Reviews of Books by Elizabeth Jolley

1977

Bedford, Jean. "Adversity in Detail." Rev. of *Five Acre Virgin and Other Stories*, by Elizabeth Jolley, and *The Institution*, by Walter Adamson, trans. by Sonja Delander. *Australian* 5 Mar. 1977: 28.

An early recognition of "the new wave of Australian writing" by a leading Australian novelist.

Chisholm, A. R. "Haloes Around the Drabness." Rev. of *Five Acre Virgin and Other Stories*, by Elizabeth Jolley; *The Mystic Lake*, by Hilde Knorr, and *Devil by the Sea*, by Nina Bawden. *Age* [Melbourne] 5 Feb. 1977: 23.

Enthusiastic review.

Ikin, Van. "New Anthologies." Rev. of *Five Acre Virgin*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Quadrant* 21.10 (1977): 79-80.

Jolley's first publication considered as an instance of West Australian writing.

1979

Fisher, Lucille. "Casualties of Their Own Environment." Rev. of *The Travelling Entertainer*. West Australian 29 Dec. 1979: 20.

Characterisation is Jolley's forte; "she is above all a gentle writer."

1980

Baxter, Greg. "Palomino Needs to Gallop." Rev. of *Palomino*, by Elizabeth Jolley, and *South Falia*, by Antonio Casella. *Weekend Australian* 18-19 Oct. 1980: 20.

Reviewer remarks that P is not successful in tone or style.

Burns, D. R. "Tales of Imagination and Realistic Horror." Rev. of *The Travelling Entertainer and Other Stories*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Australian Book Review* Apr. 1980: 20-21.

Praise accompanied by criticism—"A problem which Jolley needs to solve . . . is the adequate placement and pinning down in fictional terms" of her lyricisms.

- Little, Brenda. "CleoBooks." Rev. of *Palomino* [and several others]. *Cleo* [Aust.] Dec. 1980: 15.
- Treloar, Carol. "Not What It Seems." Rev. of *Palomino. Advertiser* [Adelaide] 13 Dec. 1980: 25.

The novel is "a bizarre tale of human sexual relationships in their more socially taboo forms—homosexuality and incest."

Williams, Bruce. "Three Short Story Writers—Peter Cowan, Elizabeth Jolley, Justina Williams." Rev. of *Mobile*, by Peter Cowan; *The Travelling Entertainer*, by Elizabeth Jolley, and *White River*, by Justina Williams. *Westerly* 25.2 (1980): 104-07.

Analyses Jolley's preoccupations and philosophy, with comparison to Peter Cowan. Jolley is "preoccupied with various kinds of darkness," and with characters who are "unable to join the ranks of the tough-minded, competent people they often seem to have married. . . . " Cowan has the "greater strength."

1981

Keesing, Nancy. "Female Companions." Rev. of *Palomino*, by Elizabeth Jolley; *The Travelling Entertainer and Other Stories*, by Elizabeth Jolley, and *Alone*, by Beverley Farmer. *Australian Book Review* Mar. 1981: 34-35.

Focusses on lesbianism in Jolley's novels, and concludes that "[h]er writing is splendid, her characters various, her humour delicious."

Murrie, Alan and James Jervis. Rev. of *Palomino. Review* [Education Dept. of SA] 9.4 (1981): 28-29.

Alan Murrie says that *Palomino* "is a praiseworthy book, but far too controversial for the school library." James Jervis identifies the novel's problems and virtues, hopes her style will appeal to mature school-age students, and concludes "[Jolley] is obviously capable of brilliant work."

Webby, Elizabeth. "'All the Qualities of the Art': Circulating Some Shorts." Rev. of *The Travelling Entertainer*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Meanjin* 40.2 (1981): 200-08.

Review of 13 new books. Webby notes that many of Jolley's stories suffer from over-compression. "The Performance" is one example, whereas the longer version of "Grasshoppers" (previously published in *Westerly* 2, 1979) is "transformed from a powerful but macabre horror story into a deeply moving account of a woman who loses everything."

1982

- "Books: Tragedy Within Comedy." Rev. of *Mr Scobie's Riddle* [and several others]. *Sunday Press* [Melbourne] 19 Dec. 1982: n. pag.
- Cooper, D. Jason. Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Books* June 1982: 91.

Dismisses the novel as "badly conceived and badly written."

Deacon, Oliver. "Weekly Keeps All Up to Date." Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street. Sunday Times* [Perth] 3 Jan. 1982: Magazine 4.

Summarises Jolley's publishing history, and describes the novel, with approving final comments.

Dibble, Brian. "Jolley Excellent." Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street. Australian Book Review* May 1982: 29-30.

Substantive, emphasising that Jolley's work is about relationships rather than things or people.

- Doust, Jon. "Fighting for a Dream." Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street. Daily Commercial News* [Melbourne] 6 Jan. 1982: 4.
- Frost, Lucy. Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street*, by Elizabeth Jolley; *The Same Old Story*, by James Legasse, and *Double Exposure*, by Julie Lewis. *Westerly* 27.3 (1982): 67-70.

Jolley has "overcome her earlier problems with structure and evenness of tone in an extended piece of fiction."

Frost, Lyn. "Mothers and Queens: Paperback Issues." Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street* [and several others]. *Canberra Times* 9 May 1982: 8.

Six new publications briefly noted.

