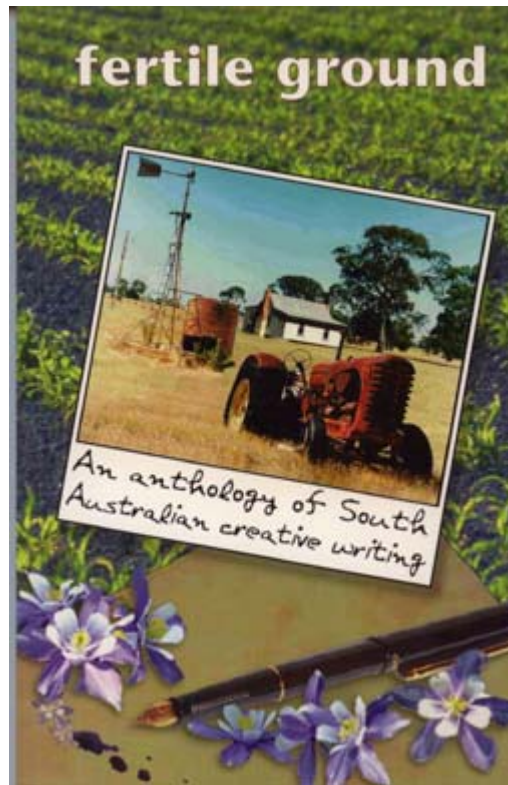




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Preface

In March 1998 only one of the writers featured in this book had ever published any creative writing. This anthology grew out of the work produced by members of a creative writing course at Flinders University, and demonstrates how much ready-to-be-tapped potential exists in those who feel the urge to write. On completion of the course a group of these students decided to take the next step and publish our work.

In selecting work for inclusion we wanted to show the broad range of writing styles, rather than simply try to pick 'the best' work for presentation. For similar reasons we have also edited material only lightly, to show the raw potential, rather than offer a slick 'house' style. The result is a collection of stories and poems that demonstrate that everyone has something to offer, and that the human imagination is indeed a fertile source.

The anthology has been wholly produced by members of the group, and while we are grateful for the generous and painstaking guidance of our teachers, for the support of our sponsors, and to Wakefield Press for publishing the book, we are also pleased that all the work of selecting, editing and preparing material for publication, as well as the physical aspects of print preparation, have been done by members of the group.

The two major impulses that drive the writer are the desire to express oneself and the wish to communicate with others. We hope that you will enjoy this collection as it is intended: a desire to communicate our thoughts and feelings, and a joyful fulfilment of the urge to write.

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