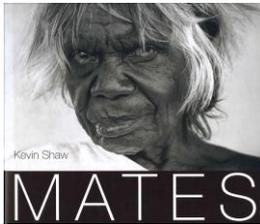
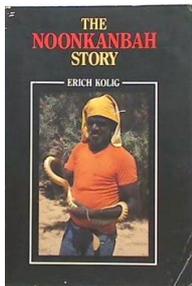


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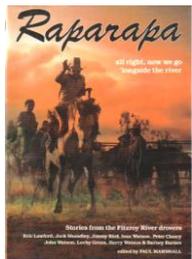
Favourite Kimberley Books



I wonder if we could elicit some participation from some of our members in nominating a list of their favourite Kimberley books. A short explanation of why their choice was made would be helpful. I'm happy to kick off with my list although I might come up with five different books on a different day.



1. *One Wet Season* by Ion L Idriess. Angus & Robertson, Sydney, 1949. I spent four wet seasons in Derby. Derby people know how to entertain themselves in the "wet".
2. *Mates: Images of the Kimberley* by Kevin Shaw. Australian Scholarly Publishing, Melbourne, 2003. I reviewed this book in 2004. Great stories, great photos in black and white of black and white "real" Kimberley people.
3. *The Noonkanbah Story: Profile of an Aboriginal Community in Western Australia* by Erich Kolig. University of Otago Press, Dunedin, 1987. At times a bit dense but gives an anthropological account of the famous "Noonkanbah Dispute", probably the last major episode of "Aboriginal Resistance" in this state.



4. *Raparapa Kularr Martuwarra: All right, now we go 'side down the river, along that sundown way: Stories from the Fitzroy River Drovers* edited by Paul Marshall. Magabala Books, Broome, 1988. The "other side" of the Kimberley pastoral industry. I had the pleasure of meeting quite a few of the authors at various places around the Kimberley. There was the added dimension of looking after their children and grandchildren as well as stitching up a scalp laceration of one of the old drovers at Looma one day.



5. *Stone Age Bushmen of Today* by J R B Love. Blackie and Son, 1936. I grew up as a Presbyterian and was aware at an early age of the church missions. Also the A.I.M., which of course had hospitals in Hall's Creek and Fitzroy Crossing. The mission lugger from Kunmunya actually flew the Cross of Saint Andrew from its mast.

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