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New Mexico Author with Australian Hero

Recently a book was donated to the library for consideration to be added to the collection. That’s one of my jobs: to pick and choose among all the generous donations to our collection. One of these books caught my attention. It was different than the usual mysteries and romance novels that are given to us. This was a fantasy. Maybe it was time for a fantasy. So, with the memories of *Wind in the Willows* and *Watership Down*, I read, enjoyed and added *Albert of Adelaide* to our collection.

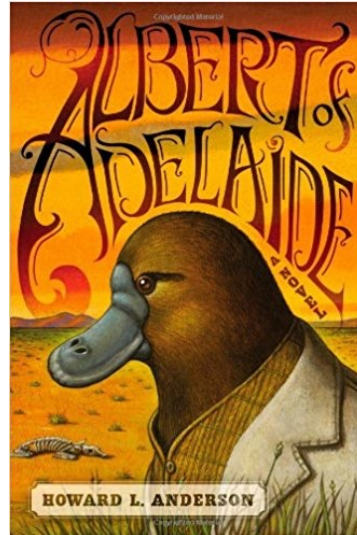
Featured this Month

Albert of Adelaide by Howard Anderson

This novel relates the adventures of an orphaned, run-away-from-the-Adelaide-Zoo platypus. He leaves the zoo in search of the river that was his home and to escape the ever-peering eyes, jeers, and monotonous routine that had become his life.

He has heard from the other animals in the zoo that “Old Australia” exists and that is where he will find his former home on the banks of the Murray River. He nearly dies in a sand storm but is rescued by Jack the wombat. And as it is in most fantasies, they become friends and share clothing, food and drink.

The cast of characters, friend and foe, that Albert encounters in his search allows a fanciful look at what the Australia Outback might be. In this tale, marsupials believe they are the chosen ones and the kangaroo is at the top of this hierarchy. There are drunken bandicoots, villainous wallabies, a murderous opossum, a famous retired Tasmanian devil wrestler, mysterious dingo packs, and a raccoon that hopped a ship in San Francisco to escape a mob of what might be the KKK.



Albert, through no fault of his own (other than being a platypus) becomes a feared and Wanted-Dead-or-Alive character in some circles and a revered and honored character by others.

His adventure is action packed yet full of sentimentality. In my humble opinion, it is a quick and enjoyable read.

Introduction and Review by Robbin Brodsky

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New at the Library

Non Fiction

Jim Franklin's River Towns & River Boats by Jim Franklin

The Naturalist-Theodore Roosevelt, a lifetime of exploration & the triumph of American Natural History by Darrin Lunde

Open Midnight -Where ancestors & wilderness meet by Brooke Williams

True Treasure Hunter Stories of the Southwest by William H. White

More Treasure Stories and Folklore of the Caballo Mountains by William H. White

The Apparition and Other Stories by Wm H. White

Mad Dogs and Treasure Hunters by Wm H. White

Billy the Kid's Grave -A history of the wild west's most famous death marker by David Thomas

Survivor's Club - True story of a very young prisoner of Auschwitz by Michael Bornstein

River of Spirits - A natural history of New Mexico's Las Animas Creek by Harley Shaw

Red Notice - A true story of high finance, murder, and 1 man's fight for justice by Bill Browder

Cherokee Plants: Their Uses - A 400 year history by Paul B. Hamel and Mary U. Chiltoskey

Cherokee Legends and the Trail of Tears by Thomas Bryan Underwood

The Spanish Conqueror as a Business Man by France V. Scholes

Mystery

Vicious Circle by C J Box

Earthly Remains by Donna Leon

Song of the Lion by Anne Hillerman

The Highwayman by Craig Johnson

The Suspect by L. R. Wright

A Chill Rain in January by L. R. Wright

Fall from Grace by L. R. Wright

Classics

David Balfour by Robert Lewis Stevenson

A Distant Trumpet by Paul Horgan

Science Fiction

Transhuman by Ben Bova

Waking Gods by Sylvain Neuvel

Invasive Procedures by Orson Scott Card

Audiobooks

Ultimate Punishment by Scott Turow

Cold Service by Robert Parker

A Cure for All Diseases by Reginald Hill

The Black Cat by Martha Grimes

1776 by David McCullough

Last Man Standing by David Baldacci

The Camel Club by David Baldacci

Shadow of Power by Steve Martini

Absolute Rage by Robert K. Tanenbaum

Imperial Cruise by James Bradley

April in Paris by Michael Wallner

The Night Listener by Armistead Maupin

Treasure Hunt by John Lescroart

The Third Translation by Matt Bondurant

The March by E. L. Doctorow

Grant Comes East by Newt Gingrich & William R. Forstchen

Gilead by Marilynne Robinson

On Beauty by Zadie Smith

America's Hidden History: Untold Tales of the First Pilgrims, Fighting Women, and Forgotten Founders

Who Shaped a Nation by Kenneth C. Davis

Chain of Command: The Road from 9/11 to Abu

Ghraib by Seymour M. Hersh

Witness to Gettysburg by Richard Wheeler

Fiction

Meadowlark by Dawn Wink

A Dog's Purpose by Bruce Cameron

A Dog's Journey by Bruce Cameron

Did You Ever Have a Family by Bill Clegg

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