



THE ART OF FIRE

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Australia is a land of fire. Fire has shaped its landscapes and played a role in the evolution of its plants and animals. Aboriginal people have always made and managed fire, in the domestic hearth and as an aid to hunting.

This is both a book of art and a first-hand account of desert people's understanding and use of fire in inland Australia.

The author, a renowned artist from the Great Sandy Desert, shows, through his minimalist drawings and compact, vivid descriptions, how desert people make fire and when and why they burn.

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