

## THE EDWARD STREET BABY FARM by STELLA BUDRIKIS

### ABOUT THE BOOK

The Alice Mitchell murder trial gripped the nation. This book retraces this infamous 'baby farm' tragedy that led to legislative changes to protect children's welfare.

In 1907, Alice Mitchell was arrested for the murder of five-month-old Ethel Booth. During the inquest and subsequent trial, the public was horrified to learn that at least 37 infants had died in Mitchell's care in the previous six years. It became clear that she had been running a 'baby farm', making a profit out of caring for the children of single mothers and other 'unfortunate women'.

The case raised questions about how so many infants could die, in apparently squalid conditions, implicating Perth's first female health inspector, Harriet Lenihan, who visited regularly and Dr Edward Officer, a children's specialist, who had signed most of the death certificates.

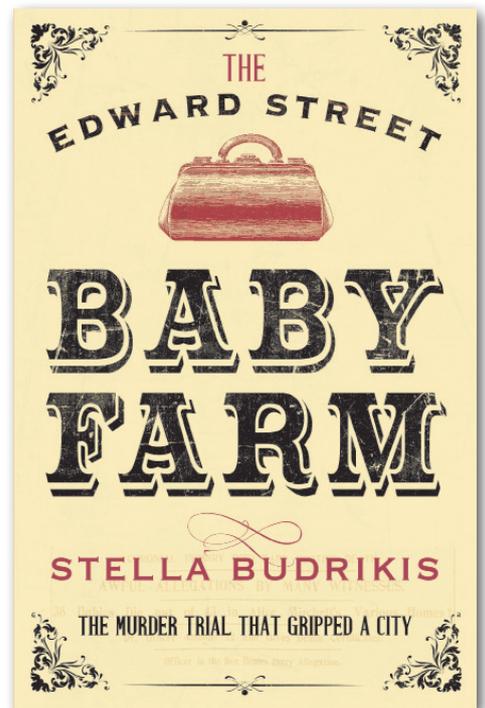
### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Stella Budrikis was born in England but has lived in Western Australia for most of her life. She has worked as a general practitioner, pastoral carer, addictions clinic doctor and freelance writer. Stella is married with two grown-up daughters and enjoys researching family and social history.



### KEY POINTS

- *The Edward Street Baby Farm* will be of interest to those who enjoy reading biography, particularly interwoven biographies of several characters, and those who are readers of narrative non-fiction.
- It will appeal to fans of Erik Larson, Kate Summerscale, Simon Winchester and Robert Wainwright.
- Stella who is a medical practitioner herself, pulls no punches when it comes to writing about the profession as it was in the early part of the 20th century.
- She enjoys running her history blog: [clogsandclippers.blogspot.com](http://clogsandclippers.blogspot.com) and in 2017 she published a biography of her great-great-grandmother called *Susan*.
- She has a wealth of information to pass on about researching local and family history and she is available for interviews.



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