

Anticipation guide

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Text: *The Harp in the South*

Author: Ruth Park

Directions: Read each statement and write True or False in the 'Before reading' column. After reading the text, record either True or False in the 'After reading' column. Compare your responses with the information from the text.

Selected statements	Before reading	After reading
1. The Great Depression occurred in Australia between 1939 and 1945.		
2. <i>The Harp in the South</i> reflects the lives of Irish, Chinese and European residents who filled the streets with colour, humour and laughter.		
3. Members of the Darcy family spoke beautiful Queen's English.		
4. Father Cooley said of Delia Stock's character, "All the knowledge and disillusion of the devil was hers, her bawdy houses were filled with poor Surry Hills and Redfern kids that grew up starved and ignorant, knowing nothing, and cast out to earn their livings by their own instincts."		
5. Park created a warm humorous portrait of slum life, while never letting us forget how squalid the tenements were with their windowless rooms and walls crawling with bedbugs. They were hazardous to both health and human potential.		
6. Thady was their eldest child who was brutally murdered when he was thirteen.		
7. Ruth Park was an erudite and successful writer earning large sums for her books at the time when she wrote <i>The Harp in the South</i> .		
8. Park wrote many scripts for film and television; during the 1950s she wrote more than 5000 scripts for adults and children.		