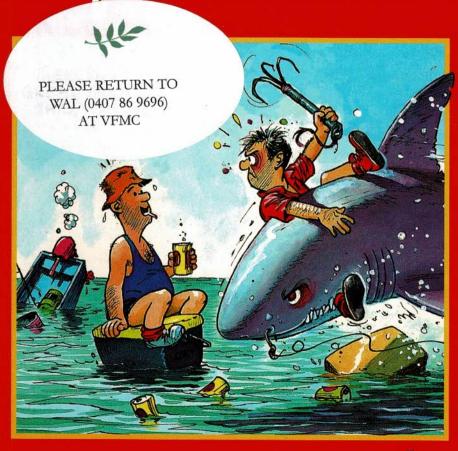
YARNS!

Didja Hear About...



MIKE HAYES



Didja Hear About ... the pig with more talent than Babe—but who wasn't appreciated nearly as much? ... the calf that travelled in style in a pram? ... the bull who challenged himself to a duel to the death? If you haven't, you'll find their stories in this book, the third in a series of Great Aussie Yarns compiled by Prickle Farm storyteller, Mike Hayes.

Australia's pioneering heritage of struggle, hardship, droughts, disasters and disappointments, has always been balanced by its parallel tradition of ratbags, optimists, spielers, characters, jokers and people who just refuse to take anything too seriously. The result has been what we now recognise as the traditional Australian yarn—our unique history recorded by laughter.

By being prepared to poke fun at ourselves, we've been able to laugh off the rest of the universe and whatever it tries to sling our way.

This third volume in ABC Books' Yarns! series includes scores more stories from ordinary Australians—people who entered ABC Radio's Search For The Great Aussie Yarn. Like the previous books, Yarns! and Tell Us Anotheree, it proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that we succeeded in our quest. The only thing is, we didn't find just one Great Aussie Yarn—we found hundreds of them ... and there are undoubtedly squillions of them being experienced, extolled, extended and exaggerated.

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