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## ABR October Environment issue highlights



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## 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 <u>Susan Reid</u> 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.
- <u>Lauren Rickards</u> (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.
- <u>Nicole Abadee</u> 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.