doris Pilkington's Perspective**

As Doris Pilkington, Molly Craig's daughter, writes in the foreword to *Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence*:



***“This book is a tribute to the strength of the human spirit, particularly that of my mother, Molly Craig. It is a story of love, loss, and resilience that has resonated with people all over the world.”***

Pilkington's memoir provides a firsthand account of the Stolen Generations and the lasting impact it had on her family. Through Molly's story, she sheds light on a dark chapter in Australian history and raises awareness about the ongoing challenges faced by Aboriginal communities.

*Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence* is a powerful and moving story of survival and resilience against the backdrop of a shameful chapter in Australian history. Doris Pilkington's memoir is a testament to the indomitable spirit of Aboriginal women and a reminder of the importance of confronting the past in Free Download to build a more just and equitable future.



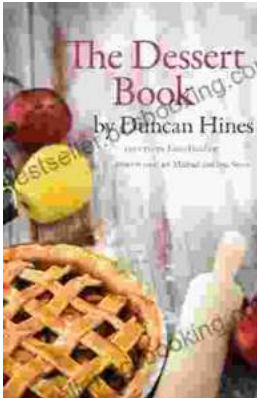
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