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Black Snake Overview

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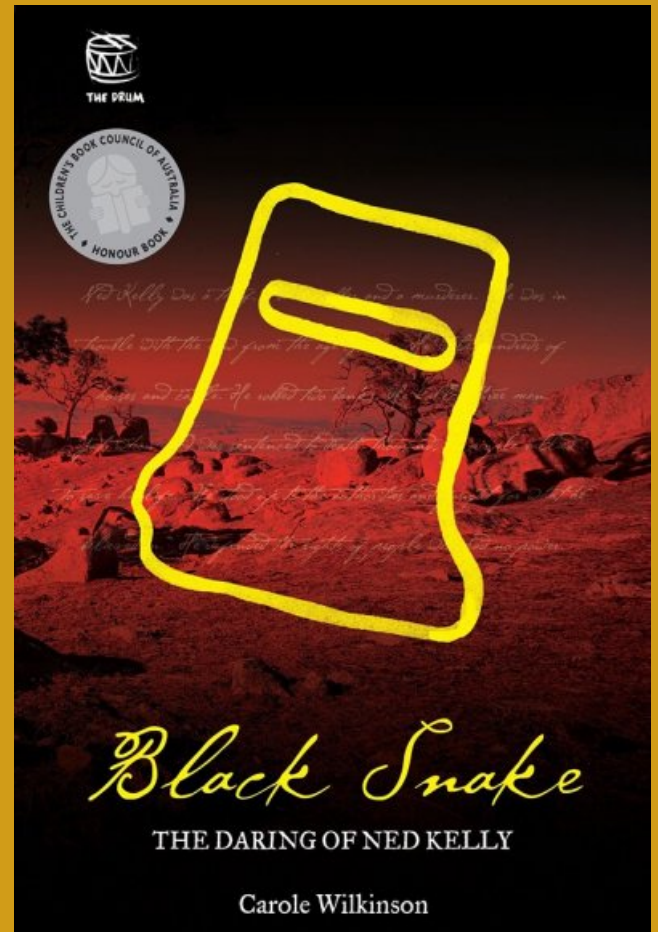
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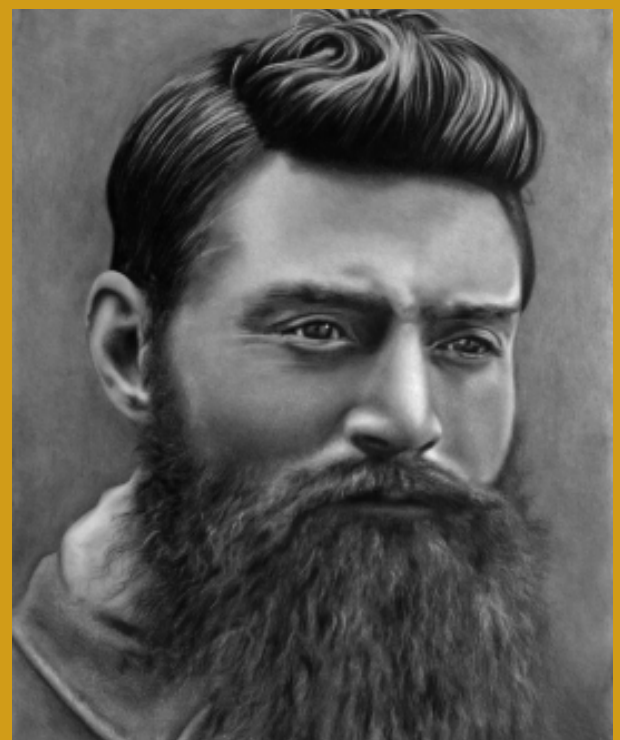
Black Snake is all about Ned Kelly and his family. In this book you will find some of the interesting events of Ned Kelly and his family. Ned lived a hard life and he and his family had to spend most of their lives in jail! Ned was in love with horses and usually stole them just to go for a ride! Now every time a horse goes missing Ned is the one blamed for it!



Who is Ned Kelly?

