

MOONDYNE JOE

BOOK FIFTH

THE VALLEY OF THE VASSE

VIII THE BUSH-FIRE

It was the afternoon of a day of oppressive heat on which Mr. Wyville and Hamerton started from Perth to ride to the mountains of the Vasse. They were lightly equipped, carrying with them the few necessities for the primitive life of the bush.

"If your wife does not reach Pinjarra tonight in safety, I shall hold you accountable. I overheard your late speech to her."

"I did not see it," he answered quietly. "I knew it was there. I once knew a man to be chained to that tree."

He smoked the cinders and burning brambles floated and fell on man and horse.

THE WATERS OF CONTRADICTION BY ANNA C. MINOGUE Author of "Cardome," "Borrowed From the Night"

The year after the war beheld Miss Cora installed as teacher in one of the less important district schools, for trustees were averse to bestowing the pitiful public funds, then paid to instructors, upon one, who, they remembered, had no experience, and they doubted if much knowledge.

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