Giles, Zeny. "The Cleaning Woman Known as Weekly." Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street. Newcastle Herald* 13 Feb. 1982: 6.

Descriptive, concluding that it is "deftly written."

Ikin, Van. "Australian Cartography." Rev. of *Hunting the Wild Pineapple*, by Thea Astley; *Approaches*, by Gary Disher, and *The Newspaper of Claremont Street*, by Elizabeth Jolley. *CRNLE Reviews Journal* [Centre for Research in New Literatures in English] 2 (1982): 5-10.

Appreciative of the novel's subtle plotting, emotional affect, "deftly rendered" setting, and moral resonance.

Jamieson, Anne. "An Outsider Listening In." Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street*. West Australian 13 Feb. 1982: 44.

Descriptive.

Kroll, Jeri. "Weekly—Doing for Others." Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street*. *Advertiser* [Adelaide] 17 Apr. 1982: Saturday Review 29.

Jolley's "wry observations of human nature are wonderful."

McInerney, Sally. "Constant Reminders of Ugliness." Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street*. *National Times* [Sydney] 17-23 Jan. 1982: 39.

A "slight and disturbing novel"; Weekly's ugliness is insisted upon too much.

Robinson, Hilary. "Black Comedy That Shines." Rev. of *Mr Scobie's Riddle. Weekend Australian* 1 Jan. 1982: n. pag.

Descriptive, concluding "Jolley brings the same kind of insight to her new book as the very best cartoonists achieve. . . . "

Shapcott, Thomas. Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street. Fremantle Arts Centre Broadsheet* 1.1 (1982): 2+.

Substantive, noting that "Jolley's survivors are all, in essence, victims" and comparing her to Vladimir Nabokov in her capacity to expose "the tragedy in human needs within the small comedy of existence."

1983

Bedford, Jean. "Illuminating Novel of Emotional Experience." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*. *National Times* [Sydney] 11-17 Nov. 1983: 31.

Descriptive, concluding "a delightful novel, very small in its apparent emotional scope, but with enough twists . . . to engage the reader totally."

Clancy, Laurie. "Love, Longing and Loneliness: The Fiction of Elizabeth Jolley." Rev. of Woman in a Lampshade, Mr Scobie's Riddle, Miss Peabody's Inheritance, Five Acre Virgin and Other Stories, The Travelling Entertainer, Palomino, and The Newspaper of Claremont Street. Australian Book Review Nov. 1983: 8-12.

Extended review covering each of Jolley's books, concluding that "her fiction identifies its sympathies very much with older people," and provides "an astonishingly rich gallery of comic creations." *FAV*: "pathos is fused . . . [with] a peculiarly hard-headed and even mordant humour." *TE*: revising and re-working is not "paucity of imagination or invention" but each book is part of one large work. *P*: "[d]espite a sense of strain at times" this "least typical" book is "moving and honest." *SR*: the label "black humour" is not fully appropriate for "Jolley's finest achievement to date," which uses repetition skilfully. *WL*: "[w]riting itself becomes more of a concern in the later works of Jolley. . . . " *MP*: "the relationship between life and art" increasingly concerns Jolley.

- Cooke, Deborah. "Imaginative Short Stories." Rev. of *Woman in a Lampshade. Westdside News Zone 'A'* [Paddington, NSW] 11 May 1983: 10.
- Daniel, Helen. "Riddles of Mortality." Rev. of *Mr Scobie's Riddle*, by Elizabeth Jolley, and *IHE*, by Bill Reed. *Age* [Melbourne] 5 Feb. 1983: Saturday Extra 10.

"[S]tartlingly good" (whereas P was "disappointingly silly"), the novel "explores the indignities of old age and mortality, with richly absurd humor."

- Dewsbury, Ruth. "Life, A Lampshade and a Hitch-hiker." Rev. of *Woman in a Lampshade*. *West Australian* 19 Mar. 1983: 111.
- Dibble, Brian. Rev. of Mr Scobie's Riddle. Westerly 1 (1983): 85-87.

The novel has flaws—disjointed chronology, loss of "punch," fading jokes—"but they are greatly overshadowed by Jolley's complex sensitivity and great moral erudition."

Dickenson, Helen. Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street. Compass: Poetry and Prose Magazine* Apr. 1983: 18.

