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## **CRIMSON DAWN**

### **Fleur McDonald**

**Laura Murphy will need to call on all her grit and determination to retain her beloved farm... But will her fierce independence close her off to the possibility of love?**

Since inheriting Nambina, the property that's been in her family for generations, Laura Murphy has worked wonders. Rather than just focusing on farming, she has set up a successful school teaching women the basics of managing a property.

But the notoriously self-reliant Laura is lonely and still scarred by a tragedy from her past. She's also grappling with the hostility of her former best friend, Meghan Hunter. The fact that Laura's ex-boyfriend Josh is Meghan's brother only makes things worse.

When a solicitor contacts Laura saying he's representing clients who may have a claim over Nambina, Laura's entire world is turned upside down. In holding on to the property she's worked so hard to build, Laura realises she needs to reach out to friends and family, or risk losing everything...

Celebrating strength in the face of adversity, as well as the enriching power of love, **CRIMSON DAWN** is Fleur McDonald's fifth novel with Allen and Unwin, since being discovered via Friday Pitch.

Drawing on Fleur's life raising a family on an 8000-acre station where her day can be spent marking mobs of lambs, wrangling ewes and dealing with the effects of drought, **CRIMSON DAWN** was inspired by Fleur's admiration for those who encourage the next generation of farmers. From her first boss through to her local community vets, Fleur believes strongly in the importance of providing a practical education to future farmers. Fleur wants **CRIMSON DAWN** to not only celebrate empowered, self-sufficient women on the land but also people who support Australia's agricultural industry and its future.



#### **ABOUT FLEUR MCDONALD**

After growing up on a farm near Ororoo in South Australia, Fleur McDonald's first job was jillarooping in the outback. She's now closely involved in the daily management of the 8000-acre station she and her family live on near Esperance in Western Australia. Fleur is the author of the bestselling novels *Red Dust*, *Blue Skies*, *Purple Roads* and *Silver Clouds*. Further details about Fleur can be found at [www.fleurmcdonald.com](http://www.fleurmcdonald.com)

**Fleur writes from the land, and from the heart. To read her moving and insightful article on the human cost of drought in rural Australia, published by ABC's The Drum and reproduced in the *Daily Telegraph*, go to: [www.abc.net.au/news/2014-02-13/mcdonald-the-human-cost-of-drought-cant-be-counted/5257574](http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-02-13/mcdonald-the-human-cost-of-drought-cant-be-counted/5257574)**

#### **FLEUR MCDONALD IS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW AND WILL BE TOURING NSW AND WA IN APRIL 2014**

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