

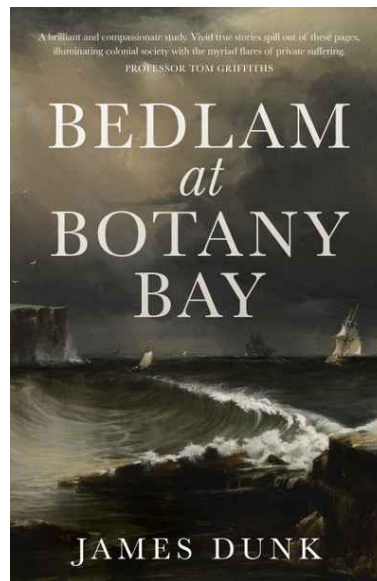


Presents

Bedlam at Botany Bay

by

James Dunk



Dr James Dunk discusses his critically acclaimed book *Bedlam at Botany Bay* (NewSouth, 2019) that explains what happened when people went mad in the fledgling colony of New South Wales. James argues that madness stalked the colony and tracing its wild path changes the way we look at our colonial history. Legal and social distinctions faded as delusion and disorder took root – in convicts exiled from their homes and living under the weight of imperial justice, in ex-convicts and small settlers as they grappled with the country they had taken from its Indigenous inhabitants, and in government officers and wealthy colonists who sought to guide the course of European history in Australia.

James Dunk is a Sydney historian and writer. A research fellow at the University of Sydney and a conjoint fellow at the University of Newcastle, he is a frequent contributor to the *Australian Book Review*.

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