- Dixon, Kathryn. "Women in Shorts." Rev. of *Woman in a Lampshade*." *Weekend News* [Perth] 19 Mar. 1983: n. pag.
- Eldridge, Marian. "Quirky Stories Well Worth Re-reading." Rev. of Woman in a Lampshade. Canberra Times 9 Apr. 1983: 13.
 - "Adam's Bride" is singled out as the most poignant and disturbing story in the collection.
- Eliot, Helen. "Australian Perspectives: Character and Situation." Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street*, by Elizabeth Jolley; *Double Exposure*, by Julie Lewis; and *Approaches*, by Garry Disher. *Island Magazine* 14 (1983): 47-48.
 - "The strength of this novel is the masterly grasp of Weekly's character." Although the narrative possesses "an assured strength and confidence," there are moments when it "hovers dangerously close to the cliched."
- England, Katherine. "Aboriginal Writer's Historical Novel." Rev. of *Doctor Wooreddy's Prescription for Enduring the Ending of the World*, by Colin Johnson; *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*, by Elizabeth Jolley, and *The Colour Man*, by Ian Moffitt. *Adelaide Advertiser* 26 Nov. 1983: Sunday Review 33.
- F[leming], W[illiam] E. Rev. of *Mr. Scobie's Riddle* [sic]. *Review* [Education Dept. of South Australia] 11.4 (1983): 56.
 - Reviewer's assessment is that *SR* is appropriate for upper-secondary readers.
- Frost, Lucy. "Nothing abnormal to report." Rev. of *Mr Scobie's Riddle. Australian Book Review* Apr. 1983: 5-6.
 - Jolley has the ability to make readers laugh "at matters our social conventions tell us are not funny"—humour gives an edge to the gentleness.
- Frost, Lyn. "Excerpts by Airmail Keep Miss Peabody in Suspense: Paperback Issues." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Canberra Times* 13 Nov. 1983: Timestyle 8.
 - Six new publications briefly noted.
- Halligan, Marion. "Skilful and Savage." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*, by Elizabeth Jolley, and *An Unusual Angle*, by Greg Egan. *Canberra Times* 26 Nov. 1983: 19.
 - Jolley uses "techniques of exaggeration"—"characters are larger or smaller than life," and below the "caustic surface" is a non-judgemental compassion.
- Hassell, Mea. "Tale with Teeth." Rev. of *Mr Scobie's Riddle. West Australian* 22 Jan. 1983: 34.
- Keesing, Nancy. "Lampshade Reflects Great Talent." Rev. of *Woman in a Lampshade*. *Weekend Australian* 12-13 Mar. 1983: Magazine 16.

Some readers find Jolley's characters "grotesque," but the same could be said of Patrick White and others.

---. "Land As Obsession." Rev. of *The Art of Elizabeth Durack*, Intro. by Patrick Hutchings with letter of comment by Elizabeth Durack; *Woman in a Lampshade*, by Elizabeth Jolley, and *Mr Scobie's Riddle*, by Elizabeth Jolley. *Australian Book Review* Apr. 1983: 6-7.

WL reflects Jolley's interest in the land and SR is an "enjoyable comic novel underpinned by a gallant view of death, and life."

- Kepert, L. V. "Parade of Eccentrics." Rev. of *Woman in a Lampshade* [and several others]. *Sun Herald* [Sydney] 13 Mar. 1983: n. pag.
- Lord, Gabrielle. "Exposing Truths and Myths." Rev. of *Woman in a Lampshade* and *Mr Scobie's Riddle. National Times* [Sydney] 13-19 Mar. 1983: 32.

"Elizabeth Jolley is a writer who can make you laugh out loud and almost at the same time, bite your heart in two."

- Noonan, William. "Satirical Peek at Miss Peabody." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*, by Elizabeth Jolley, and *Seven Days at Sea*, by Allan Skerman. *Weekend Australian* 22-23 Oct. 1983: 14.
- Pierce, Peter. "Narrative Ambiguity." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance. Age* [Melbourne] 19 Nov. 1983: Saturday Extra 18.

Thoughtful commentary, noting that keywords in MP are "pain" and "need" and that Jolley "mingles novelette and memoir."

- Punnett, Ivor. "Riddle in the Twilight." Rev. of *Mr Scobie's Riddle. Sun* [Melbourne] 8 Jan. 1983: 22.
- Riddell, Elizabeth. "Two Women Take a Look at Love." Rev. of *Daughters of Passion*, by Julia O'Faolain, and *Woman in a Lampshade*, by Elizabeth Jolley. *Bulletin* [Aust.]12 Apr. 1983: 66.

Notes Jolley's sometimes "rather painful whimsy" and her capacity for compassion and understanding.

Robinson, Hilary. "Black Comedy That Shines." Rev. of *Mr Scobie's Riddle. Weekend Australian* 1-2 Jan. 1983: Magazine 10.

Description of this "illuminating black comedy."

Shapcott, Thomas. "Living in a World of Tiny Terrorism." Rev. of *Mr Scobie's Riddle. Courier-Mail* [Brisbane] 12 Mar. 1983: Great Weekend 6.

Appreciative description, noting that "Jolley's great talent is to create chartacters that at first seem bizarre, grotesque, funny or a bit mad, and then to show them in the complexity of interpersonal relationships."

- ---. "Jolley: A Name to Reckon With." Rev. of *Woman in a Lampshade.*" *Courier-Mail* [Brisbane] 9 July 1983: n. pag.
- "Shaw on Subtle Rot." Rev. of *Woman in a Lampshade* [and several others]. *Sunday Press* [Melbourne] 6 Mar. 1983: n. pag.
- Stead, C. K. "No One Ever Manages to Break Out of This Old Folks' Home." Rev. of *Mr Scobie's Riddle. Sydney Morning Herald* 29 Jan. 1983: 33.
 - Descriptive, concluding that though the novel may be "over-strenuous," characters and place are vividly set down.
- Stretton, Andrea. "Cultural Bonds Bind More Than Feet." Rev. of *A Visit from the Footbinder and Other Stories*, by Emily Prager, and *Woman in a Lampshade*, by Elizabeth Jolley. *Sydney Morning Herald* 28 May 1983: 33.

A succinct appreciation of Jolley's characters and the way in which their obsessions acquire significance.

- T[onkiss], M[ark]. Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street. Review* [Education Dept. of South Australia] 11.1 (1983): 57.
- Wyndham, Susan. "Tangled Tale of Repression, and of Women in Love with Women." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance. Sydney Morning Herald* 29 Oct. 1983: 42.

