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This volume is full of information, and so attractive in its presentation that one's interest never flags, whether it is dealing with either one or another of the main headings, but rather the vivid, graphic writing grips one increasingly, so that finally the book is laid down with regret.

Dr. Basedow in his "Knights of the Boomerang," gave us more of the blackfellow himself, but Mr Finlayson has made the picture complete, as we go with him for months from range to range, and we now have a splendid pen picture of the country, its flowers, its vegetation, and animals.

There is a large map by the help of which we can accompany the author on his long and arduous but most interesting journey. A most enjoyable book.

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SOME RECENTLY PURCHASED FICTION

- Beyond Sing the Woods Trygve Gulbransen
- The Black Mamoo Adam Broom
- The Brothers Sackville G. D. H. & M. Cole
- The Case of the Stuttering Bishop .. Erl Stanley Gardner
- Death in Ecstasy Ngaio Marsh
- The Desert Flyer John Bolton
- The Fighting Angel Pearl Buck
- Flame in the Wind Margaret Pedler
- The Fortunes of Captain Blood .. Rafael Sabatini
- It is Easier for a Camel Eve Chaucer
- Laughing Caballero Nels Leroy Jorgensen
- McLean Takes Charge Geo. Goodchild
- The Mussolini Murder Plot .. Bernard Newman
- No Fury Francis Beeding
- Raiders of the Southern Seas .. Trevor Wallace
- Son of His Parents E. M. Channon

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