

# A FORTUNATE LIFE

by **A.B. Facey**

'This compelling story is not just a personal account but a reflection of an era, making it a must-read for anyone interested in Australia's past.'

*Australian Women's Weekly*

'[A] plain, unembellished, utterly sincere and un-self-pitying account of the privations of childhood and youth.' *Courier Mail*

### ABOUT THE BOOK

The award-winning Australian classic now has a new foreword by Ffion Murphy and Richard Nile.

Born in 1894, and first sent to work at the age of eight, Facey lived the rough frontier life of a labourer, farmer and jackaroo. He survived Gallipoli, raised a family through the Depression, lost a son in the Second World War, and met his beloved Evelyn, with whom he shared nearly 60 years of marriage. Despite enduring unimaginable hardships, Facey always saw his life as a fortunate one.

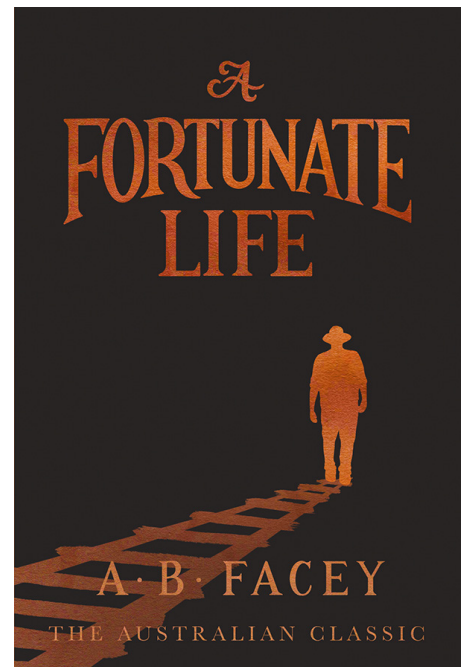
A true classic of Australian literature, Facey's simply penned tale is the extraordinary journey of an ordinary man.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

A.B. Facey grew up on the Kalgoorlie goldfields and in the wheatbelt of Western Australia. He had no formal education but taught himself to read and write. He made the first notes on his life soon after the First World War, and filled notebooks with his accounts of his experiences. Finally, at his children's urging, he submitted the handwritten manuscript to Fremantle Press. He died in 1982, nine months after *A Fortunate Life* had been published to wide acclaim.

### NOTES

- An inspiring story of failure and resilience, setbacks and determination.
- *A Fortunate Life* is an Australian classic that has sold over one million copies worldwide.
- This has never been out of print since it was first published in 1981.
- It will be one of the key titles to celebrate Fremantle Press's 50th anniversary.
- When first published, the book won the Banjo Award for Australian Literature (1981), the NSW State Literary Award (1981) and the Douglas Stewart Prize (1981).



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