

# A LIE *in the* TALE

JOHN (JACK) ALEXANDER



HAVING GROWN UP SURROUNDED BY WOMEN, A LIE IN THE TALE TELLS OF JOHN "JACK" ALEXANDER'S JOURNEY FROM BOYHOOD TO MANHOOD DURING 1960'S WESTERN QUEENSLAND LIFE.

This true, often humour-filled, adventure of a city boy striving to become a jackaroo will bring laughter, tears and everything in between.

Despite his inexperience in the country, Jack's determination sees him overcome the frustrations, ridicule and hardship of country life. The trials and tribulations reshape him.

Join Jack, as he strives to have a reflection that truly matches who he desires to be on the inside...

*"Quite the journey of manhood. Deeply moving and yet with moments of true comedy. Amazing debut work!" Harold, Indie Book reviewer*

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

John Alexander was born in Warrigal Victoria, 1942. After his parents divorced when he was three, John lived with his mother, older sister and grandparents in the Melbourne suburb of Kew. John left school at fourteen years old as a messenger boy, but after moving to Queensland at eighteen, he worked his way up from jackaroo to head stockman to manager and then pastoral manager. He then started at Yarramalong Outdoor Recreation Centre at Lake Moogerah in Queensland. John brought horse safety and education to Australia and promoted tourism to South East Queensland. John is happily married to his loving wife, Helen, and has two children, Damon and Deborah.

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## A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

### WHY DID YOU WRITE A LIE IN THE TALE? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

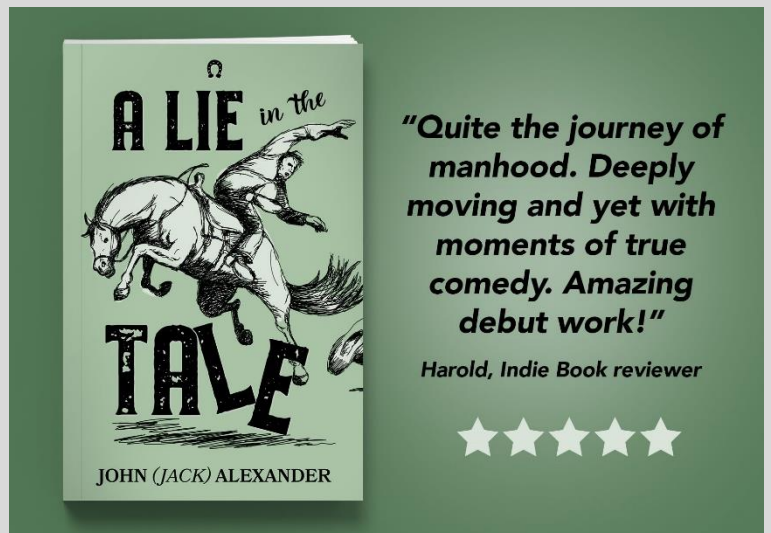
*I wanted to record a life in the sixties as a tenderfoot in the outback. I hope to inspire young men to have a go and achieve their goals and ambitions and become valuable members of society. Unfortunately there is not a rite of passage for young males these days and I hope this book may be helpful for them.*

*This book is my own story of my experiences as a raw youth in outback Queensland.*

### WHAT HAS YOUR WRITING LIFE BEEN LIKE?

*This is my first book that I started in my fifties. I get ideas for books from my vast experience from my many jobs and travels both here and overseas.*

*I struggled with writing in my early life but I wish I had have ignored all the red crosses on my English essays at school. They put a damper on my story telling and didn't make me feel encouraged.*



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