



Kimberley Society

Book Note

***Rodeo Darcy* by Alison Gregory with illustrations by Mark Wilson. UWA Press, Nedlands (WA), 2005. Hard cover, 32 pages. ISBN 1 876268 95 6, recommended retail price \$26.95.**

Alison Gregory, well-equipped to know what will appeal to students in remote areas, has drawn on her teaching and library experience to produce this delightful book. Set mostly on the fictitious Narrabri cattle station in the Kimberley, its central character is twelve-year-old Darcy. The book tells how Darcy came to terms with the loss of a man he loved and admired and how, in the process, he became an accomplished rodeo rider.

Classified as a children's picture book, and published under the Cygnet Books imprint, *Rodeo Darcy* contains a surprising amount of information about the lives of contemporary Aboriginal people in the Kimberley. Its illustrations—many of them fairly bursting with action—will appeal to people of all ages.

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