

Protect the Bloody Silver

SYNOPSIS: Mike Deekie knew Australia was a front runner for a hostile takeover. He warned everyone who'd listen, the danger was real, and the outcome would be catastrophic. It didn't take him long to realise most people had zero interest in what he was telling them. They didn't give a damn. Or they stuck their heads down deep sand holes and ignored the problem.

Finally Mike decided to stop talking and act. He told his fifteen-year-old son, Charlie, to prepare for a great adventure. They threw a few bags of sensible clothes, a pile of favourite books and a couple of cherished possessions into the SUV, stuffed two massive backpacks with canned food and shoved them beside the tools and camping gear in the rear storage compartment. For good measure, Mike tossed in the four bottles of wine he'd be saving for a special occasion, and they headed to the high country.

Five days later they stumbled across a tiny community nestled on a mountain plateau. They pitched their tent, then jogged over to meet their new neighbours, Stan and Dulcie Harrison. The next morning, they were introduced to the Shaw family; Jane, Nella, twelve-year-old Luke and ten-year-old Sarah.

The invaders arrived a week after Mike and Charlie left town. Innocent people were slaughtered, homes were firebombed, and towns and villages were destroyed.

Nella Shaw discovered she and Mike had a lot in common. They'd both had been Special Ops soldiers in another life, and they were desperate to do something to save their country. After tracking down a band of resistance fighters, they convinced the leader to let them join his team. During a dangerous mission, Nella was captured by a terrorist. She was tortured then left to die in dense bushland. Nella's militia mates swore they'd avenge the brutality she endured.

Twenty years later Sarah and Luke, now highly respected ASIO officers, foiled a Sydney Central terrorist attack. One of the extremists escaped, but a blood trail from his badly sliced arm was a bonanza for the Australian Federal Police. DNA testing identified he was the person who tortured Nella two decades earlier.

Sarah and Luke, were soon on the escapee's trail, with backup from their freedom-fighter friends. The chase took them from their childhood home, to an enemy training camp in the Simpson Desert.