

Comprehensive Study Guide for Andrew Barton "Banjo" Paterson's "Clancy of the Overflow"

Passage 1 (Stanzas 1-4)

I had written him a letter which I had, for want of better, Sent to his address at "Curraghmore"; But at last I got his answer, saying he was on the track With a thousand head of cattle for the Lachlan River track; And he would camp that night beside the Overflow; And he said that I was welcome, for to ride and bring him low A year's accumulation from the station where I worked, Eight hundred pounds and never stopped to thank me for it; But he sent his thanks a-riding through the bush, after me Which cost me as a present to the station manager's shee.

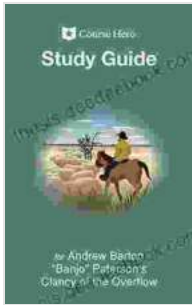
Passage 2 (Stanzas 16-19)

But the things that made the homestead not so much to my liking Were the calves that put the fences into a what's-the-use condition, And the wire that was too often getting into bad repair; And I couldn't stand the flies - I never can bear A — lot of flies — they worry me, I can't stand a fly, And I'd sooner live in the open, on the prairie or the plain, Than a place that was fly-blown but it wasn't any use to fly out To escape from all the flies at the home station on the plain; For the flies they swarmed around, till I had to clear right out, And go further out from home, to where the flies were not so fly.

Passage 3 (Stanzas 36-39)

Then Clancy of the Overflow came down to Queensland droving, And he stopped the station manager's horse in his career. And he said to the

station manager, "I'm Clancy of the Overflow; I'd like to ask for something, a trifle, not a show, Of what you're sending north, and the deuce is in it surely, That I cannot shift the cattle you are wanting shifted north, You had better send them with me, and you'll find my branding rhyme, With the five-and-thirty thousand that I droved to western time."



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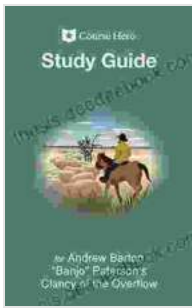
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Passage 4 (Stanzas 60-63)

And the stockmen cursed in chorus; but they said it was not fair, And they would not shift the cattle if a thousand pounds were there. But Clancy said, "I'll do it, if it takes a year or more, And he swung the heavy tomahawk, and placed it on the floor; And Tom the hairy handed, said, "It looks like rain, and, blowed! Here comes the squatter, riding on his thoroughbred." The squatter came a riding, and he saw the stockmen there, And he watched the hairy handed one, a-lying in his lair; And he knew the brumby horses; and the squatter said, "Well, mates, You'll have to shift the cattle, if it takes a year or eight."



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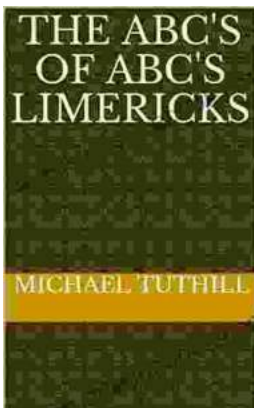
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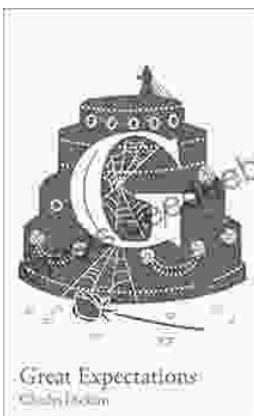
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