Descriptive, emphasising that MP is a novel about women.

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- Allan, Helen. Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*. LiNQ [*Literature in North Queensland*] 12.1-3 (1984): 75-77.
- "Almost the Best of Elizabeth Jolley." Rev. of *Mr Scobie's Riddle. Albany Advertiser* [Western Australia] 5 July 1984: n. pag.
- Baranay, Inez. "A Discomforting Tale Painted in Murky Colours and Harsh Lights." Rev. of *Milk and Honey. Sydney Morning Herald* 13 Oct. 1984: 41.
 - "A discomforting book altogether, depressing and dazzling at once. It is hard to know just what to say about it."
- Brewster, Anne. "Very Jolley." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*. *ASH* Winter (1984): 31.

Notes the "interplay of the two narrative strands" and "the irony and ambiguity of characterisation."

- "Briefly Noted: Fiction." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance* and *Mr Scobie's Riddle*, by Elizabeth Jolley, and *Something to be Desired*, by Thomas McGuane. *The New Yorker* 24 Dec. 1984: 88.
- Burgi, Anne. "The Story of a Strange Pen-Friendship." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*. *Yass Tribune* [NSW] 22 Oct. 1984: n. pag.
- Burns, Graham. "Chronicler of Time's Slow Attritions." Rev. of *Stories*. *Age* [Melbourne] 14 July 1984: 13.

Concise and thoughtful, showing how Jolley "is a prose poet of the slow attritions of time; but she is also a robust and entertaining comic writer who chronicles . . . the dotty strategies and casual cruelties by which her defenceless characters try to come to terms with their lives or to influence the wills of others." Remarks on Jolley's "Tolstoian inwardness" in "A Hedge of Rosemary."

Clancy, Laurie. "A Melancholy Novel, Darkly Disturbing." Rev. of *Milk and Honey* and *Palomino*. *Age* [Melbourne] 3 Nov. 1984: Saturday Extra 19.

MH is a "darkly disturbing, sombre book" whose tone and mood is more like *P* than the other novels.

- D. P. D. Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance* and *Mr. Scobie's Riddle. Booklist* 1 Oct. 1984: 191.
- Disch, Thomas M. "Bound, Gagged and Left in the Pantry." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance* and *Mr. Scobie's Riddle. New York Times Book Review* 18 Nov. 1984: 14.

Focusses mainly on *MP*, noting that the bond between novelist-reader-characters springs from an old-fashioned concern for the morality of imaginative experience.

Dowrick, Stephanie. Rev. of *Milk and Honey. Books and Writing*. ABC [Aust.]. Natl. Radio. 10 Oct. 1984.

Broadcast of a review of *Milk and Honey* in which Jolley is praised for her skills of observation and description, but criticised for her construction of characters, with the reviewer stating that the characters in this novel do not invite any serious attempt at identification.

Dutton, Geoffrey. "A Talent which Has Its Flaws." Rev. of *Stories. Bulletin* [Aust.] 29 May 1984: 97.

Dutton notes that Jolley has the "rare ability" to write about old people, and is good with eccentrics.

- East, Vickie Kilgore. "Australian Novelist Full of Suprises." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*. *The Tennessean* 12 Feb. 1984: n. pag.
- England, Katharine. "Awaiting the Next Sick Surprise." Rev. of *Palomino* and *Milk and Honey. Advertiser* [Adelaide] 13 Oct. 1984: Saturday Review 38.

Forshaw, Thelma. "The Comic Muse." Rev. of Mr Scobie's Riddle, Woman in a Lampshade and Miss Peabody's Inheritance. Quadrant 28.4 (1984): 81-82.

Argues that "Elizabeth Jolley shares with Patrick White a tenderness and fascination for Fools" and that she is able to "show us the hidden underbelly of humanity" through the "Fools of daily life."

Frost, Lucy. "The Grotesque and the Innocent." Rev. of *Palomino*, by Elizabeth Jolley; *Milk and Honey*, by Elizabeth Jolley; *Bearded Ladies*, by Kate Grenville, and *The Bush Soldiers*, by John Hooker. *Overland* 97 (1984): 66-68.

In *MH*, Jolley "begins with the detail, seen clearly for whatever it might be in itself. Then gradually, connections come until finally everything fits together and her prose is radiant with metaphor."

- Gerrish, Carolyn. "One to One." Rev. of *Palomino*. Womanspeak 9.1 (1984): 24.
- Halligan, Marion. "Jolley's Jacobean Farce." Rev. of *Milk and Honey. Canberra Times* 23 Dec. 1984: 8.

Jolley's "prose can be superb," but "in this novel I could not believe sufficiently in her characters or her messages."

---. "Variations on Character." Rev. of *Stories*, *Five Acre Virgin*, and *The Travelling Entertainer*. *Canberra Times* 29 Sept. 1984: 16.

Notes the unevenness of the collected stories and that "Jolley doesn't celebrate happiness, but love."

- Harrison, Martin. "Present with a Past." Rev. of *Just City and the Mirrors*, by Lynne Strahan; *Snow on the Saltbush*, by Geoffrey Dutton, and *Milk and Honey*, by Elizabeth Jolley. *Look and Listen* Nov. 1984: 88.
- Hildyard, Annette. "Bomb Nuts, Detective and Prisoners. Recent Australian Fiction." Rev. of *Woman in a Lampshade*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Island Magazine* 18/19 (1984): 40-44.

