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ABR August Fiction issue highlights



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Highlights of the August issue include:

- **Review of the Month** - [Marilyn Lake](#)'s review of **Peter Cochrane's** *Best We Forget*, a look at the battle between history and memory that examines the role of racial preoccupations and the White Australia policy in the Anzac legend.
- **The 2018 ABR Elizabeth Jolley Short Story Prize shortlisted stories** Read 'Vasco' by **Claire Aman**, 'Between the Mountain and the Sea' by **Sharmini Aphrodite**, and 'Ruins' by **Madelaine Lucas** – then join us at the [Jolley Prize ceremony](#) on August 20 to find out the overall winner and hear readings from the shortlist. Click here for more information about the [2018 Jolley Prize](#) (worth a total of \$12,500).
- Historian [Alan Atkinson](#) reviews *The Sydney Wars* by **Stephen Gapps**, a thoroughly researched look at interracial conflict in early colonial Australia, which reinterprets well-known historical details to offer an even-handed perspective that is very much of the moment
- *ABR* Fortieth Birthday Fellow [Beejay Silcox](#) explores MFA culture in her funny, thoughtful, and candid reflection on her time in the US
- Hands off the ABC – *ABR* publishes an **Open Letter** in support of the ABC and a **Comment** from ABC Friends spokesman Ranald Macdonald
- Also in the issue, **Jen Webb** reviews **Ryan O'Neill's** new satire *The Drover's Wives*, which riffs on the classic Henry Lawson short story, **Shannon Burns** reviews **Sam Twyford-Moore's** memoir *The Rapids*, **Dorothy Driver** reviews **Sisonke Msimang's** memoir *Always Another Country*, **Gideon Haigh** reviews *Bullshit Jobs* by **David Graeber**, **Kirsten Tranter** reviews the final novel in **Rachel Cusk's** much-lauded trilogy. Plus **Susan Lever** on **Richard Flanagan**, **Brenda Niall** on **Rose Tremain**, **Ceridwen Spark** on **Meera Atkinson**, new poems from **Michael Farrell** and **Jordie Albiston**, and interviews with legendary Australian publisher **Carmen Callil** and author **Rose Tremain**.
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