



EMERALD SPRINGS

FLEUR MCDONALD

Mystery and romance abound in a new novel from the leading lady of Australian women's fiction.

Fleur will be celebrating the release of her sixth novel with a promotional tour across SA, VIC & QLD in 2015

After finishing university, Amelia Bennett returns to Jervois and promptly falls in love with the wonderful – if broke and slightly stubborn – Paul Barnes. Now she's determined to lose her old reputation for being scatty and unreliable by proving herself as the treasurer of the local rodeo committee and making the forthcoming rodeo a huge success.

Flushed with triumph on the evening of the best rodeo in the town's history, Amelia is driving the record proceeds into town when she becomes the victim of a terrifying crash and grab. Injured and distraught after her ordeal, she's even more devastated when she later finds out that she and Paul are the objects of gossip and suspicion in town.

To prove her innocence and that of the man she loves, Amelia must convince a sceptical rural detective that her account of what happened *does* add up and that he must help her track down the *real* culprits... With a cracker plot, feisty heroine and engaging love story, **EMERALD SPRINGS** will have you reading well into the night.

Drawing inspiration from her own experience living on farms in SA and WA most of her life, Fleur prides herself on writing novels that celebrate strong women in the face of adversity in rural Australia. **EMERALD SPRINGS** was inspired by Fleur's Dad, the treasurer for the Carrieton Rodeo Committee. Fleur once asked her father how he transported the money and what he did with it after the event. When he told her, she instantly thought "Ohhhh, what if you were robbed" and her new novel began to take shape...

ABOUT FLEUR McDONALD

Fleur McDonald has lived and worked on farms for much of her life. After growing up on a farm near Orroroo in South Australia, Fleur McDonald's first job was jillarooing in the outback, before co-owning an 8000-acre property in regional Western Australia. Fleur likes to write about strong women overcoming adversity, drawing inspiration from her own experiences in rural Australia. Fleur is the author of the bestselling novels *Red Dust*, *Blue Skies*, *Purple Roads*, *Silver Clouds* and *Crimson Dawn*. She has two children and Jack Russell terrier. Further details can be found here <http://fleurmcdonald.com/>



**FLEUR McDONALD IS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW
AND WILL BE TOURING SA, VIC & QLD IN 2015**

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