

Tom Dunbabin opens a window on Maria Island

In 1869 brothers Tom and John Dunbabin from Bream Creek took up the challenge of farming Maria Island, a former penal settlement off the east coast of Tasmania. Married to sisters Sarah and Mary Murdoch from Cambridge, they spent seven years raising their young families and building their future on this lonely island outpost.

Drawing on a treasure trove of letters written to and from island Tom provides a fascinating insight into their lives detailing the hopes and aspirations of two young men intent on making their own way in the early years of colonial Tasmania. He records the loves and losses of the family as they experience the triumphs and tragedies of life on a remote island.

Tom also reveals his own love and fascination for the island in this faithful account of the lives of his ancestors. Historical images, many never before published, and snippets from letters that have survived almost 150 years, colour this authentic account of one of Tasmania's earliest farming families.



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