

Bella's Run

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An intoxicating outback romance set in Victoria and Queensland, brimming with the energy and vitality of life on the land.



Bella Vermaelon and her best friend Patty have packed their bags and taken a year off from their lives in rural Victoria, road tripping their way through the vast Australian outback. Working on remote properties in the dusty central Queensland plains, they've mustered on cattle stations, gotten into mischief and enjoyed themselves every step of the way.

A visit from Patty's brother Will and Bella's cousin Macca brings an unexpected flirtation to their trip, and makes the girls realise how much they've missed the rugged Victorian mountains they call home. Returning to the high country of East Gippsland, they get ready to return to their previous lives, with the promise of romance lingering.

Then tragedy strikes, changing Bella's world forever.

So she runs - turning her back on everything she knows: her family, friends, job and the man she loves. Will this tragedy lead her to a life she never expected, or will the lure of the land prove to be too strong for Bella to resist?

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