

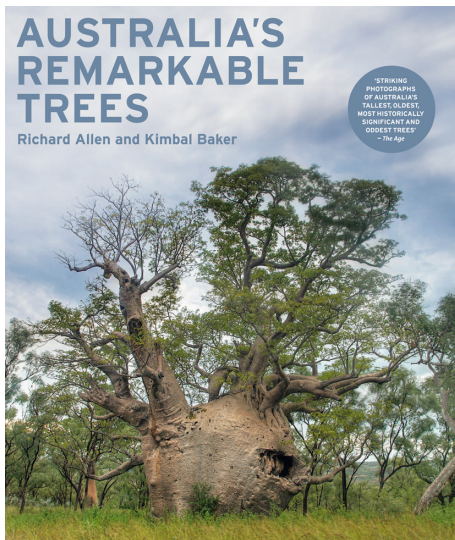
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by Richard Allen, Photography by Kimbal Baker

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Richard Allen has been a journalist for twenty years and has written on a wide variety of subjects for the *Australian Financial Review*, *The Age*, *Good Weekend Magazine*, the *Sunday Telegraph* (UK) and *BRW*. His previous books include *Shimmering Spokes: One Australian's 16 000 Kilometre Odyssey* and *Recollections of a Remarkable Age*. His most recent book *The Spirit of Golf and How It Applies to Life* was published in August by Victory Books.

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