Notes the stories occasionally veer "towards the sentimental, the melodramatic, the coincidental," but there is a "cutting edge" in some stories comparable to Patrick White's.

- James, Trevor. "Stable of Authors." Rev. of *Palomino* [and several others]. *Sunday Territorian* [Northern Territory, Aust.] 4 Nov. 1984: n. pag.
- J[ervis], J[ames] V. Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*. *Review* [Education Dept. of South Australia] 12.3 (1984): 47.
- Little, Brenda. "When Honey Becomes Gall." Rev. of *Milk and Honey. Weekend Australian* 22-23 Sept. 1984: 14.

"The non-reality and non-understanding of Louise was, for me, where the book flounders."

- Lord, Gabrielle. "Whispered Gothic Secrets." Rev. of *Milk and Honey. National Times* [Sydney] 14-20 Sept. 1984: n. pag.
- Rev. of Miss Peabody's Inheritance. Kirkus Reviews 1 Sept. 1984: n. pag.
- Rev. of Mr. Scobie's Riddle. Kirkus Reviews 1 Sept. 1984: 815.
- Rev. of Miss Peabody's Inheritance. Publishers Weekly 14 Sept. 1984: 131.
- Rev. of Mr Scobie's Riddle. Publishers Weekly 28 Sept. 1984: n. pag.
- O'Connell, Elin. "A Delicate Miniature." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*. *Newcastle Herald* [Aust.] 28 Jan. 1984: 6.
 - Rhetorical questions sustain the thesis of the review's title.
- Owings, Alison. "Wry Tales From Down Under." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance* and *Mr Scobie's Riddle.*" *San Francisco Chronicle* 2 Dec. 1984: n. pag.
- Purnell, Kathryn. Rev. of *A Descant for Gossips*, by Thea Astley, and *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*, by Elizabeth Jolley. *Luna* 18 (1984): 40-43.
 - Descriptive, noting that MP is a woman's book in which the male characters are "rather nice props needed for the women to get on with their lives."
- See, Carolyn. "Jolley Aussies." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance* and *Mr Scobie's Riddle*. *Los Angeles Times* 9 Dec. 1984: Book Review 1, 13.
- T[onkiss], M[ark]. Rev. of *Woman in a Lampshade. Review* [Education Dept. of South Australia] 12.1 (1984): 55.
- Ward, Elizabeth. "Moments of Vision." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance* and *Mr. Scobie's Riddle. Washington Post* 4 Nov. 1984: Book World 1-2.
 - Places Jolley along with Patrick White as among the most eminent of Australian writers and considers that *SR* "touches on greatness."
- Weyland, John. "Jolley—but Mysterious." Rev. of *Milk and Honey. West Australian* 13 Oct. 1984: 44.
 - Echoes the discomfort of many reviewers of the book.
- Wiehe, Janet. Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance* and *Mr Scobie's Riddle*. *Library Journal* 1 Nov. 1984: 2080.
- Windsor, Gerard. "The Importance of Being Old-fashioned." Rev. of *Stories, Five Acre Virgin* and *The Travelling Entertainer. Australian Book Review* Dec. 1984/Jan. 1985: 17-18.

Sceptical analysis of "the Elizabeth Jolley phenomenon," followed by a thoughtful commentary on her short story collection.

1985

- Ashcroft, Bill. Rev. of *Foxybaby*. *Books and Writing*. Broadcast ABC Radio 2, 30 Oct. 1985.
- Britton, David. "Superb Comic Horror." Rev. of *Foxybaby. West Australian* 14 Sept. 1985: 34.

Notes Jolley's themes of loneliness and isolation, her interest in fantasy, her manic humour, and her memorable characters.

Brown, Mary Ellen. "Family Melodramas." Rev. of *Milk and Honey* and *Foxybaby. CRNLE Reviews Journal* [Centre for Research in New Literatures in English] [Special Australian Number] 2 (1985): 1-3.

Considers the novels from a feminist-psychoanalytical point of view.

Butel, Elizabeth. "Women Writers Quicken the Pulse of Australian Fiction." Rev. of *A Long Time Dying*, by Olga Masters and *Foxy Baby* [sic], by Elizabeth Jolley. *National Times* [Sydney] 6-12 Sept. 1985: 30.

Descriptive, calling attention to the theme of writing in Jolley's fiction.

Carter, Angela. "Dreams of Reason...And of Foxes." Rev. of *Foxybaby. New York Times Book Review* 24 Nov. 1985: 1+.

Extended review of Jolley's "delicious and sustaining new novel"—in which she is likened to writer Grace Paley. Notes Jolley's comic method is in part to juxtapose profound feelings with low farce, and concludes that Jolley's "fiction shines and shines and shines, like a good deed in a naughty world."

Chapple, Veneta. "Intriguing Study of Life Today." Rev. of *Foxybaby. Courier-Mail* [Brisbane] 23 Nov. 1985: Great Weekend 7.

"Homosexuality is introduced somewhat unnecessarily in subtle tones on numerous occasions throughout the novel."

Colmer, John. "Romp at the Summer School." Rev. of *Foxybaby*. Weekend Australian 7-8 Sept. 1985: Magazine 17.

An "hilarious and deeply moving novel" concerned with "the difference between invented worlds and reality, their surprising clashes and intersections." Jolley is "one of the most original and inventive writers of fiction in Australia today."

