

Australian Literature Quiz: Trivia Questions and Answers

1. How many sisters did Meghann Cleary have in Colleen McCullough's novel The Thorn Birds?

- Five
- Three
- None (she is the only daughter of her parents)

2. Who is the author of the short story collections While the Billy Boils and On the Track?

- Thomas Keneally
- Henry Lawson
- Morris West

3. To which Australian poet are the lines below?

To her who, cast with me in trying days,
Stood in the place of health and power and praise;

- Thomas Henry Kendall
- Thomas William Shapcott
- James Phillip McAuley

4. Where does the novel *The Book Thief* by Australian author Markus Zusak take place?

- In Nazi Germany
- In Egypt, during the reign of Tutankhamun
- In post-war Paris

5. Recall the plot of Thomas Kenilly's novel *Schindler's Ark*. What did Nazi party member Oskar Schindler do?

- He conducted forbidden medical experiments.
- He helped the British create a cipher machine.
- He saved the lives of 1,200 Jews during the Holocaust.

6. What is the name of Patrick White's novel that tells the story of Theodora Goodman, a middle-aged single woman who travels to France and then to America after her mother dies?

- Happy Valley
- The Aunt's Story
- Riders in the Chariot

7. Who is the main character in Gregory David Roberts' novel *Chantaram*?

- He is a former writer and burglar who escaped from an Australian prison.
- He is a farmer who ran away from his wife.
- He is a dance teacher and an avid surfer.

8. Australian writer and authoress of novels for children. Three-time winner of Australia's prestigious Aurealis Award.

- Kate Morton
- Ethel Mary Turner
- Alison Goodman

9. What is the name of Alan Marshall's fairy tale tale that tells of a young boy, Peter, who goes in search of the last Fair Princess?

- I Can Jump Puddles
- Whispering in the Wind
- Pull Down The Blind

10. Based on which of his works did Richard Flanagan direct the film of the same name in 1998?

- The Sound of One Hand Clapping
- Death of a River Guide
- The Narrow Road to the Deep North

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