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In the midst of bloodshed and rebellion a new generation struggled to be born...

Through heartbreak and tragic loss they had fashioned a new life in the land of their exile. But even now they could not rest securely. The courage of beautiful Abigail Tempest, newly arrived sixteen year old heiress to a vast land grant..the mettle of Justin Broome, with his father's adventurous blood running hot in his veins...the loyalty of Andrew Hawley and the passionate faith of Jenny Broome - all would be tested to their very limit.

A new generation struggled to put down roots in precarious soil as treacherous forces defied king and country, threatening to destroy everything the settlers had sacrificed so much to build.

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Dee ~ Proudest Nanna Of Newborn Millie ~ says

Finished finally, but it was worth the time. This is the third book, and continues the lives of the people who first settled in Australia's harsh, unforgiving wilderness. I love these books because of the fiction mixed with fact. So enjoying learning of place names, geographical names, and how these hard working pioneers carved out a life for themselves.

D.A. Cairns says

Maybe the magic is wearing off. I didn't quite get into this installment of the Australians as much as the previous two. The focus is really on Governor Bligh towards whom my feelings are totally ambivalent even though he unquestionably did right by the free settlers and emancipists who thought highly of him.

I think the struggle between Bligh and the Rum Corps, led by Macarthur who comes across as thoroughly unlikeable, was inevitable but I kept hoping that popular support would save him. I don't know whether his response to the rebellion was honourable or childish.

The standard of writing is maintained by Long who I found out was actually a woman by the name of Vivien, and the history is fascinating but it didn't move me.

I'm too heavily involved in the historical narrative and the lives of the characters, both fictional and real, to do anything but carry on.

Misfit says

The Traitors is the third is a fairly long series commonly referred to as The Australians. Former convict Jenny Taggart is back, still trying to make a go of the land; but prices are sky high after the flooding of the Hawkesbury River, and currency is in short supply, making rum the *coin of the realm* with The Rum Corps keeping that commodity fully under control (really, it's too hard to explain, go to the Wiki link if you want to know more). The old governor is out, and William Bligh is in (yes, **that** William Bligh), and he's set on changing a few things, and the boys in the Rum Corps are **not thrilled** about Bligh's new policies.

I did enjoy this book, and plan to continue the series, but as important as this bit of history is, I found it a bit boring with too many *cast members* and I lost track of them at times - YMMV. I very much enjoyed the parts that focused on Jenny and family or the dastardly Reverend Boskenna (he's a bad 'un) were a lot more entertaining. So, three stars for the Rum Corps and four for Jenny & family rounded out to 3.5 stars.

Stephanie says

This one was a little more dry than the others, but still compelling.

Bonnie Staughton says

"The Traitors" by William Stuart Long is #3 in his "The Australians" series. I believe this is the 3rd book of this series that I've read but not necessarily in the right order.

Since I have been to Australia several years ago, I really enjoy reading about how the country was populated and the "lay of the land". I thoroughly enjoyed the story line and the characters Abigail Tempest, Jenny Broome, Andrew Hawley and Justin Broome. However, when the story shifted to in-depth accounts of the rebellion between the Rum Corps and Governor Bligh, my enthusiasm lagged. I was glad when the story went back to the main characters. I hope to obtain the rest of the books in this series and fill in the gaps.

Carol Mandel says

Continuing on in The Australians series. Thoroughly enjoying learning the history of early Australia, though must admit, the politics of the infant colony were not as enjoyable to read, as the personal lives of the fictional characters. On to book 4 of this 12 book series! (I had to scour Amazon to find used paperback copies of this series...and now have them all.)

Andrea Michaels says

Again, part of The Australians. Great.
