THE AUSTRALIA TO COME

Exploring nineteenth-century visions of Australia’s future

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- Alexis Wright’s *The Swan Book* (2013)
- Claire G. Coleman’s *Terra Nullius* (2017)
- *Cleverman* [ABC TV series] (2016-present)

“colonies produce utopias for the colonists and dystopias for the colonized.”

“utopia”
  - *eutopia* (*eu-topos*), meaning “good place”
  - *outopia* (*ou-topos*), meaning “no place”

**Utopia – a good place**
  - Presented as *better* than the author’s present
  - Not necessarily perfect – not a heaven

**Dystopia – a bad place**
  - Presented as *worse* than the author’s present
1. Socialism
2. Federation & Independence
3. Foreign Invasion
4. Women’s Rights
5. Secularism
6. Christianity
7. Spiritualism
SOCIALISM

1888

1942 ed.
Sydney: Socialist Labor Party of Australia.
SOCIALISM

1892
Andrade, David A.
Socialism

1894

2nd ed: 1895
1889
Joseph Fraser. 
Melbourne and Mars; My Mysterious Life on Two Planets. Extracts from the Diary of a Melbourne Merchant. Melbourne: Pater & Knapton. 

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1894
McIver, G.
*Neuroomia: A New Continent. A Manuscript delivered by the Deep.*

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1894
McIver, G.
1852

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FEDERATION & INDEPENDENCE

2nd edition: 1870

INDEPENDENCE;

A RETROSPECT.

"Reminiscences, Home and Colonial,"

or

CHARLES ASHWOLD BLAND.

LONDON:
HARRISON AND SONS,
Booksellers to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales,
69, PALL MALL.

PRICE ONE SHILLING.

1891
Charles Ashwold Bland.

Independence:
A Retrospect. London:
Harrison and Sons.
FOREIGN INVASION

1883
An Old Colonist.
The Battle of Yarra.
Melbourne: McCarron, Bird & Co.
[Edward Maitland]. The Battle of Mordialloc; or, How We Lost Australia. Melbourne: Samuel Mullen.
The Yellow Wave: A Romance of the Asiatic Invasion of Australia.

London: Richard Bentley.
1895


Stage adaptation: Jane Miller, 2015.
WOMEN’S RIGHTS

1895
Millie Finkelstein.
The Newest Woman: The Destined Monarch of the World.
Melbourne: Pat Finn.

The Herald Standard
(Melbourne), 5 March 1895
State Library of Victoria
A Few Hours in a Far-Off Age.

By

Mrs. H. A. Dugdale.

"FACTS EVOLVING,
DARKNESS PARTING,
HOPE DISINVESTED,
GREAT TRUTHS RAISING."

Melbourne:
McCarron, Bird & Co., 37 Flinders Lane West.

1883
1888-89
Catherine Helen Spence.
“A Week in the Future.”
The Centennial Magazine
(December 1888–July 1889).

Later ed.:

1901
Mary Ann Moore-Bentley.
A Woman of Mars; or, Australia’s Enfranchised Woman.
Sydney: Edwards, Dunlop & Co.
1872?
Misopseudes: or the Year 2075. A Marvellous Vision.
Melbourne, Vic: W.H. Williams.
2nd ed.: 1873
Misopseudes: A Vision “Auspiciun melioris aevi” and Extracts from Letters.

National Library of Australia
1884
[Spence, Catherine Helen]. *An Agnostic’s Progress from the Known to the Unknown*. London: Williams and Norgate.
CHRISTIANITY

1873?

Acorn.
The Future of Victoria.
Melbourne: James Smith.
1885

A Visit to Topos,
AND HOW THE
SCIENCE OF HEREDITY
IS PRACTISED THERE.

BY
WILLIAM LITTLE

BALLARAT:
Berry, Anderson & Co., Printers, &c., Lydiard Street South.

MDCCCLXVII.
1872
William Bowley.
Affinity: Teaching from the Spirit-world, Concerning the Next State of Existence.
Melbourne: W. H. Terry.
A New Pilgrim’s Progress
Purported to be Given By
John Bunyan, Through an
Impressional Medium.
Melbourne: W.H. Terry.
1877

[Hon. Alfred Deakin.]

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  - 2nd ed: reasoninrevolt.net.au/bib/PR0001745.htm

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