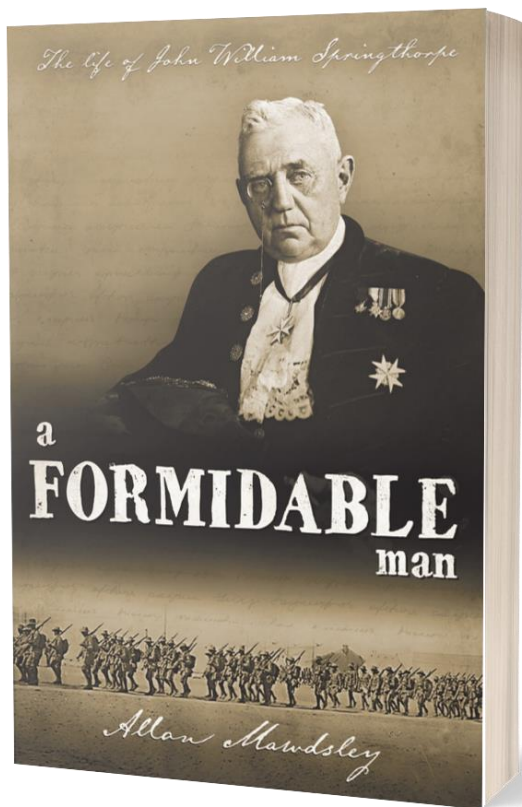


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A MAN OF MANY PERSUASIONS AND VAST ENERGY, *A FORMIDABLE MAN* IS AN EXPANSIVE DETAILING INTO THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND CONTROVERSIES OF A COMBATIVE PERSONALITY...

John William Springthorpe was a prominent general physician, lecturer, and writer in late nineteenth century's marvellous Melbourne. Springthorpe, affectionately known as Springy, took major advocacy roles in physiotherapy, dentistry, nursing, public health, child welfare, epilepsy, and mental health during his career.

His bitter criticism of the mistreatment of 'shell shock' victims during World War I was followed by advocacy for those afflicted with what's now known as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

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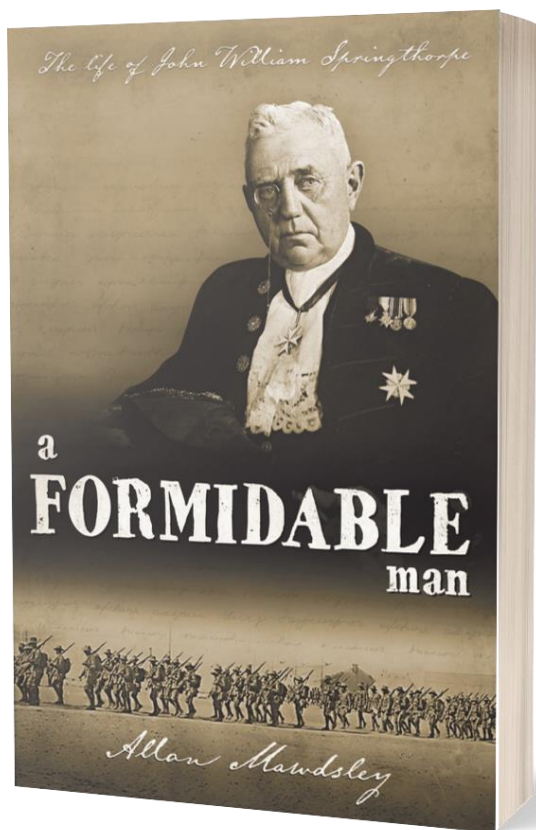


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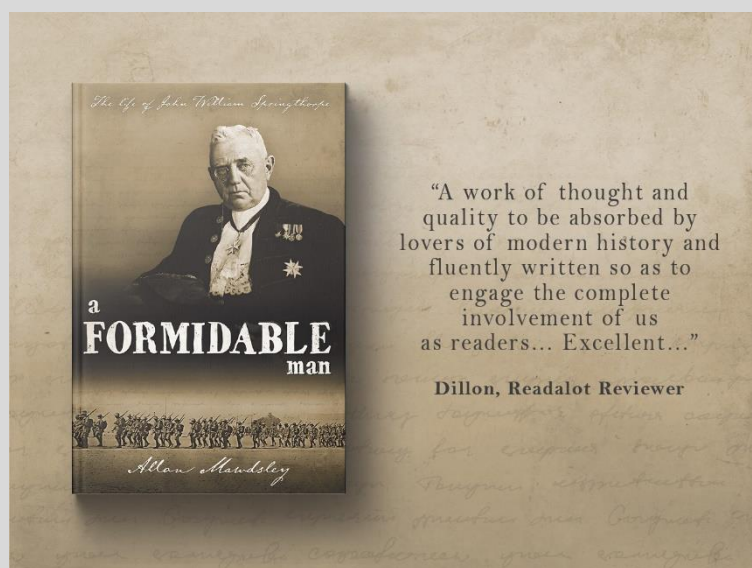
A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

WHAT DREW YOU TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF *A FORMIDABLE MAN*?

My work as honorary curator of St John Ambulance Museum produces numerous topics warranting historical research, and a few are so compelling that they demand a book. John Springthorpe was a truly remarkable physician whose work covered a vast range of areas, more than any other doctor I have ever encountered, with extraordinary contributions, but at the same time generated huge controversy because of his personality.

WHAT KIND OF RESEARCH DID YOU DO?

For *A Formidable Man* I started with reading the ADB article, then started researching diverse aspects one at a time through the relevant sources like diaries, Trove newspaper articles, archival papers, etc. After two or three months, I presented a 20-minute paper to a historical society meeting then spent three more years in more detailed research.



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