

THE SHAMEFUL ISLES

by David Price

ABOUT THE BOOK

In 1907, the Western Australian government began a program of forcibly removing supposedly ill Aboriginal people to purpose-built lock hospitals on Bernier and Dorre Islands, off the coast of Carnarvon.

There, they were trapped against their will and exposed to experimental drugs and procedures. Many never returned and are buried in unmarked graves in the sandhills of Bernier and Dorre.

Comprised of meticulous research and contemporaneous accounts of patient-prisoners, politicians, stockmen, nurses, policemen and journalists, *The Shameful Isles* reveals one of Western Australia's most tragic acts of state-sponsored oppression from which First Nations peoples are still recovering.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

David Price is a Western Australian educator and writer who grew up in the small northwest town of Carnarvon. His first book, *Dark Tales from the Long River*, was published by Fremantle Press in 2020 and explored some of the lesser-known and sadder historical events of the Gascoyne and Murchison Regions.



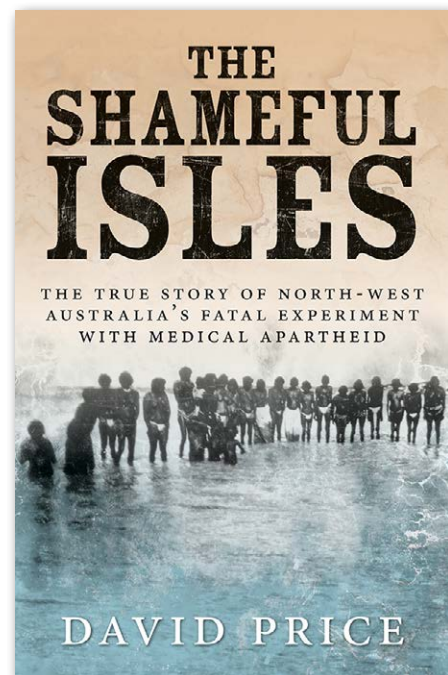
NOTES

- *The Shameful Isles* is about north-west Australia's fatal experiment with medical apartheid.
- This is one of the few books written on the topic, making it a unique resource for cross-curriculum priorities relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, and for those interested in the colonial history of Australia – particularly Western Australia.
- Free, comprehensive teaching notes are available from fremantlepress.com.au

PRAISE FOR THE AUTHOR

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'The impressive research ... handles shocking content with a deft touch ...' *Amanda Gardiner, Edith Cowan University, Limina Journal*



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