

The History Council of NSW  
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*Ms Sydney-Clare Abba*

FOR HER ESSAY

*'In History's Page: A Comparative Historiography of the  
'Stolen Generations' and the 'Forgotten Australians'  
Or A Study on the Need for Further Study'*

This comparative account of the history and historiography of the 'Stolen Generations and the 'Forgotten Australians' refers to oral and written sources and reports to demonstrate the significant methodological and evidentiary problems associated with studying and writing about these subjects. It contains a sharp and insightful critique both of the work of the relevant historical work and of the two major reports dealing with these subjects. It concludes with a persuasive and even inspiring argument suggesting the need for historians to reconsider the way they interpret oral evidence and for policy makers as well as historians to understand the policies associated with the 'Stolen Generations' and the 'Forgotten Australians' within the context of their times. Both in terms of its methodological and historiographical critique this essay constitutes an outstanding achievement.

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