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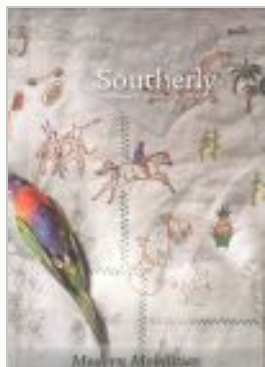
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Abstract: We had been on a walk across country for over a week. And although the

numerous rock-art galleries that we encountered, both ancient and modern, suggested a strong human presence in the landscape, there had been no sight, sound or evidence of anyone living. On this day we found a creek-side camp so beautiful that after only two hours walking we decided nevertheless to halt there for the night before heading across dry savannah to the main river which would lead us home, days away yet. We were not alone in finding this a pleasant place to camp. Hundreds of corellas had a camp there too in the overhanging mela - leucas and over the next twenty-four hours or so we shared their lives as they had presumably always lived them: eating, drinking, resting and playing with a liveliness and humour that was mesmerising. Watching the corellas two things impressed themselves upon me - this was a day in their lives that had been repeated over countless eons, and a day that was as rich in social interaction as any I had encountered with any living creatures, human or not. And it was not just corellas. The landscape seemed dotted with other lives being lived, other pursuits followed, other ambitions thwarted. There were countless other stories being played out, of which our reverie was but one.

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