A Nurse on the Edge of the Desert
From Birdsville to Kandahar: The art of extreme nursing

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THE INSPIRATIONAL AND ENGAGING STORY OF A NURSE WHO WORKS IN WAR ZONES AND THE AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK

International humanitarian-aid nurse and New Zealander Andrew Cameron is the winner of the coveted Florence Nightingale Medal. In this gripping book he recounts his remarkable life nursing in some of the world’s most dangerous and challenging locations, including South Sudan, Yemen, Sierra Leone and Afghanistan. He also details his nursing career in some of Australia’s most remote settlements, where anything can be waiting at the end of a long dusty outback road: a major road accident trauma, a suicide, a broken arm, a stabbing. With mordant humour, wisdom and insight, he recounts the challenges, excitements, and huge rewards of a nursing life.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Andrew Cameron grew up in the Hawke’s Bay, New Zealand, and came to nursing after several years working at a range of jobs. When not working in a war-zone or post-conflict zone, he is the sole medical practitioner in Birdsville, Australia, on the edge of the Simpson Desert and home of the famous Birdsville races. He is also the recipient of many awards: The Florence Nightingale Medal, Western Australia Nurse of the Year, Australian Nurse of the Year, the Order of Australia (for services to the Nursing Profession), Massey University’s Distinguished Alumni Medal and La Trobe University’s Distinguished Alumni Award.

SALES POINTS

• An inspirational, affecting and truly engaging story.
• In places where humans are pushed to extremis, where there are rebel soldiers, rampant diseases such as Ebola, deep poverty and desperation, Andrew Cameron has held on to his humour and his humanity.
• Incredible insights into life in some of the world’s most difficult, dangerous and desperate places.
• Incredible insights also into nursing in some of Australia’s most remote communities.
• This book shines a light on the dedication and skill of medical staff — both doctors and nurses — carrying out complex medical procedures in very trying conditions with limited resources.
• Andrew Cameron has a self-deprecating humour that is truly delightful.

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