

A Little History of Australia By Mark Peel He also provides poignant sketches of Aboriginal people; although they were shocked to learn they are not the only people living on Earth at the first sight of foreign arrivals they were generous and willing to share the land. For the rest of the story like many history books it details the chronology of events - from the Gold Rush that defined Australia's wealth to the process of federation Chinese threat and White Australia Policy First and Second World Wars ANZAC and Gallipoli and other issues of contemporary times. Mark Peel This history of Australia tells the whole story of the Great Southern Land from its Aboriginal origins to 1997 including: discovery by European navigators who claimed the land as their own - even though it was already inhabited; the First Fleet convict settlements the gold rushes and turn-of-the-century questions about whether Australia could be a perfect society; the birth-pangs of a federated nation and the experience of Australians in the world's wars; and continuing tension over links with Britain massive post-war immigration successes and problems of the 20th century and the celebration of a distinctly Australian way of life: It's a 86-page book that summarizes Australia's major milestones since Captain Cook's "discovery": Peel disputes Cook's claim of terra nullius when he landed on NSW in 1770, He argues that more than one million people had already inhabited the continent. The new settlers however had other plans- including to forcibly possess the whole land and to impose their own sovereignty, Decimation of indigenous people followed along with the consequent arrivals of convicts from far away land turning the new discovered land into in land of gaols. Australian history has never been made easier to read than this book[1]

Read Australian history in an hour. On the onset the issue focuses on land ownership. A Little History of Australia

