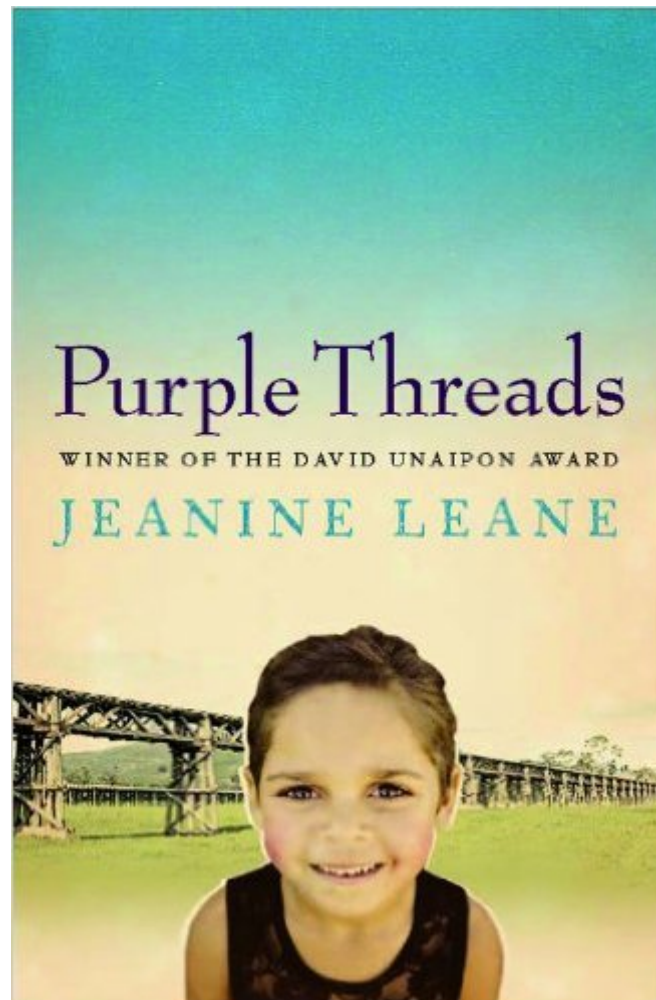


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# Purple Threads



## Synopsis

Winner of the 2010 David Unaipon Award for Indigenous Writing, *Purple Threads* is a humorous collection of rural yarns by a gifted storyteller. Jeanine Leane grew up on a sheep farm near Gundagai, and the stories are based on her childhood experiences in a house full of fiercely independent women. In between Aunty Boo's surveillance of the local farmers' sheep dip alliance and Aunty Bubby's fireside tales of the Punic Wars, the women offer sage advice to their nieces on growing up as Indigenous girls in a white country town. The cast of strong Aboriginal women in a rural setting gives a fascinating insight into both Aboriginal and rural life. Farming is not an easy pursuit for anyone, but the Aunties take all the challenges in their stride, facing torrential rain, violent neighbours and injured dogs with an equal mix of humour and courage.

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Jeanine Leane weaves a story of generations of Australian women that touches on love, regret, family and the loneliness of distance. Leane's descriptions of the Australian landscape are pulsating with life and colour and a land that is as diverse as the characters in the story. The women are the

heroes of their own lives in this story, independent, resilient and original they live their lives outside the rules and conventions of their white neighbours, surviving and finding delight in simple pleasures. Where this could be a novel about the stolen generation or racism or repression, it is not. It is an uplifting tale of dancing to the beat of your own drum. To looking at struggles as opportunities and finding beauty in the everyday.

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