

October 2019 Environment issue highlights

In our Environment issue our Guest editor, award winning author and historian **Billy Griffiths**, and our many contributors offer a range of reviews, essays, poetry, and survey pieces, all intended to enhance our sense of present dangers, historical factors, and cultural resonances. Special thanks to Eucalypt Australia, which has supported the publication of this special issue for a fifth time.

Billy Griffiths writes in his editorial: 'This year, the Australian bushfire season began in winter. A long, dry summer – the warmest on record – lingered into and then beyond autumn. By spring, more than one hundred uncontrolled fires were raging across the eastern seaboard, reaching into ecological regions unfamiliar with flame. It is alarming how routine such record-breaking extremes have become, and how readily, in political statements and news reports, cause is decoupled from effect.'



Review of the Month

In his Review of the Month, looking at new releases from climate activists including Greta Thunberg (who appears on our cover), Tim Flannery writes: 'I am not alone in becoming furious at the polluters and those who pander to them, for they are threatening my children and their future.'

Australian Dreaming

Kim Scott responds to the powerful documentary *The Australian Dream* about former AFL star Adam Goodes

FAN Poll

Ten years after the first *ABR* FAN Poll, the second one was limited to Australian novels published since 2000. When voting closed in mid-September, Richard Flanagan's Booker Prize-winning novel *The Narrow Road to the Deep North* emerged as a clear winner. A feature highlighting the top twenty novels appears in the October issue and a complete listing of nominated titles appears on our website.

- ◆ Billy Griffiths on the search for Retribution Camp
- ◆ Alice Nelson on Anna Krien's first novel
- ◆ Glyn Davis reviews *Appeasing Hitler* by Tim Bouverie
- ◆ James Ley on the concluding volume of J.M. Coetzee's Jesus trilogy
- ◆ Beejay Silcox on Syria's secret library
- ◆ Kim Mahood on the Night Parrot
- ◆ Open Page with Trent Dalton
- ◆ Poet of the Month with Lisa Gorton
- ◆ Astrid Edwards reviews Lisa Taddeos's *Three Women*
- ◆ New poems from Mary Jo Bang and John Kinsella
- ◆ Nicole Abadee reviews Heather Rose's new novel *Bruny*
- ◆ And much more!

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