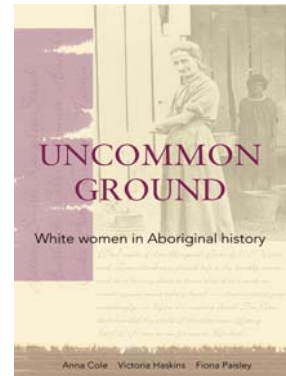


## Uncommon Ground

### White women and Aboriginal history

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#### DESCRIPTION

*Uncommon Ground* brings together a unique collection of essays about the complex roles played by white women in Australian Indigenous histories. It showcases some of the latest and most interesting work in Australia on gender and cross-cultural history.

Each chapter highlights the work of a woman involved in Aboriginal issues, and with Aboriginal people, in a particular historical context. They include unknown and prominent public figures, activists, writers, and workers in missionary groups and administration (for instance Mary Bennett, Elizabeth Durack and Elizabeth McKenzie-Hatton), as well as leading Aboriginal woman activist (Pearl Gibbs) who worked closely with contemporary white feminists.

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These lively and critical biographical studies trace the motivations, actions and impact of these women. The Indigenous and non-Indigenous contributors, both women and men, engage with some difficult yet fascinating questions of race, gender and identity in Aboriginal history.

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