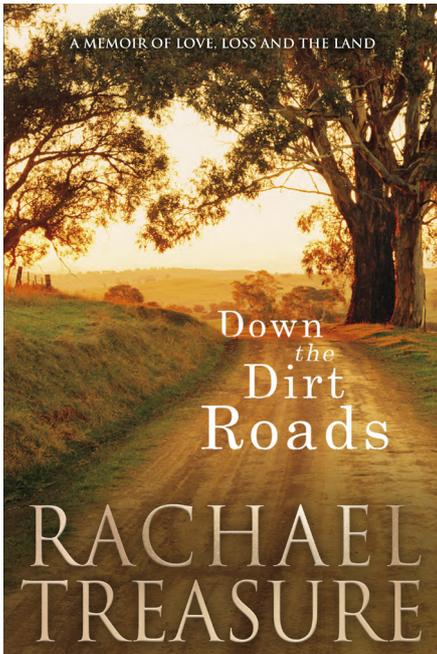




DOWN THE DIRT ROADS

Rachael Treasure

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'For me, being in a paddock means anything is possible'

From Australia's leading rural writer and environmental entrepreneur, ***Down the Dirt Roads*** is a powerful and moving memoir about healing, health and hope.

Country girl and bestselling novelist **Rachael Treasure** seemed to have it all, a long-dreamed-of lifestyle on her own patch of dirt in Tasmania's rugged and beautiful wilderness. But through the breakdown of her marriage, Rachael lost her family farm and, in her words, lost her way in life.

Discovering an all-new compass to live by, she took her two kids and her dogs and left the beaten path. Mass production, intensive farming, men on the land and women in the home – everywhere Rachael looked she saw ongoing harm to the soil and the foodchain. By going down the dirt roads and getting back to grassroots, she discovered another set of stories about country life in Australia, and a different way to live on the land. From her rebel granny to pioneering farmers and passionate animal handlers, Rachael became inspired by fresh ways to do things.

Nourishing and sustaining, ***Down the Dirt Roads*** presents a practical and positive vision of what life on our land could become.



ABOUT

Rachael lives in Southern rural Tasmania and is a full time mother to two young humans and many eccentric animals. She has been dubbed an agricultural activist, feminine change-agent and literary pioneer and has worked as a rural journalist, radio broadcaster, truffle sniffer dog handler, professional wool classer, stock camp cook, drover, farm manager and working dog trainer. Her stories have inspired thousands of young and old rural non-readers to read and love books, and motivated students to choose a career in agriculture.

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