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Synopsis

In this book, the third in a series on Australian cities in which leading Australian authors write about their home city, novelist and journalist Matthew Condon rediscovers the city of his childhood, Brisbane. Having returned there after many years, Condon takes the reader on a unique and personal journey through contemporary Brisbane, unearthing its history - sometimes literally - and painting a portrait of the contemporary transformation of the city.

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Customer Reviews

Matthew Condon is a journalist with the Brisbane Courier-Mail and the author of numerous books, including The Ancient Guild of Tycoons and The Lulu Magnet. He is the recipient of the Steele Rudd Award for short fiction. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

provided me with an insight and greater understanding on Brisbane's history

An interesting factual read about my home town of Brisbane, I remember a lot of the happenings the author discussed, even though I lived in a different part of the city.

Being just a year, or two younger than Matthew, growing up in Brisbane (and pretty much living there all my life, so far), and having had a Grandparent who lived just across the river from where Matt grew up. I could relate well with his tales of growing up in Brisbane. But a better and less misleading title would have been "My Brisbane", by Matthew Condon. As it is not so much a book

about Brisbane, but a book about Matthew's perceptions of growing up in Brisbane with a little of Brisbane's history thrown in. I enjoyed it, because it hit close to home...literally ;-). Although, it's not a book I would send to overseas friends who wanted to know about life in Brisbane. This is a story you would have to have lived through in some way to appreciate, I feel. Thanks for the memories Matt, and for little bits of Brisbane's history that I knew nothing about...like Oxley's Memorial and the true landing site, and the two Aboriginals that were hung from the Old Windmill. It will be something new for me to ponder when I next pass these landmarks. Plus, finishing your book by coincidence on ANZAC day gave much more emotional impact to the story of the missing soldier - Leslie Norman Collin, who was later reported to be among the dead at Gallipoli. Reflective reading for the relevant residents.

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