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Tulloch

The extraordinary life and times of a true champion

By Ken Linnett

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Tulloch is the remarkable tale of one of Australia's greatest and most beloved racehorses—an unwanted yearling who became a national sensation thanks to the unlikely pairing of the country's most flamboyant trainer and one of its more dogged and determined owners.

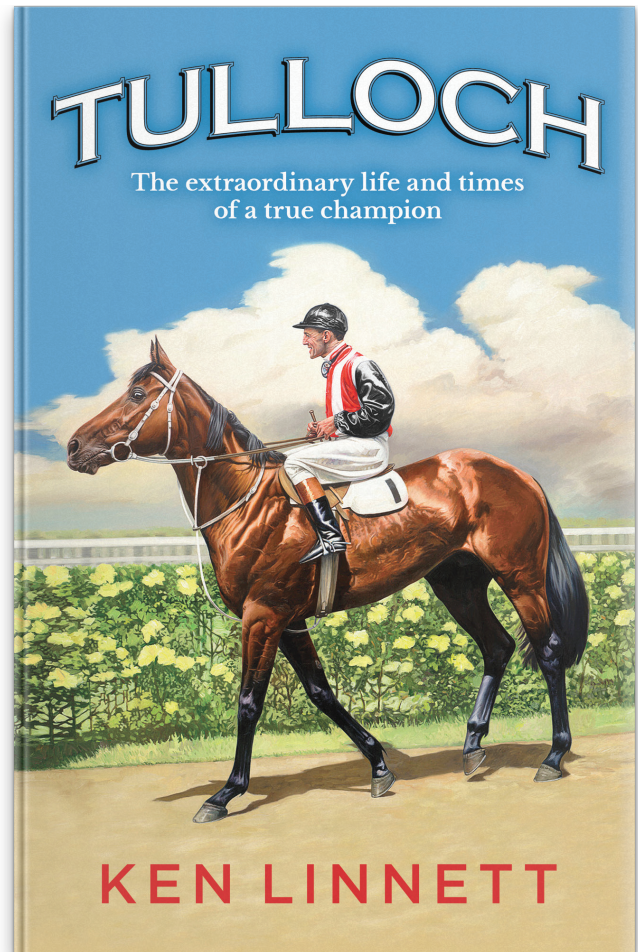
Author Ken Linnett tells for the first time the full story of a legendary horse who not only shared a rarefied status beside the iconic likes of Phar Lap and Carbine, but overcame a near-death illness and two years away from racing before staging a triumphant return—helping revive the racing industry in the process.

Tulloch is equally the story of the tempestuous relationship between legendary trainer Tommy Smith and the horse's iron-willed owner Evelyn 'Boss' Haley, the pairing who infamously disagreed on whether or not Tulloch should run in the 1957 Melbourne Cup after he'd blitzed the Caulfield Cup field in record time. Linnett finally reveals the full scale of human drama and the myth-busting truth behind Tulloch's controversial scratching from the Cup.

Beginning with Tulloch's legendary clashes with another star of the time, Todman, right through to his final start—an emotion-packed win in the 1961 Brisbane Cup—Linnett deftly explains the changing face of Australian racing, including the introduction of the Totalisator Agency Board (TAB). As racing battles to hold its place as the nation's number one sport, it is Tulloch above all others – with 36 wins from 55 starts – who brings the public back to the track.

Linnett's gripping narrative takes in a fascinating cast of characters behind the scenes – like the jockeys George Moore and Neville Sellwood, who rode Tulloch, and the subtle magic of the horse's strapper and track rider Lem Bann, a song and dance man who whistled his way into the champion's heart. Out of the crisis of Tulloch's near-death in 1958 we also grasp the genius of veterinary surgeon Percy Sykes, whose brilliance and willpower saved a horse who'd captured the hearts and minds of the Australian public.

In the first book ever written about Tulloch, author Ken Linnett will not only dazzle racing fans and horse lovers, but charm anyone not aware of the depth of character and heights of adulation that lifted a champion racehorse to the forefront of a rapidly-evolving society in post-war Australia.



TULLOCH, the extraordinary life and times of a true champion, is not just a great story for racing fans, but one that details a time of great social change in Australia. 256 pages, hard cover, with 16 pages of rarely seen photos. RRP \$39.95.

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