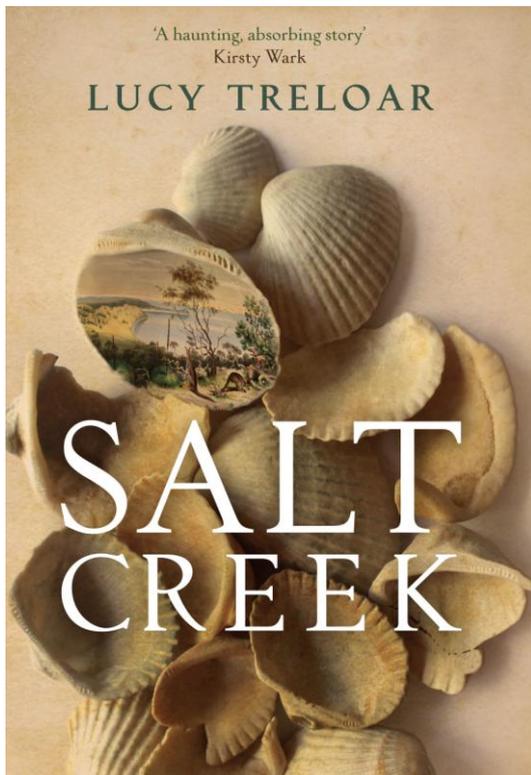


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**Salt Creek**  
Lucy Treloar



**'Hester Finch is a wonderful character – the brave heart of this haunting, absorbing story' Kirsty Wark**

A tale of love, duty, hardship and intolerance through the eyes of a strong woman in 1850s colonial Australia.

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*A part of me will always live at Salt Creek though it is on the far side of the world...*

Hester Finch's comfortable life in Chichester, England, could not be further from the hardship her family endured on leaving Adelaide for Salt Creek in 1855. Yet she finds her thoughts drawn to that beautiful, inhospitable outcrop of South Australia and the connections she and her siblings forged there: encounters with passing travellers and the local indigenous people – in particular a boy, Tully, whom Hester's father seeks to educate almost as his own son – would change the fates of the Finches, and of the area's first people, for ever.

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**About the author**

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**'Salt Creek is a novel alive with character, history and poetry, leading us with careful understatement into the unfamiliar world of the Coorong region of Southern Australia.' The judges of the Walter Scott Prize for Historical Fiction**