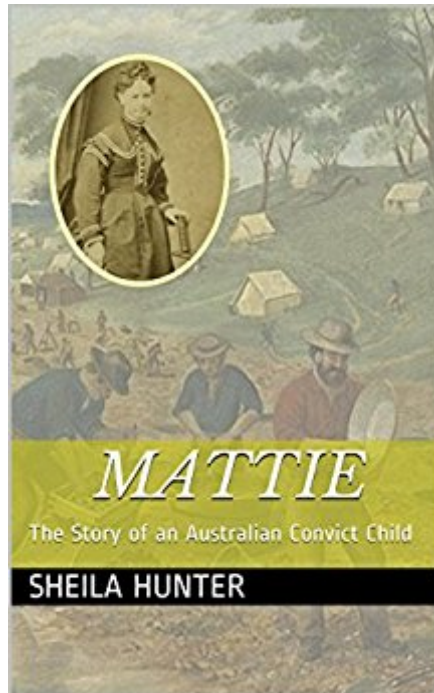




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Mattie aged 12 is convicted for petty theft, given the sentence of 7 years and is sent to Australia. She meets another convict woman who at her death gives Mattie a chance for a new life. Mattie makes the most of everything that comes her way. She earns her freedom, falls in love, marries and becomes a mother. Life is not kind to her. She meets bushrangers; moves to the Gold Fields in Bathurst and starts a store. Mattie is the kind of woman that made Australia what it is today.

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purchase. I really liked the book. I now know what people went thru in the 1800. Mattie after given a chance to better herself did just that. She ended up giving her children an education & owning a whole town. She grew in every way learning how to read & write & learn math. For being a widow with 3 children was not an easy task in this wild but beautiful country. The story had some twists & surprises.

Set in the time of Charles Dickson, it is sad, as is Oliver twist. However, it showed how the convicts managed to settle Australia along with a few People from England who were drawn by the idea of a great adventure, and how the convicts got along with many of the other immigrants.

This is a good yarn but, as I realized later, the writing style would rather be aimed at pre- teenage girls than at adults, The story itself is very informative of conditions at that time, both in Ireland as well as in Australia

Very, very good. Did not want it to end.

Good reading taking you back into how life was lived in the early years of the gold rush era in Australia. Light reading very enjoyable!

Mattie's story is full of the history and customs of that time in Australia. It's a page-Turner with wonderful characters

A good book. Interesting and moving.

This was a really lovely story

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