

I am not sure if the anthology's title *Enough Already* is a *crie de coeur* upon finishing the whole book or simply a trite Jewish expression. However, like a good meal, even though you are replete, it is not long before you start all over again.

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## THE SEARCH FOR AN AUSTRALIAN PARADISE

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**B**ill Hornadge likes to document quirky parts of Australia's past in his easy to read writing style. In this book he traces three centuries of searches for the perfect paradise while making his own social and political comments along the way.

His acknowledgments and bibliographic notes attest to careful research on the forays from his home town of Dubbo. For his chapter on the Kimberley scheme called 'The Israel of Oz', he acknowledges Gettler's *Unpromised Land*, Rubinstein's *Chosen*, Rutland's *Edge of the Diaspora*, Mossenson's *Hebrew, Israelite, Jew* and Medding's *From Assimilation to Group Survival*. Unfortunately his careful research is not always mirrored in his proof reading and niggling errors have crept into this chapter. He spells Herzl as Herz twice.

As background to Steinberg's Australian scheme, he also discusses the Jewish settlement of Birobidzhan in Siberia on the border of Manchuria which had 20,000 Jews in 1914 and 30,000 in 1948. The Jewish episode in Australia will make interesting reading for those who do not know the story and sits well with the other multicultural paradises outlined by Hornadge. He follows this chapter by 'Bob's Kibbutzim Plan' about Bob Hawke's ideas to solve youth unemployment in the 1970s.

An unfortunate omission in an otherwise fascinating book is an index which would have been very useful.

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