Cunningham, Valentine. "Dreams Are Good For You." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Observer* [UK] 28 Apr. 1985: n. pag.

Descriptive, concluding Jolley is "one of the spryest of Australia's new comic talents."

Daniel, Helen. "A Jolley Comic Horror." Rev. of *Foxybaby*. *Age* [Melbourne] 7 Sept. 1985: Saturday Extra 13.

"[A]nother outstanding novel, with an exquisite comic horror and a brimming pain," but the last page and a half disappoints.

Dibble, Brian. "Dream-crowded Inferno." Rev. of *Foxybaby*. *Australian Book Review* Dec. 1985/Jan. 1986: 29-30.

Argues that *F* represents "a logical but highly imaginative development" of Jolley's typical themes and techniques. The metafictional structure of the novel is related to the themes of imagination and dream and reality. Notes Jolley's use of Dante's *Inferno* as a structuring device.

England, Katharine. "As Cunning as a Fox." Rev. of. *Foxybaby*. *Advertiser* [Adelaide] 14 Sept. 1985: 7.

The novel is a "vibrant" exploration of truth against fiction, of the dream against the reality, the absurd against the tragic"; but it lacks cohesion.

Forshaw, Thelma. "The Sullen Novelists." Rev. of *Milk and Honey*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Quadrant* 29.3 (1985): 77-79.

Seven new publications briefly reviewed; highlights the gothic quality of MH.

Rev. of Foxybaby. Kirkus Reviews 1 Sept. 1985. n. pag.

Rev. of Foxybaby. Publishers Weekly 13 Sept. 1985: 127.

- Fraser, C. Gerald. ["New and Noteworthy."] Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance* [and several others]. *New York Times Book Review* 17 Nov. 1985: 50.
- Garner, Helen. "A Strange Novel that Rubs the Right Way." Rev. of *Tunnel Vision*, by Dorothy Johnston, and *Palomino*, by Elizabeth Jolley. *Sydney Morning Herald* 19 Jan. 1985: 41.

Brief but emphatic retraction of earlier dismissal of P in Meanjin (42.2 [1983]: 153-57).

- G[eeslin], C[ampbell]. Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*. *People* [USA] Jan. 1985: 23.

 Description of "this uniquely witty Australian novel."
- Gibson, Sharan. "Alma Porch Walks Toward Herself: Delicious Satire in Portions Large and Small." Rev. of *Foxybaby*. *Houston Chronicle* 29 Dec. 1985: 17.

Descriptive, noting that Jolley's fiction blends the comic and the tragic.

Glastonbury, Marion. "Chewed to a Rag." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*, by Elizabeth Jolley, and *Mr Scobie's Riddle*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *New Statesman* 10 May 1985: 25-26.

Five new publications briefly reviewed. Jolley's two novels are "[m]ildly nasty, affording only a rare twinge of wry amusement, [but they] illustrate the idea that farce may be a form of tragedy speeded up, or alternatively, by repetition and inertia, slowed down and drawn out."

Hastings, Selina. Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Daily Telegraph* [UK] 26 Apr. 1985: 19.

Four new publications briefly reviewed.

- Hildebrand, Holly. "Heartbreak and Hilarity in Pair of Jolley Books." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance* and *Mr Scobie's Riddle. Houston Post* 10 Feb. 1985: n. pag.
- Hill, Susan. "Good Books." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance* [and several others]. *Good Housekeeping* [UK] June 1985: 197.
- Jones, D. A. N. "Morituri." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance* and *Mr Scobie's Riddle*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *London Review of Books* 23 May 1985: 22-23.
 Five new publications briefly reviewed.
- Kakutani, Michiko. "Satiric Touch." Rev. of *Foxybaby*. *New York Times* 16 Nov. 1985: n. pag. Rev. reprinted in *Herald Tribune* [New York] 6 Dec. 1985: n. pag.
- Koestler, Frances A. "In Two Novels, A Mix of Heartbreak and Hilarity." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance* and *Mr Scobie's Riddle. Newsday* 17 Jan. 1985: Part II 39.
- La Badie, Donald. "Tale of Spinster is a Heady Blend." Rev. of *Foxybaby*. *The Commercial Appeal* [Memphis] 29 Dec. 1985: J4.

Descriptive, noting that Miss Porch, like Alice in Wonderland, is "barraged with outrageous situations that are apparently normal for those around her."

Lewis, Peter. "Ratbags and Others." Rev. of *Illywhacker*, by Peter Carey; *The Doubleman*, by C. J. Koch, and *Palomino*, by Elizabeth Jolley. *London Magazine* 25. 1-2 (1985): 148-52.

Notes that Jolley concentrates on "psychological and emotional rather than social beings," and that landscape functions as "both a context and a defining metaphor." Criticises the novel for its "ecstatic tremulousness," its "preciously overworked" rythmns, its being "coyly anti-pornographic," its "elements of coincidence" and "history repeating itself," its "Gothicism," and its melodrama. Concludes that Jolley is more fashionable than talented.

McDonald, John. "Jolley Disturbing." Rev. of *Milk and Honey. NSWIT* [New South Wales Institute of Technology] 202, 29 July 1985. n. pag.

