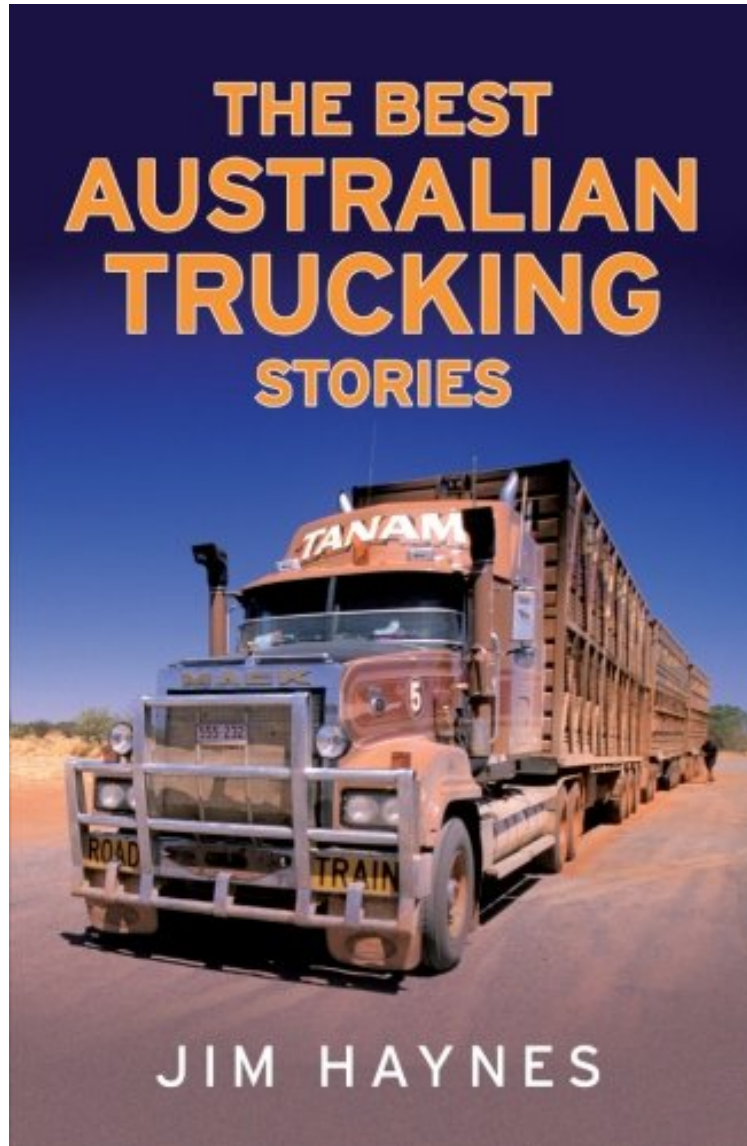


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This first-ever collection of stories about Aussie truckers captures the humor, tragedy, and fascinating history of their world. The trucker's job—so vital to everyday life—makes for a diverse treasure trove of stories that will make you laugh and cry, and keep you on the edge of your seat. These weird and wonderful true stories from truckers from all over Australia prove once again that truth is often stranger, funnier, and more inspiring than fiction. The unlikely yarns and bizarre tales, collected by Jim Haynes, quickly transport the reader into the intriguing but often hard and lonely world of the long-distance truck driver. There are stories of endurance while crossing the Nullarbor in the early 1950s, of rescuing mates stranded in the desert and dumping wheat in protest at Parliament House, of repossessing vehicles in suburban Adelaide, and of men imprisoned during the long political battle to make the roads of Australia free to carry freight. Steeped in larrikinism, these are salt-of-the-earth Aussie voices from the most genuine characters to ever spin a yarn. But it's not just a rollicking ride—in this collection you'll also find deeply affecting stories that will break the hardest heart. Whether you're interested in one of the greatest social revolutions that has shaped the Australian nation, or in this modern batch of pioneers who astound with their resourcefulness and never-say-die perseverance, or whether you're just after a laugh and a bloody good story, this book is a must-read.

About the Author Jim Haynes has traveled far and wide to meet and interview the people whose stories make up this book. From his days as part of the Slim Dusty touring show, Jim has been aware of special nature of the trucking industry in both rural and urban Australia. Before becoming a professional entertainer, songwriter, verse writer, and singer in 1988, Jim Haynes taught writing, literature, history, and drama in schools and universities.