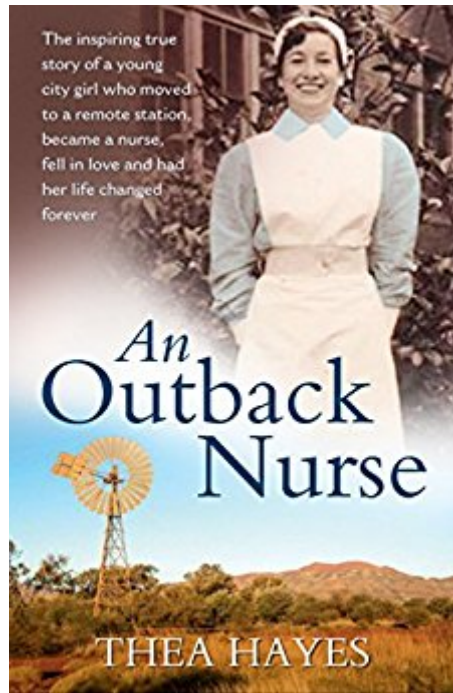




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# An Outback Nurse



## Synopsis

Thea Hayes trained as a Nurse in Sydney in 1959. A year later she was catapulted out of the safety of her city life into the unknown world of the Outback. Thea knew nothing of the place she was soon to call home, Wave Hill Station in the Northern Territory, the second largest property in the world under one management. It covered four million acres! With nervous excitement, Thea accepted the job and flew to the Northern Territory where her life was about to change dramatically. This is a story of growing up, falling in love and finding your home.

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## Customer Reviews

Wow! this book was very hard to put down, Thea Hayes is just a wonderful woman, to go from a city girl to the hardships of the outback and excel in everything she did, to fall in love and marry and to raise her children, the story is just lovely from working with the men of the land and also to help and train the aboriginals, she makes it all sound romantic and fun, the hardships she had to endure, the heat the wet seasons and just the everyday running of a big cattle station. I think I will have to read it again to take it all in. Great job to all women of the outback..

I was disappointed this book barely touched on her experiences as a nurse. I was hoping to read about her encounters from a medical perspective but the book, whilst interesting, focussed more on the people she was working with on the various stations. It is a good snapshot of the challenges of living in this extreme environment, but for me more of her actual nursing experiences would have been good.

I met the author while in Australia on a wetland tour. The plight of the Aborigines people and the hardships in early Australia interested me. Thea writes of her young life in a cattle camp as the nurse in a light, positive way. She impacted many people in her career with her nursing skills.

It threw new light on life in outback Australia, particularly in regard to the situation on Wave Hill. An interesting life, well lived.

I thoroughly enjoyed Thea's portrayal of both life as an outback nurse and of station life in the NT in the 60's and 70's. The story of Wave Hill was fascinating and appeared to be unbiased.

Great invitation to experience everyday life in The Outback of Australia, including the joys and sorrows of a family.

Interesting and well written book about life in a remote part of australia, the relationships with the aboriginals and the effects of living some distance from everyday facilities we tend to take for granted.

I really enjoyed this book as I have lived in the Northern Territory so I could relate to the outback ways.. An easy read and also informative , but in a relaxed story telling way.

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