

CHALLENGE 3

BOOK

REVIEW



**SALESIAN
COLLEGE**
CHADSTONE EST.1957

NAME Thomas Maguire-Nguyen

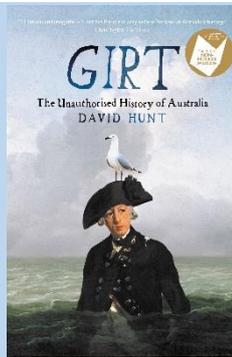
YEAR 7

Book Information

Title: Girt

Author: David Hunt

What type of book is it?



Fiction Chapter Book Non-Fiction (full of facts) Comic Book Other

This Book is about: Early Australian history and the things that happened. It covers Australian history from our megafauna to the death of Macquarie (the last governor of New South Wales). It discusses all the Australian history you *didn't* know about.

My favourite character

Name: James Cook

Because: He said that Australia was 'the most barren piece of land I have ever seen'

Personality:

Intrepid, Honest and, in Hawaii, Tasty

My least favourite character

Name: Sir Joseph Banks

Because: He was quite snobby and stuck-up.

Personality:

Posh, Privileged, Inconsiderate, Selfish

Can you name two things you learnt from this book?

- 1 I have learnt that one of the staples of early Australia was rum.
- 2 Irish prisoners attempted to walk to China from Sydney using a hand-drawn compass.

Why did you choose this book?

- 1 Because I think that it covered a lot of history while still being very entertaining.
- 2 I only just read it and it has now become one of my favourite books.

CHALLENGE 3: Book Review continued**I found this book by:**

- I was given it
- Browsing the RRC eBooks
- Recommended by family and friends

Was the book as good as the cover?

- Yes
- No

More to Add?

Write a book review in your own words between 200 to 300 words. Your book review may be published on the College Blog.

(To attempt to present the ideas or words of another person as one's own is known as Plagiarism.)

One of the reasons non-fiction is not as popular as fiction is that people see Non Fiction books as boring. People think that non-fiction means endless facts, monotonous sentences and the book taking itself way too seriously. Girt turns this thinking on its head. David Hunt has created an absolute masterpiece of a book, with great use of sarcasm and satirical humour. The fact that he uses little gems of Australian history only makes the book all the better. Instead of talking about James Cook for the first few chapters, he also talks about the Dutch obsession of nailing plates to their new territories. Hunt delivers his book in a unique way, with references to ABBA and Paul Keating thrown in for fun. Apart from its entertainment value, it contains a **lot** of information. Girt is a surprisingly in-depth book with lots of facts which go into incredible detail. I learnt so much about classic Australian history and I now feel confident about my Australian history knowledge. This book was obviously written with a very clear vision in mind, to make an interesting and funny book, and David Hunt has definitely succeeded.

Email your completed review to library@salesian.vic.edu.au by **Friday 19 June 2020**.

You will be awarded 2 merits for completing this activity.