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Key selling points

Locates historical abolitionist narratives via a sustained focus on the penal colony that will serve as useful sources of reflection within a contemporary context

Deconstructs myths which continue to frame popular imaginaries around convict transportation and forced labour

Explores the practice of reading within the penal colony as a form of creative resistance and agency

Establishes connections between the activities of reading and writing taking place within the penal colony and contemporary repurposing of its built heritage as libraries, museums and creative spaces

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