

HEADING SOUTH

by **TIM RICHARDS**

KEYNOTE

Featuring some of Australia's most iconic rail journeys, *Heading South* celebrates the unique joys of train travel and is the perfect book for the armchair traveller.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Freelance travel writer and Lonely Planet guidebook contributor Tim Richards decides to shake up his life by taking an epic rail journey across Australia. Jumping aboard iconic trains like the *Indian Pacific*, *Overland* and *Spirit of Queensland*, he covers over 7,000 kilometres, from the tropics to the desert and from big cities to ghost towns. Tim's journey is one of classic travel highs and lows: floods, cancellations, extraordinary landscapes and forays into personal and public histories – as well as the steady joy of random strangers encountered along the way.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Tim Richards is a freelance travel writer whose work has appeared in publications around the world, including Lonely Planet's guidebooks. He fell into travel writing after living and teaching in Egypt and Poland, and is especially drawn to the former communist countries of Central and Eastern Europe. He's a light-packing obsessive, and loves chasing down a story with a historical angle. He lives in Melbourne's lively central business district with his novelist wife, Narrelle M. Harris.



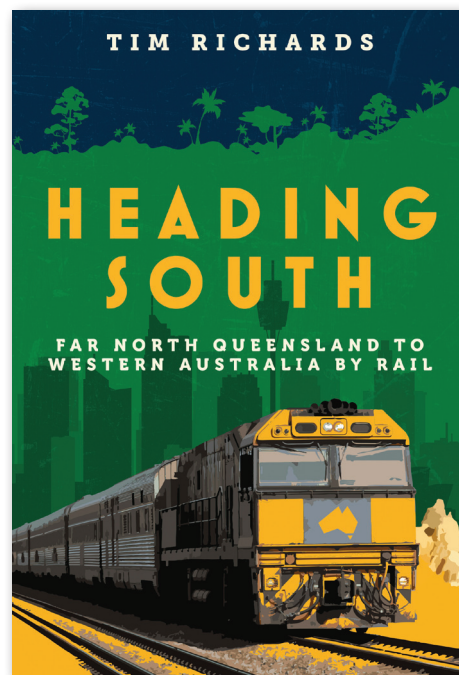
KEY POINTS

- Tim contributes travel articles regularly to Traveller, the travel section of the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *Age* newspapers.
- He's the author of travel books including *The Kick of Stalin's Cow*, about Poland, and the fantasy adventure novel *Mind the Gap*, and writes regularly about travel at his Patreon site, patreon.com/timrichards.

PRAISE FOR THE BOOK

'Giant crocs, commando publicans, the ghosts of Burke and Wills. Tim's long and winding rail trek is a perfect escape.' John Birmingham, author of *He Died with a Felafel in His Hand*

'All the way it's clear that this is a man in love with train travel, a true rail fan.' Tony Wheeler, co-founder of Lonely Planet



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