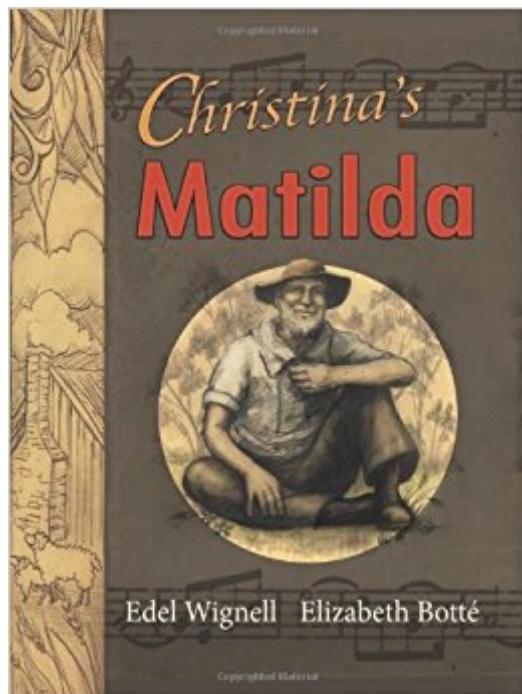


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# Christina's Matilda



## Synopsis

â ^Waltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda, Whoâ ™ll come a-Waltzing Matilda with me?â ™ Everyone knows the words. Many people know that the poet â ^Banjoâ ™ Paterson wrote them. But how may people know the origin of the tune? In 1895 a young woman named Christina Macpherson sat down and played a marching tune sheâ ™d heard. â ^Banjoâ ™ Paterson, who was visiting Christinaâ ™s brother, liked it and wrote the words of a song to it. That song was â ^Waltzing Matildaâ ™.

â ^Banjoâ ™ became famous, and so did â ^Waltzing Matildaâ ™. But Christinaâ ™s part in the songâ ™s creation was forgotten and she disappeared from history until the 1970s. Come a-waltzing with Christina now and discover her story â “ beginning in the first year of her life, when she encountered the ruthless bushranger Dan Morgan...

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Edel Wignell is interested in history and folklore. Her first two collections were: *A Boggle of Bunyips* (1981) and *A Bluey of Swaggies* (1985). In the last chapter of *A Bluey of Swaggies*, Edel told the story of the creation of the song 'Waltzing Matilda', and included Christina Macpherson who provided the tune. Luckily, in 2002, Edel met Diana Baillieu, a great-niece of Christina, who generously shared information and photographs from the Macpherson Archive. Edel (the name rhymes with 'medal') is a freelance writer, compiler, journalist and poet who writes for both children and adults. She has more than 90 published books, the latest being the picture-stories *Long Live Us!* (Interactive Publications) and *Bilby Secrets* (Walker Books Australia).

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