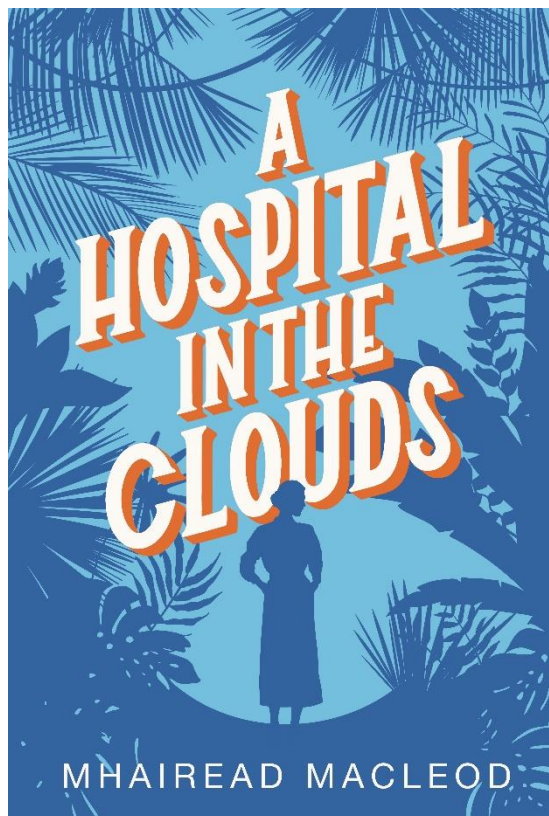


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ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Mhairread MacLeod was born in Scotland and now lives in Australia. Her first novel, *The False Men* won two manuscript awards. The manuscript for *A Hospital in the Clouds* has been short-listed for and won screenwriting manuscript awards. Before she became a writer Mhairread was a lawyer, which has proved useful for researching her historical fiction.

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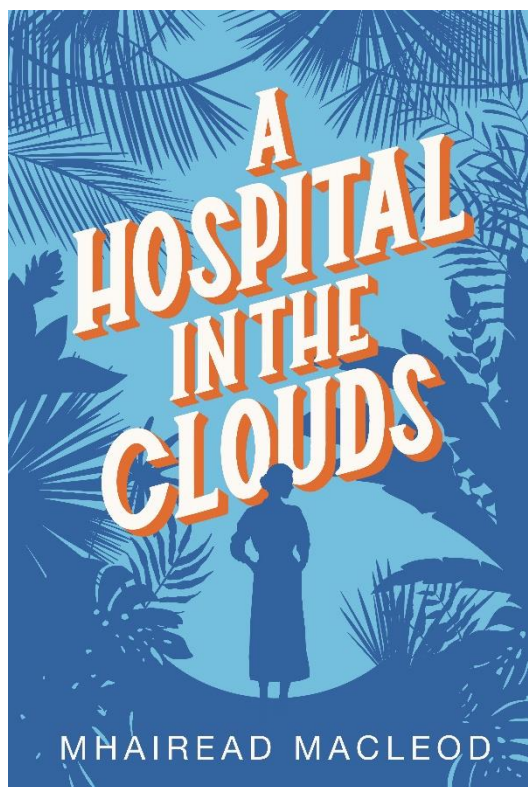
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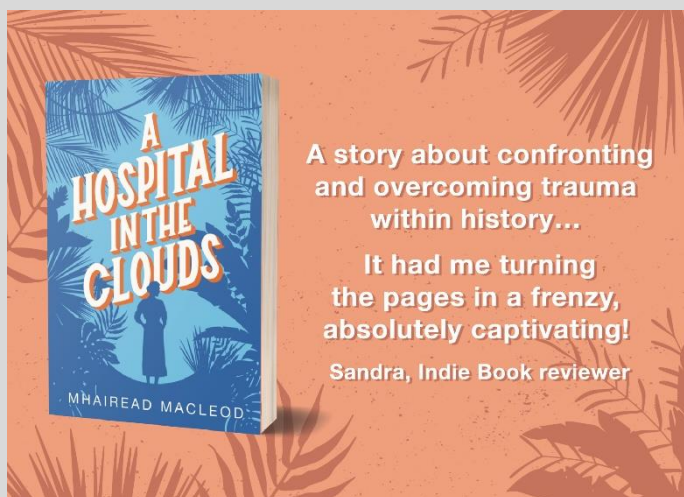
A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

WHY DID YOU WRITE 'A HOSPITAL IN THE CLOUDS'? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

My novel is set soon after World War One in Cairns, and the main inspirations for the novel were two historical women whom I combined and reimagined to create my own character, Anna. One was a Scottish nurse who despite the male-dominated health profession of her time, sought to establish her own hospital in the 1920s. The other was a woman who belonged to a small group of suffragettes who risked their lives to make a powerful protest for women's rights in Edinburgh. I wanted to reclaim the vitality and courage of these women, who represent unsung pioneers of the women's movement and whose experience still resonates today. The rich and unpredictable frontier of tropical Cairns at that time was another inspiration as the setting for my story.

IDENTIFY THE TARGET MARKET FOR YOUR BOOK. FOR WHOM DID YOU WRITE AND WHY?

The novel contains issues about women's rights and I imagine the target market to be female readers. It is a love story, with complications, so the book will appeal to readers who enjoy quality commercial fiction or more accessible literary novels which explore a woman's viewpoint of war and its aftermath.



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