

Tales of the Diggers out now

***The Forgotten Anzacs*, Peter Ewer, Scribe, \$39.95**

METICULOUSLY researched, this landmark book covers the disastrous Anzac campaign of Greece and Crete in 1941. Ewer tracked down 33 Australian and Kiwi veterans and two Greek resistance fighters in a five-year project.

***The Shattered Anzacs, Living with the scars of war*, Marina Larsson, UNSW Press, \$39.95**

AN involved and thoroughly researched book on a worthy subject which is rarely written about but important for understanding the heavy financial, psychological and social cost to families and the community of Australia's 90,000 injured World War I veterans.

***Aussie Soldier, Prisoners of War*, Denny Neave and Craig Smith, Big Sky Publishing \$34.95**

THIS book contains quotes from more than 100 soldiers who were prisoners of war focusing on Singapore and the Burma

railway but also including the Boer War, Crete and World War I. There are 11 chapters covering topics such as daily life, escape, war crimes and coming home.

***The Donkey who Carried the Wounded*, Jackie French, Harper Collins, \$14.99**

THIS is a young adult book by award-winning author Jackie French. Most Australians know the story of Simpson and his donkey, which tells of the courageous Digger and his mate who became heroes at Gallipoli for transporting the wounded to safety.

***Charlie Don't Surf but Aussies Do*, Stuart Scott, self-published, \$30**

THIS is not necessarily an Anzac Day book, but it is worth a read. A Queensland author, Scott's book tells the story of Australian soldiers surfing during the Vietnam War on a beach protected by barbed wire and machinegun emplacements.

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