



AFRICA'S EDEN

Cheryl Adam

As a young unmarried mother in the 1960s, Maureen faces stifling disapproval and condemnation from mainstream society. Desperate to create a new life for herself and her baby, she rekindles an old romance and moves to South Africa under Apartheid.

But her precarious journey to Africa's Eden is not the paradise she anticipated. Cultures smash against each other, family relationships are strained, there is death and despair, violence and injustice. But there is also humour, fun, family and friendship, as Maureen has to decide where her future lies. Is it in Africa or back home in distant Eden, in her Australian homeland?

Out of Eden is an engaging story of a resilient mother and daughter who defy the conventions of their era. Cheryl Adam is a natural storyteller with a comic gift who succeeds in capturing the feel of the 1960s and its uneasy transition between the stifling conformity of postwar Australia and the move into the new freedoms of the 1970s. It also features that rare thing, a lively and unsentimental portrait of a truly good woman.

— Amanda Lohrey

Lillian's Eden opens a magic door into 1950s rural Australia. It is an elegantly-paced, colourful excursion down memory lane, complete with money worries, murky family secrets, an eccentric old aunt, an abusive, adulterous husband, and a feisty, courageous wife. Tragedy, comedy, farce, tenderness, triumph – and grit.

— Carmel Bird

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About the author



Cheryl Adam spent her childhood in rural Australia where her love of storytelling began. In adulthood, she travelled widely and lived overseas including in Zambia (then Northern Rhodesia), Kenya, South Africa, Norway, Jersey, England and Sweden. She has been evicted, kidnapped, abandoned, made homeless and discriminated against in her foreign adventures and this helped develop her deep empathy for the plight of immigrant women.

In the 1960s, she was deported from Kenya and arrived as an unwanted guest in Sweden. She later moved to South Africa for thirteen years before returning to Australia. After her husband's stroke, she took up study, completing a Masters in Fine Arts at Monash University. In 2018 at the age of 74, her first novel *Lillian's Eden* was published. *Out of Eden* followed in 2021 and *Africa's Eden* is the final volume of the Eden trilogy. www.cheryladamauthor.com