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# This Thirsty Heart

A journey in the deserts of Australia  
by  
Ian Robinson



### *About the book*

The desert is the heart of Australia. Some people think of deserts with affection and awe, others with dread. Yet most Australians have never been to the desert. Waiting for them are majestic sunsets, and nights around the campfire under the sizzling clear stars, where the immensity touches the soul.

The power of the desert is something humans have known for thousands of years but have lost in the concrete and busyness of modern urban life. This book is about rediscovering that beauty and wisdom. You will read of the life-changing experiences of people who have journeyed in the desert with Ian, and of the explorers who preceded him. The stories are honest and inspiring. The photographs are evocative.

### *About the author*

Ian Robinson has travelled over 60,000 kilometres in Australia's deserts. He was the first person to cross all seven of Australia's deserts in a continuous trip and he is one of Australia's leading speakers on deserts and the way they affect all those who travel there.

Ian completed a doctorate in this field and each year speaks to hundreds in community, academic and church groups. Over the past eight years he has led over 300 people on four-wheel-drive desert explorations, helping them discover the beauty of the desert and the wisdom that can be found there.

"The desert's richness inspires us to understand that all is not what it first seems. *The Thirsty Heart* takes us on a journey that enlightens and empowers us all."  
Rev Tim Costello AO, chief executive officer, World Vision Australia

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"Writing in a distinctive Australian context and accent, Ian challenges us to journey physically and spiritually from the edges to the heartland, from superficiality to depth. Pragmatic and poetic, mystical and matter of fact, prophetic and pastoral, this book will provoke readers into a deeper engagement with life and help us discover abundance in the everyday. I recommend it highly."

Rev Alistair Macrae, President, National Assembly Uniting Church in Australia

*"This Thirsty Heart* invites you to journey into the Australian desert. It arouses your thirst for quiet Mystery hidden in this vast land, and quenches it."

Dr Stephen Truscott SM, Director, Fullness of Life Centre

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