Comments on earlier reviews of *MH*, especially Martin Harrison's critique of those reviewers who found it "gloomy, depressing Gothic" (*Age Monthly Review* [Melbourne] May 1985: 16-19). Argues that Jolley's "narrative of cultural dispossession in an ironically named 'land of milk and honey' has made the novel seem depressing to some critics." *MH* is "[p]robably . . . her most complex and finely written work," which by "comment[ing] so pertinently on migration . . . perhaps even functions as a critique of Australia's capacity for cultural ingestion and destruction"—hence the negative reviews.

- McKernan, Susan. "A Feminist View of the Young Artist." Rev. of *Running Backwards Over Sand*, by Stephanie Dowrick, and *Foxybaby*, by Elizabeth Jolley. *Bulletin* [Aust.] 26 Nov. 1985: 99-100.
 - Jolley is concerned with the nature of imagination and the difficulties of communication.
- Motion, Joanna. "Patterning the Stuff of Life." Rev. of *Palomino*, *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*, *Mr Scobie's Riddle*, and *Milk and Honey*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Times Literary Supplement* 18 Oct. 1985: 1173.
 - Seven Australian novels briefly reviewed—four of them Jolley's. *MH* is "the richest, the darkest, and the most unexpected" of Jolley's novels, and "genuinely risk-taking."
- Parini, Jay. "Two Bright Gems from Down Under." Rev. of *Mr Scobie's Riddle* and *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*. *USA Today* 20 Mar. 1985: n. pag.
- Sheahan, Robyn. "A Jolley Look at Sophisticated Love." Rev. of *Palomino. Toowoomba Chronicle* [Aust.] 3 Jan. 1985: n. pag.
- Steinberger, Margaret. "Bevy of Hilarious Characters." Rev. of *Foxybaby*. *Newcastle Herald* 28 Sept. 1985: n. pag.
- S[ullivan], S[hirley]. Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*. *Review Bulletin* [Victorial, Aust., Education Dept. Library Branch] 17.3 (1985): 63.
- ---. Rev. of *Palomino*. *Review Bulletin* [Victorial, Aust., Education Dept. Library Branch] 17.3 (1985): 63.
- Stumpf, Edna. "What She Inherits is a Lot of Gaminess of Write About." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*. *Star-Telegram* [Fort Worth, TX] 20 Jan. 1985: n. pag.
- Thody, Philip. "In Line for Lunacy." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance* and *Mr Scobie's Riddle* [and several others]. *Yorkshire Post* 9 May 1985: n. pag.
- Webby, Elizabeth. "Jolley is Familiar—Yet Surprising." Rev. of *Foxybaby. Sydney Morning Herald* 14 Sept. 1985: 47.
 - Appreciative description of this "complex work," which "deals with the inter-relationship between life and fiction."
- Weyland, John. "Precision and Integrity." Rev. of *Midwinter Spring*, by John Webb, and *Palomino*, by Elizabeth Jolley. *West Australian* 23 Mar. 1985: 38.
- White, Diane. "Hilarity at Slimming School." Rev. of *Foxybaby*. *Boston Globe* 20 Dec. 1985: n. pag.
- Wiehe, Janet. Rev. of Foxybaby. Library Journal 1 Oct. 1985: 112.

- Winders, Glenda. "Newcomer Scores with Subtle Tale." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance. Kansas City Star* 27 Jan. 1985: n. pag.
- Wood, Elizabeth. "Lust and Laughter from Down Under." Rev. of *Miss Peabody's Inheritance*, by Elizabeth Jolley, and *The Only Daughter*, by Jessica Anderson. *Ms* [USA] Mar. 1985: 89-90.

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Ackroyd, Peter. "Two Cultures, One Transplanted." Rev. of *Milk and Honey. New York Times Book Review* 15 June 1986: 12.

The novel reflects Jolley's European and Australian cultural experience—"its European images have been placed in an Australian setting where their shadows become darker and longer, more difficult to understand but also more difficult to resist." Jolley has the "ability so to control the cadences of her writing that their movement becomes a necessary part of the story." Comparison is made to Barbara Pym.

- Baldwin, Dean. "Foxybaby." Rev. of *Foxybaby. Magill's Literary Annual 1986*. Ed. Frank N. Magill. Englewood Cliffs: Salem P, 1986. 306-09.
- Becker, Alida. "Muted, Melancholy Variation on Themes of Paradise Lost." Rev. of *Milk and Honey. Cleveland Plain Dealer* 22 June 1986: n. pag.
- Berridge, Elizabeth. "Recent Fiction." Rev. of *Foxybaby* [and several others]. *Daily Telegraph* [London] 27 Mar. 1986: n. pag.
- "Briefly Noted." Rev. of *Milk and Honey* [and several others]. *The New Yorker* 4 Aug. 1986: 86.
- Brown, Bethwyn. "Pushing the Limits of Reality." Rev. of *The Well. West Australian* 20 Sept. 1986: 35.

Descriptive.

Chamberlain, Lesley. "The Embrace of Art." Rev. of *Foxybaby*. *Times Literary Supplement* 13 June 1986: 645.

"[A]n exploration of the intricacies of the imagination," the novel suceeds more than *MP* in using the "technique of framing a work-in-progress with a story about its writer and another about its audience" and so becomes "an unusual novel about the genderless erotic adventure of writing." Comparison is made to Barbara Pym.

Coover, Robert. "Dotty and Disorderly Conduct." Rev. of *The Well* and *Woman in a Lampshade. New York Times Book Review* 16 Nov. 1986: 1+.

