



### Inside Australian Culture

Legacies of Enlightenment Values

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### Description

**A critical intervention into the effects of colonialism in Australia through the lens of Indian cultural theorist Ashis Nandy.**

*Inside Australian Culture: Legacies of Enlightenment Values* offers a critical intervention into the continuing effects of colonization in Australia and the structures it brought, which still inform and dominate its public culture. Through a careful analysis of three disparate but significant moments in Australian history, the authors investigate the way the British Enlightenment continues to dominate contemporary Australian thinking and values. Employing the lens of Indian cultural theorist Ashis Nandy, the authors argue for an Australian public culture that is profoundly conscious of its assumptions, history and limitations.

**Readership:** This book will be of interest to students and researchers looking at colonialism and its legacy, contemporary Australian culture and society, and the application of cultural theory developed in the (non-Western) South.

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