

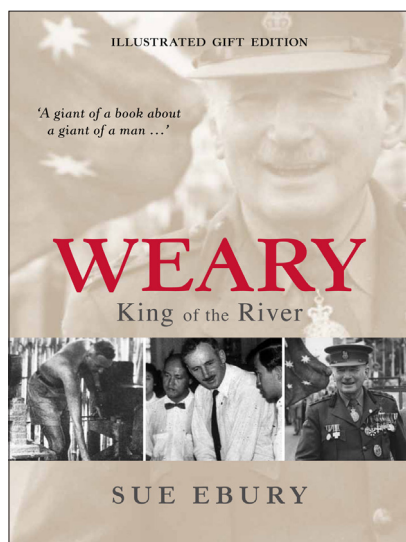
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WEARY KING OF THE RIVER

By Sue Ebury

In a wartime nightmare of starvation, disease, brutality and death, Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop's courage and compassion made him an Australian legend.

During more than three years as a surgeon in the notorious work camps and vast hospital camps along the Burma–Thailand railway, he worked tirelessly to save lives and get men home to their families. He confronted his captors fearlessly; three times he was tortured and taken out to be executed, only to be reprieved at the last moment. Fellow prisoners regarded him as 'a symbol of hope and a rock'.

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About the author:

Sue Ebury was born and educated in New Zealand. After nineteen years as an editor and publishing director at an international publishing house in Australia, she moved to Hong Kong, where she edited *The War Diaries of Weary Dunlop* and wrote the bestselling biography *Weary: The Life of Sir Edward Dunlop*. Sue returned to Australia in 1994, where she lives in Mount Macedon, Victoria. Her previous books include *The Many Lives of Kenneth Myer*, is published by Melbourne University Publishing.

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