

Pen Hanley: Reviews

Inspiring Australians: The first fifty years of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust (Australian Scholarly Publishing, 2015)

'This book is so much greater than the sum of its parts. I am in awe of the author's achievement.' Geraldine Doogue, launching *Inspiring Australians* at Sydney's Government House, 10 October 2015.

'*Inspiring Australians* is a tour de force.' Paul Tys, CEO of the Churchill Trust, pers. comm., October 2015.

Creative Lives: Personal papers of Australian writers and artists (NLA, 2009)

'*Creative Lives*: Five stars: an exceptional book of the very highest quality, regardless of genre.' *Bookseller + Publisher Magazine*, October 2009.

'What Hanley exquisitely executes is the balance between the generous and beautifully presented photographs, sketches, letter and pages of hand-written manuscript, and her own lively retelling of the writer's personal stories. *Creative Lives* excels by creating an intimate and entertaining atmosphere for the reader and the sense of connection between Australia's artistic past and present is strong, accessible and memorable.' Cherry Byford-Sibbing, *Bookseller + Publisher Magazine*, October 2009.

'Each of Hanley's chapters adroitly mixes a concise summary to its subject's achievements with some key or quirky episodes drawn from the manuscripts ... Hanley's brief lives will draw new readers ... and offer new perspectives ...' Ian Morrison, *Australian Book Review*, May 2010.

Bush Nurses (Chapter, book edited by Annabelle Brayley, Penguin 2013)

'*Bush Nurses* is a fascinating collection of stories from or about nurses working in remote and rural areas of Australia. ... It is a heart-warming book and the reader learns to appreciate the work these bush nurses have been and are still doing. Cheerfulness under challenging conditions permeates the book ...' Joan Gilmartin, *Portico Good Reading Guide*, 2013

'This splendid book is filled with tales of innovative and resourceful nurses. All Australians should be proud of them.' Robert Wilson, *The Canberra Times*, 8 June 2013

Women in Politics (Australian Local Government Association, 2010)

'*Women in Politics* is an important and timely marker of women's progress in local government representation and political participation; and, through historical viewpoints and personal stories, it provides valuable insights into how we might encourage women now and in the future to make a contribution in this vital democratic arena.' Quentin Bryce AC, former Governor-General of Australia

Full House (Simon & Schuster, 1993)

'Full House is a rollocking comedy of manners ... an upbeat, urban love story ... pacey plot and dazzling humour ... an intoxicating pleasure to read.' Anne Pender, *ANU Reporter* 7 July 1993.

'*Full House* is a pleasure to read, with an economy of prose and a gentle yet biting wit that is a joy to savour. Bill Tully, *Muse*, August 1993.

'*Full House*, by Penelope Hanley, (Simon & Schuster) is a light and lively novel about a woman on the run – running between lovers, between Canberra and Sydney, between dependence and independence, and running from her past. An amusing and slightly off-beat first novel.' Jillian McFarlane, *New Woman*, September 1993.