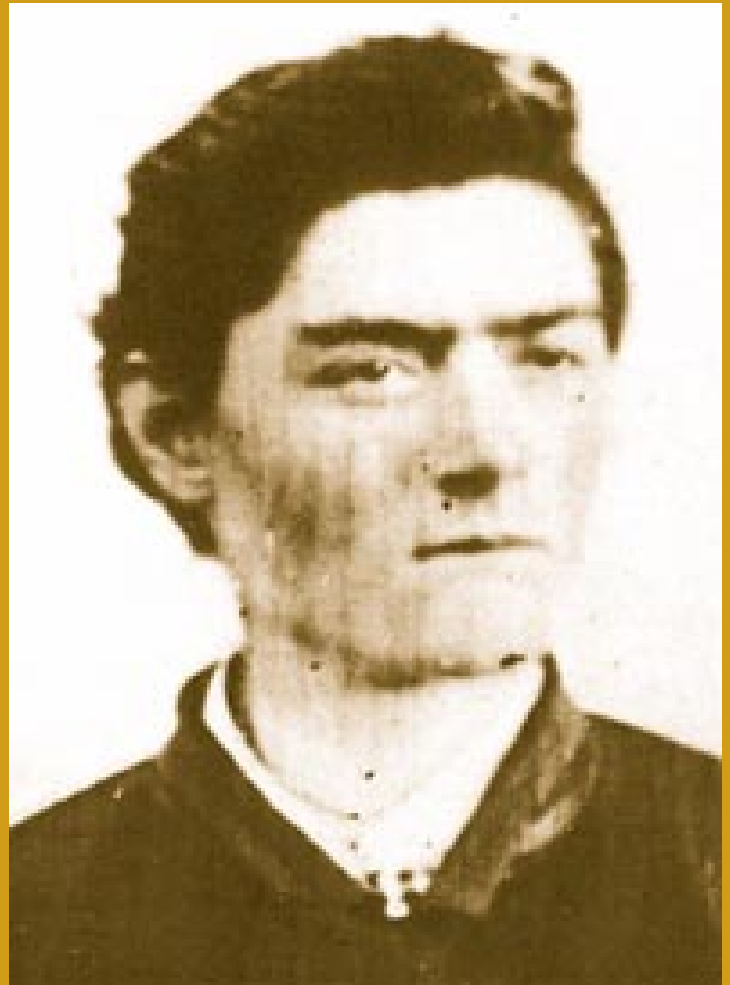
Ned Kelly is a man that is very well known today! He was born in December 1854 and died in November 1880.

Ned Kelly had a strong relationship with horses. He stole many of them but took great care of every one he stole.



Young Ned

When Ned Kelly was young he was a horse and cattle thief. Also a bank robber and a murderer. Poor Ned was in trouble with the police from the age of 12. He spent three years in jail from 17 years old. When he was 20 he was let out of jail. He had stolen many castles and horses plus he had robbed two banks and killed three men



Jacob's Black Mare

It has been one week since Jacob saw his horse, and this horse was a black mare with flash on her head that was shaped like a diamond! Jacob knew all about the Kelly's and he expected it to be one of them so he sent someone down to check! However the horse was not to be seen so, he put a reward of 15 shillings for whoever finds the horse. The very next day Young Ned came along and said he had found the horse on a hill, he then asked for the reward. This horse however had been so kind and gentle with Ned that it wouldn't make sense if Ned had just found the horse. So Jacob told Ned to leave without a reward, Ned got very mad but still left.



Heroic Ned

One fine afternoon a family called the Sheltons had been angry about their stolen horse! But Ned did something truly incredible. The Sheltons had a son whose name was Dick. He was walking along a pathway and toppled into the river! Unfortunately for Dick he couldn't swim. But at that very moment Ned was walking along the same path.

Instead of leaving him there to drown he jumped into the river and brought him back out of the river! When he got to the Sheltons house the Sheltons rewarded him with a special green sash. Ned was very proud of this sash and the Sheltons forgave him for the stolen horse!



This is the Green Sash



Constable's Mistake

It was a pleasant day as Young Ned rode his horse around and then he saw a man driving a Hawker wagon and strolled up next to him. Ned told him about the horse he was riding but didn't tell him that he had stolen it. As they rode over the Bridge into Greta a man called Constable Hall told Ned to stop the horse. He told Ned that there were a few papers for him to sign so he rode over to Hall and just as he got there Constable Hall grabbed him, but Ned pulled away. Constable Hall grabbed him again but Ned let Hall take him down which sent them tumbling down! Hall announced that he was arresting him for the stolen horse. Ned ran after the horse before it could get away but Hall halted him! Ned turned around to find a revolver pointing right at his face!



Ned allowed Hall to shoot but the gun misfired 3 times! After that Ned dived in and grabbed the gun with one hand whilst grabbing his neck with the other. Unfortunately for Ned 12 men had already surrounded him so Hall took the gun out of Ned's grasp and whacked him over the head many times!



