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Catherine's Gift

Author: John Little
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CATHERINE Hamlin and her husband Dr Reginald Hamlin went to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in 1959 to set up a school for midwives.

There they became aware of young women who were victims of fistulas — devastating injuries caused by obstructed labour in childbirth — which caused the sufferer to smell offensively.

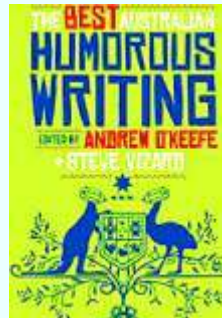
John Little told the story in *The Hospital By The River* in 2002. This is a sequel.

Since the Hamlins started their work more than 32,000 girls have been operated on and cured.

But there are still 200,000 sufferers in Ethiopia, and two million throughout the world.

Catherine is 83 now and still operating, continuing her lifetime of selfless life-saving work.

Reviewed by Noel Shaw



The Best Australian Humorous Writing

Authors: Andrew O'Keefe and Steve Vizard
Publisher: Melbourne University Press
RRP: \$32.99

CLIVE James reckons that, in his household, he is the "last man standing" against the belief that global warming is caused by human beings.

He rattles on in similar satirical vein on the many foibles in current thinking on climate change.

Writers bring that unique Antipodean angle to everything that touches our lives, including Larissa Dubecki on Madonna and Marieke Hardy on the bizarre television series *Big Brother*.

And then there are Phillip Adams, Charles Firth, Germaine Greer and Roy Slaven, plus a special message from Dame Edna Everidge to her devoted loyal fans.

There's rib-tickling stuff here for everyone in this brilliant and wonderfully thought-provoking volume.

Reviewed by Martin Stevenson