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## Five Acre Virgin and other stories ELIZABETH JOLLEY

### About the Book

*Five Acre Virgin and Other Stories* brings together two highly acclaimed collections of Elizabeth Jolley's short fiction so a new generation of readers can enjoy her unique combination of unsentimental realism and original humour.

*Five Acre Virgin* and *The Travelling Entertainer* introduced Jolley as a major Australian talent. She went on to win numerous awards, including the Age Book of the Year Award (three times) and the Miles Franklin Award.

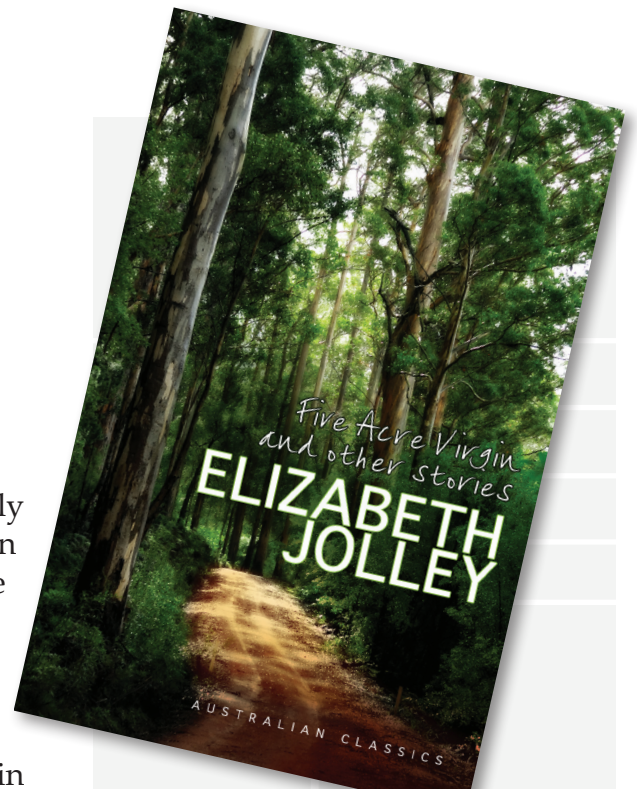
*Five Acre Virgin and Other Stories* includes an insightful foreword by Jolley's long-time agent and friend, Caroline Lurie.

### About the Author

Elizabeth Jolley was born in the industrial Midlands of England and came to Western Australia in 1959 with her husband. She published twenty-three books, including novels, short fiction, poetry, non-fiction and plays. Celebrated as one of Australia's major writers, she also established a formidable international reputation, with books published throughout the world. She received an Order of Australia for services to Australian literature and was awarded honorary doctorates from four universities. She died in February 2007.

### Media Points

- There has been renewed interest in the works of Elizabeth Jolley since the publication of her biography in 2008.
- Exclusive insights into the life and work of the artist are provided in the foreword by Caroline Lurie —Jolley's friend and agent.
- Part of the Fremantle Press Australian Classics series that includes Jolley's novel *The Newspaper of Claremont Street* and *The Hills of Apollo Bay* by Peter Cowan.



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