



Inheritance **by Carole Wilkinson**

Reviewed by Julie

A time-slip novel that works as a companion novel to *Young Dark Emu*.

As unlikely as this sounds, Carole Wilkinson has created just that in her latest fantasy/historical offering.

Nic is left in the care of her grandfather at the remote family property that was once her mother's childhood home, a place with thirty rooms, three dogs and no mobile reception. Left to her own devices, she searches for clues about her mother who died the day Nic was born. But when Nic learns how to slip through time, she discovers that the past holds a dark and shocking secret that haunts the land and the people who live there.

Set in south-western Victoria, Nic is transported back to a place well known to this reviewer but (like in *Young Dark Emu*) to stories never told. It's a time of early European settlement. Aboriginals are living in permanent stone dwellings, constructing fish traps and being all together more settled than any story the reviewer was told at school

Then along come the Squatters. And they are not willing to share 'their' land...

Highly recommended.

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