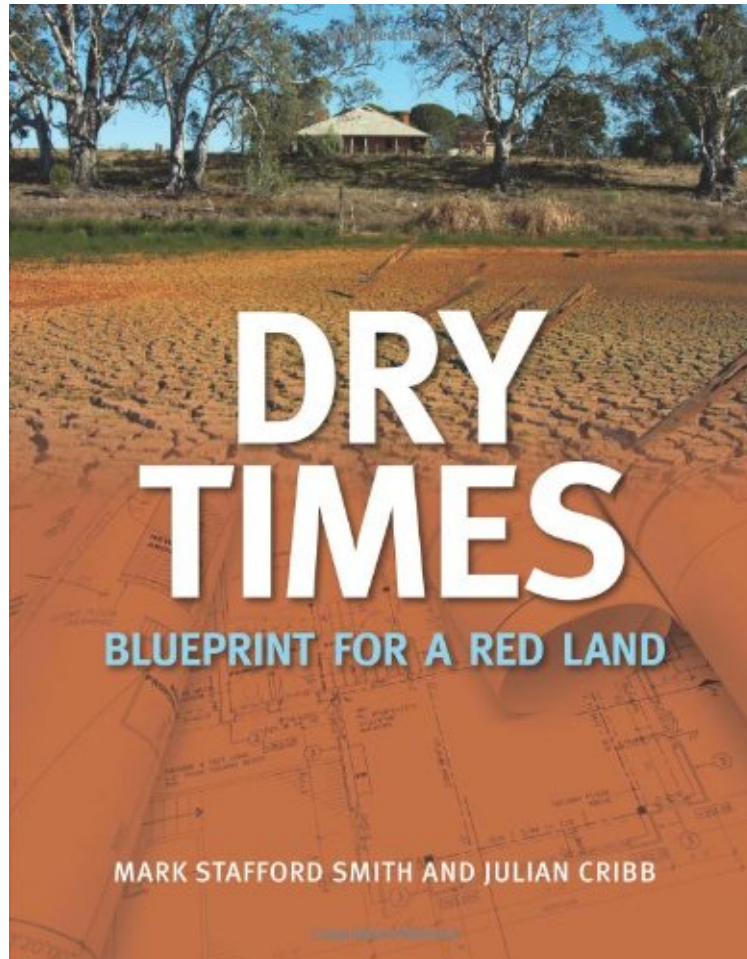


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With the knowledge from their deserts, Australians can reshape the human story. The desert is teaching them new ways to live, manage slender resources, and cope with lack of water and energy, harsh climate and isolation. These issues will confront most of the worlds citizens in the 21st Century, as climate change, population growth and resource scarcity impact on society. The deserts also teach what it is to be Australian, how to dwell within the rhythms and constraints of a vast continent that is three quarters arid. Australians find it hard to decide about the Outback: is it remote and unassailable or at the core of their national identity? Endlessly Australians debate whether they should develop the inland or ignore it, because it's too hard and too costly. Learning how to live well in this desert lies at the

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