

Kimberley Society

Book Note

***The McGuire Mystery; Major the Outlaw; "Pigeon"; and The Tragic Pearl* by W Charnley. Hesperian Press, Carlisle (WA), 2010. Card covers, A5, 18 pages, 19 pages, 27 pages, and 24 pages respectively, RRP \$8.**

Work by Peter Bridge at Hesperian Press has resulted in the publication of six booklets containing articles written by William Campbell Charnley during and after the 1920s. The Kimberley-content booklets are *The McGuire Mystery: Killers of the Kimberley Coast* (ISBN 978-0-85905-008-1), *Pigeon* (ISBN 978-0-85905-006-7), *Major the Outlaw* (ISBN 978-0-85905-003-6), and *The Tragic Pearl* (ISBN 978-0-85905-019-7). The length of these illustrated articles ranges from 18 to 27 pages, and each booklet also contains a biographical note on Charnley. In the note, Peter Bridge writes: "Many of his articles on bush history are in the style we tend to think of as the 'Idriess genre,' but where their subject was identical, Charnley was the chronological leader by many years, and in greater detail. His literary 'mistake' was to write articles rather than books." The saddle-stitched booklets, printed at A5 with stiff card covers, retail at \$8 each.

These booklets are available in selected bookshops or can be purchased direct from [Hesperian Press](http://www.hesperianpress.com.au).

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