ABR October Environment issue highlights

Highlights of the October Environment issue include:

- **Review of the Month** - Felicity Plunkett reviews Behrouz Boochani’s powerful memoir *No Friend But the Mountains* written from Manus Island. This was our inaugural Book of the Week. [Read it here.](#)

- **Cover story** - lawyer and PhD candidate Susan Reid looks at Adani and the coal industry’s influence on Australian politics. Her 2017 piece on Adani was one of *ABR*’s best read articles for that year.

- **Tim Flannery** reviews Bruno Latour’s new book on climate change and politics (translated from French). Flannery is head of the Climate Council and was Australian of the Year in 2007.

- **Fiona Gruber** reviews The Arsonist, Chloe Hooper’s new book on arson and Black Saturday. Hooper’s last non-fiction work was *The Tall Man* looking at the death in custody of Cameron Doomadgee on Palm Island. Fiona Gruber’s family property was affected by Black Saturday.

- **Lauren Rickards** (Assoc. Prof at RMIT) has two pieces in the issue: a commentary on coal, fossils, and aluminium with a focus on Alcoa and a review of *Sunburnt Country* by Joëlle Gergis looking at climate change in Australia.

- **Nicole Abadee** reviews Bridge of Clay the long-awaited new novel by Markus Zusak, author of *The Book Thief*. Abadee is comparing it to Tim Winton’s *Cloudstreet*.

- **Author Gail Bell** reviews Leigh Sales’s new book on unexpected trauma. Bell’s memoir *Shot* has just been reissued as *Being Shot*. In it she writes about the experience of being shot in the back at seventeen while walking home from class.

- **From the ABR Archive** – we revisit David Trigger’s review of Chloe Hooper’s *The Tall Man* from the September 2008 issue.

- Also in the issue, Cassandra Atherton on Haruki Murukami’s new novel, Libby Robin on Cane Toads, Sheila Fitzpatrick on a new biography of Donald Maclean, Francesca Sasnaitis on Fiona Wright, Jane Sullivan on Melissa Lucashenko, interviews with publisher Chris Feik and author Kristina Olsson, and more.