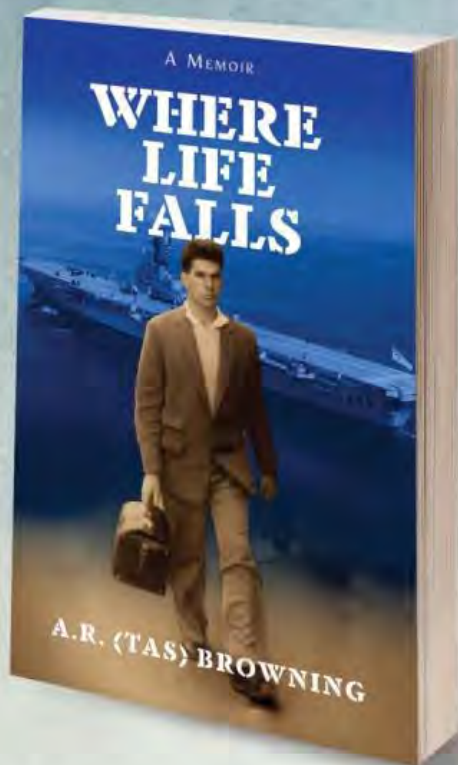


WHERE LIFE FALLS

An engaging account of an Australian flight deck crewman's life, of lifelong friendships and dangers shared, and adventures on the high seas, in the skies and in foreign ports.



A Memoir



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"I love reading autobiographies and this one *Where Life Falls* by Tas Browning does not disappoint on any level. I usually feel like an interloper into someone else's life. The style of this memoir made me feel as a comfortable family member. Congratulations on the impressive research into your family history Tas.

The bulk of the book reveals Tas' life in the navy in particular on board the well known *HMAS Melbourne*, where he built up a navy family who have kept in touch over the years. A report on conditions later in the book reveals that personnel on board the *Melbourne* should only have two years' service on her for the best health outcomes.

When Post Traumatic Stress rears its ugly head in Tas' life. It was disappointing to read of his struggles to get help, and recognition of service from the Department of Veteran's Affairs – that they lacked "the fortitude to look after veterans" when the going gets tough. A book that shares a life of challenges and insights into your years of work, family and even heart break at times."

— Judith Flitcroft, author of *Walk Back in Time*

"History is usually written by and about the movers and shakers of events. It is refreshing to journey through the past 70 odd years with a very savvy observer and where the heroes of history are just by-lines. Tas' account of his life, from humble beginnings in the 1940s through an event filled stint in the Royal Australian Navy to civilian employment, gives an authentic and singular account of being engaged in the very making of history and a sociological account of the times."

— Fay Forbes, co_ordinator of the Devonport Writers group

"As we tread the journey of life, each of us makes our individual footprint, a contribution to life which is all too often forgotten. For that reason it is encouraging to see people who are prepared to tell their story and to share it with others.

Where Life Falls is such a story. It is a brutally honest and frank account of one man's life, from humble beginnings in Tasmania's Derwent Valley up to the present day. Tas Browning has penned a fast moving, easy to read Memoir, which is both interesting and informative. It highlights the difficulties experienced in the immediate post World War 2 period, and the challenges, dangers and mateship of Naval Service during the troubled period of the Indonesian Confrontation and Vietnam War. It also highlights the difficulty of one's transition from military service to civilian life, the harsh reality of the effects of war service on the individual, and the ongoing struggle to seek assistance and compensation for the physical and mental harm caused.

The Veteran community owe Tas Browning a debt of gratitude. Through his dedicated commitment to ensure truth and justice prevail, and his relentless research pursuits, I am certain he has helped make life a little easier for Veterans in the future."

— Gerald O'Dea, Secretary/ Treasurer of the Mersey Leven Vietnam Veterans sub-branch

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