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Sydney (The City Series)



Synopsis

Part memoir, part guide to Sydney, Australia, this melancholic, moving, and funny exploration intertwines novelist Delia Falconer's own stories with the city's historical and literary past, showing how the city has evolved from the 1970s through today. From mad clergymen and amateur astronomers to Indigenous weather experts and local artists, this personal and unique record depicts the inhabitants of a beautiful, violent, and deeply spiritual city.

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Delia Falconer is the author of *The Lost Thoughts of Soldiers* and *The Service of Clouds*. Her short stories and essays have been featured in various anthologies, including *The Best Australian Essays*, *The Macquarie PEN Anthology of Australian Literature*, and *The Penguin Century of Australian Stories*. She lives in Sydney, Australia.

How anybody who has lived in Sydney for any length of time, and who has history in the city, could find anything negative to say about it is quite beyond me. It's beautifully written, very moving and I love it unconditionally. I came across it quite by accident a few years ago, and I re read it from time to time, just to transport myself back to the city I spent nearly forty years living in - and every time I weep. If I could thank Ms Falconer personally I would. I love this book

There's really no other way to describe this except as a biography of Sydney. Despite Sydney being a place not a person, "biography" is the only apt word. Falconer has evocatively captured its individuality and character while covering its history, its highs and lows, and its determined struggles to be a world player. Having grown up more or less in the same area of Sydney and in roughly the same years as Falconer, albeit with very much more suburban parents, so much of what she writes is like coming back home. Home to the places, home to the events, but most of all home to the mindset of the era. Perhaps my one criticism is that the storyline meanders a little too much, although that, too, is evocative of Sydney's unplanned streets and diverse elements. Besides, who am I to find fault with a far better writer than I could ever be?

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