

## ARTISAN BOOK REVIEWS

The Warramunga's Aftermath of War by Greg Kater follows former Army Officer Jamie Munro and his friend and colleague and Warramunga Aborigine Jacko O'Brien as they follow yet another assignment in their investigative roles within the Commonwealth Investigation Service in Darwin, Australia. Set just after the war in late 1945, Jamie and Jacko find themselves in the Philippines tracking down a child smuggling ring, which comes to light after a smuggler's boat runs into difficulties during a storm. One young survivor is able to tell the awful story of child abduction on the streets of the Philippines, and Jamie and Jacko find themselves tackling sordid crimes, murderous perpetrators, and lawless cutthroats, all fearless and motivated by greed. Interwoven in this sinister plot are sub-plots of kidnapping, blackmail, and extortion which leaves the reader breathless with anticipation and rooting for Jamie and Jacko as they put their very lives at risk in the name of justice.

The author, Greg Kater, writes with incredible description which transports the reader into the Australian bush world, where there are no rules of right or wrong, no-one can be trusted, and hungry crocodiles hunt for unsuspecting human prey. For lovers of pine-tingling adventure, this book is for you. The pace races and never drops, leaving the reader turning pages frantically to find out what happens next in such an exciting experience – because that is what this book is, a reading experience. Somehow, the author has managed to combine all this excitement with a little piece of humour and a touch of romance, making it a well-rounded, well-developed novel that is spell-binding in its authenticity.

The Warramunga's Aftermath of War is the second book in a trilogy. Book one introduces the reader to Jamie and Jacko, and this second book follows them on an adventure in the Australian Outback that is truly captivating. All of the characters are believable, the dialogue is spot on, including the clever use of Aboriginal language in one of the characters, and this is definitely one of the books that is written with a visual experience, and would certainly be ideal to be portrayed as a movie. This reader certainly can't wait for Book Three.

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