

Guide to Port Essington

This guide was developed for people who are interested in the history of Port Essington. Resources include books, journal articles, photographs, and relevant websites are also listed.

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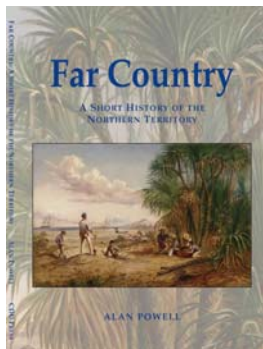
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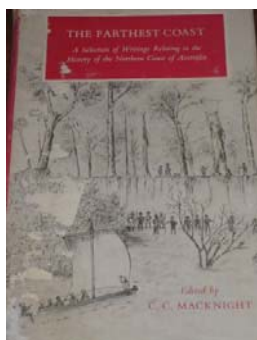
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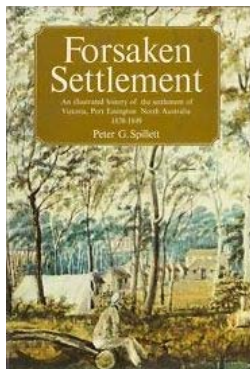


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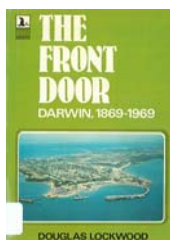
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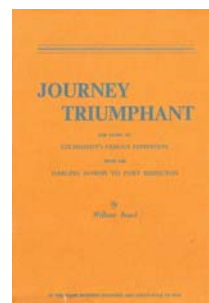
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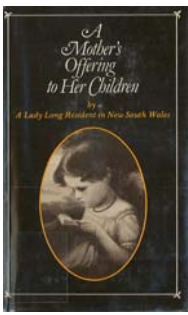
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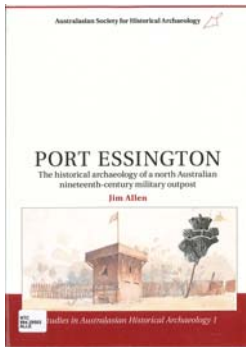


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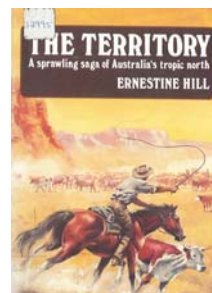
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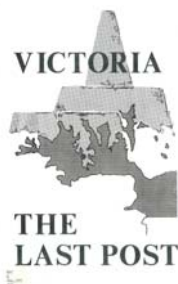


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Websites

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[Great Australia Gazetteer – Port Essington](#)

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