An Awful Arrestment

It was a normal day at the Kelly house dinner was served and Dan Kelly just arrived. As he sat down eating Kate Kelly was rocking the baby until the doorbell rang! Just as Kelly went to get the door Dan got up and answered it instead. At the door was Constable Fitzpatrick who had come to arrest Dan for stealing a horse. Dan asked if he could finish he's dinner but he didn't answer and just came in! After Dan finished his dinner he went to go grab his coat. Fitzpatrick went over to Kate and grabbed her and pulled her into his lap! She yelled and screamed and Dan came back with his coat, Dan's mum yelled over and over "ABUSE". Then she grabbed a shovel and knocked Fitzpatrick over the head.



Fitzpatrick then reached down to grab his revolver just as Ned walked through the door! Dan jumped at then gun but before he could take it off Patrick's hand he fired! The bullet ended up skimming his own wrist!

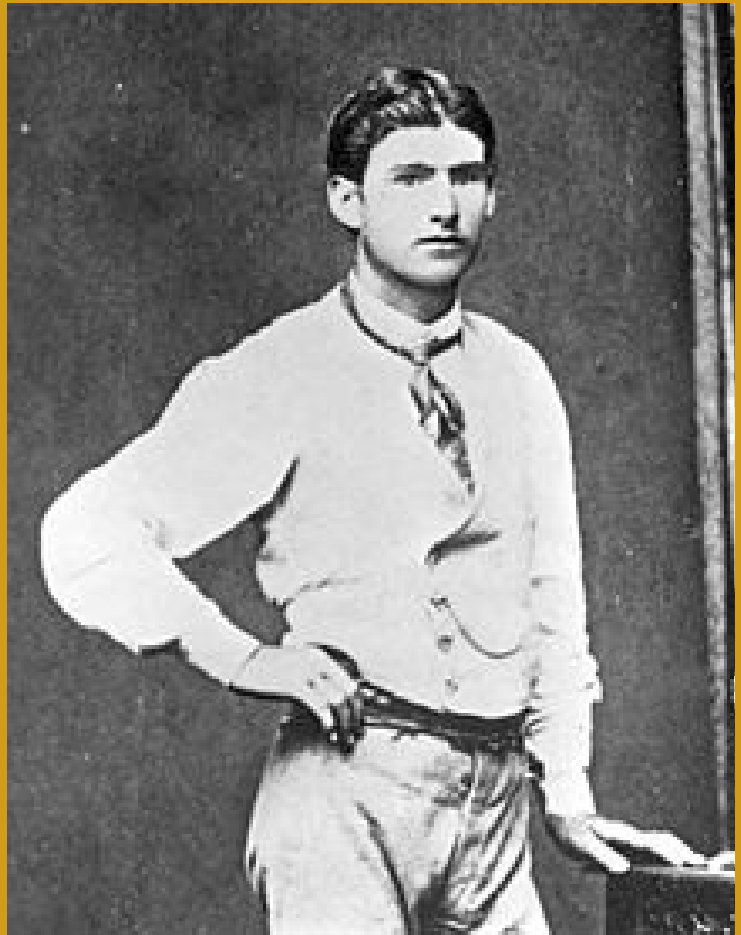


A Silent Robbery

Dan Kelly slowly crept up to the maid very silently then grabbed her by the mouth and told her to not make a sound! He took her into the house and then she asked "Is it the Kelly Gang?"

Dan replied and told her his name. They then went into the house and waited for Ned and Steve Hart to give a signal! After the money was collected Mr Scott tried to stop Ned from entering the rooms where the rest of the family was, but Ned still went in! Ned told everyone to get up and they followed him into wagons then drove off. After

time they arrived at Faithfull's Creek Homestead (The Gang's Hideout) The Housekeeper made dinner and invited them all to eat! Ned Kelly sat and talked to Mrs Scott, while Dan Kelly sat with Fanny Shaw



Young Steve Hart

At half past nine Ned suddenly said that it was time to go! Fanny asked Dan for a souvenir he gave her a brand new six pence from the money they stole and a bullet with his initials carved into it!



Kelly Gang Robbery

The Kelly Gang entered the Jerilderie Bank grabbed Mr Living and went to find John Tarleton! They found him and asked for the second vault key! (This vault required two keys to open it! Without hesitation he handed over the key scared of the two revolvers in each of Ned's hands. After that they opened the vault and grabbed all the money, but they were disappointed that there wasn't much. After that they took John and Mr Living to the Royal Mail and bought them drinks. After this Ned Kelly told them about the police and how they lectured him, and made him murder three of them! John saw his Junior Clerck and told him to fetch his horse. By the time the crowd grew Ned was out in the street talking to Reverend Gribble. John made sure no one was watching then he went to the back of the hotel, were the Junior Clerk was holding the horse! John got on the horse and left!



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