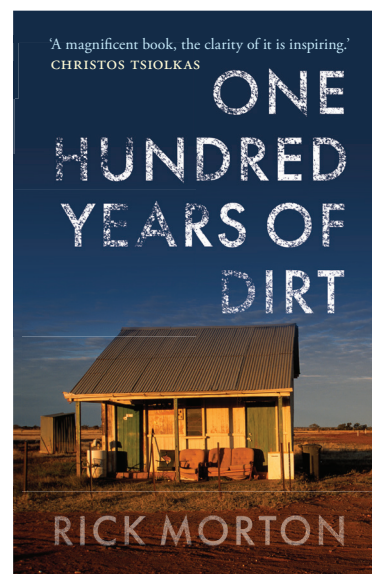


One Hundred Years of Dirt

by Rick Morton

Violence, treachery and cruelty run through the generational veins of Rick Morton's family. A horrific accident thrusts his mother and siblings into a world impossible for them to navigate, a life of poverty and drug addiction.

One Hundred Years of Dirt is a meditation on anger, fear of others and an obsession with real and imagined borders. It is the universal story of the outsider, an unflinching memoir in which the mother is the unrewarded hero. It is a testament to the strength of familial love and endurance.



Rick Morton is available for interviews in August.

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‘*One Hundred Years of Dirt* had me spellbound from the get-go. This is a memoir that dares to deal unflinchingly with the darkness of family and cultural history but the miracle of this book is that there isn't an iota of self-indulgence or self-righteousness or hate: it's honest and harsh and beautiful and loving. Morton is a crack storyteller and his words and stories are infused with genuine compassion.

—CHRISTOS TSIOLKAS

Rick Morton is an award-winning journalist and social affairs writer for *The Australian*.



‘The peculiar ripples of anxiety for an outsider are salved somewhat by days like that. Anxiety that I haven't done enough, read enough, heard enough. Trauma, like a comet, has a long tail and I have spent my life running to keep in front of it.

—RICK MORTON