Synopses of the books (plus MP and F), concluding that Jolley's writing "even at its best . . . seems ultimately somewhat slight. . . ."

- Craig, Patricia. "Intrusive Echoes." Rev. of *The Well. Times Literary Supplement* 15 Aug. 1986: 894.
 - Descriptive, noting that "[e]choes from quite a few fairy tales and nursery rhymes are sounded in this book."
- Daniel, Helen. "Trafficking between Fantasy and Horror." Rev. of *The Well. Age* [Melbourne] 27 Sept. 1986: Saturday Extra 12.
 - "Jolley at her brilliant best"—like *MH*, the novel is characterised by its "brooding, meditative manner and the contradictory possibilities Jolley holds in beautiful poise."
- Dieter, William. "Foxybaby Filled with Outrageous Characters." Rev. of Foxybaby. Rocky Mountain News [Denver, CO] 26 Jan. 1986: Sunday Magazine n. pag.
- Dunn, Rosalind. "Literary Ladies With Several Good Words." Rev. of *Bearded Ladies*, by Kate Grenville; *The Acolyte*, by Thea Astley; *Walking the Dog*, by Marian Eldridge, and *Palomino*, by Elizabeth Jolley. *Daily Sun* [Melbourne] 10 May 1986: n. pag.
- Dutton, Geoffrey. "Obsessed with What's Down the Well." Rev. of *The Well. Weekend Australian* 20-21 Sept. 1986: Magazine 15.
 - "A brilliant storyteller," Jolley "has written a horror story that is also richly comic, a parable of evil that encompasses goodness."
- England, Katharine. "Dark Secret Lurks Deep in the Well." *Advertiser* [Adelaide] 20 Sept. 1986: Magazine n. pag.
- Esposito, Michael J. Rev. of *The Well. Library Journal* 1 Oct. 1986: 110.
- Feinstein, Elaine. "Wasting Away on the Edge." Rev. of *Home Ground*, by Lynn Freed, and *Foxybaby*, by Elizabeth Jolley. *Sunday Times* [London] 20 Apr. 1986: n. pag.
- "Forecasts." Rev. of Milk and Honey. Publishers Weekly 229.15 (1986): 86-87.
- "Forecasts." Rev. of Woman in a Lampshade. Publishers Weekly 230.6 (1986): 66.
- "Forecasts." Rev. of The Well. Publishers Weekly 230.13 (1986): 67.
- Foty, Geraldine R. "Comic-sad Story Set In Outback." Rev. of *Foxybaby*. *Worcester Telegraph* [USA] 2 Feb. 1986: n. pag.
- Fulweiler, Megan. "Bubble of Emotions." Rev. of *Foxybaby. Providence Sunday Journal* [Rhode Island] 5 Jan. 1986: H16.
- Garner, Helen. Rev. of Foxybaby. Fremantle Arts Review 1.1 (1986): 12.
 - "Jolley's most complete and satisfying novel," which "moves from one tone level, one mode, to another"—from "daffy" comedy to the lyric, down to sober gentle sequences, and right down into the depths of incest, despair, fear and sadness.

- Gerrish, Carolyn. Rev. of Foxybaby. Womanspeak 10.1 (1986): 26.
- Halliday, Bob. "Elizabeth Jolley's Well of Loneliness." Rev. of *The Well, Woman in a Lampshade* and *Milk and Honey. Washington Post* 2 Nov. 1986: Book World 10-11.

Notes Jolley's "virtuosity of form," but "would gladly sacrifice cleverness of design for more of the naturalness the premise of these stories requires." Jolley "is an Australian original who deserves a wide American audience." Comparisons are made to Muriel Spark and Flannery O'Connor.

Halligan, Marion. "Jolley: Ambiguous, Surreal, Powerful." Rev. of *The Well. Canberra Times* 29 Nov. 1986: B2.

Jolley's "recycling" is related both to her technical experimentation and to her being "fascinated by different modes of perception."

---. "Taking the Jolley Treatment." Rev. of Foxybaby. Canberra Times 18 Jan. 1986: B2.

Notes "Jolley's recycling habits," and the novel's "[c]aricature, farce, exageration"—"none of these precludes truth. Readers will find their own, or not. . . ."

- Hamilton-Smith, Barbara. "Hypocrisy of the British Abroad." Rev. of *Foxybaby* [and several others]. *Catholic Herald* [London] 9 May 1986: 6.
- Harnett, Lynn. "Jolley's Book is Captivating, Absorbing and Hilarious." Rev. of *Foxybaby*. *Portsmouth Herald* [New Hampshire] 2 Feb. 1986: 16A.
- Hildebrand, Holly. "Life on Experimental Fat Farm Dishes Up Appetizing Food For Thought." Rev. of *Foxybaby*. *Houston Post* 16 Mar. 1986: n. pag.
- Jarvis-Prokop, Kay. Rev. of Foxybaby. Tribune [San Diego, CA] 10 Jan. 1986: C3.

"No matter how the reader takes Elizabeth Jolley's work—for its wit and devilish irony, or its profoundly darker message—it shimmers with a richness of place and character and dialogue that is breathtaking and rare."

Jefferis, Barbara. "Three Novels." Rev. of *Foxybaby*, by Elizabeth Jolley; *Lilian's Story*, by Kate Grenville, and *A Long Time Dying* by Olga Masters. *Overland* 103 (1986): 65-66.

"[T]he most philosophically intricate and coherent" of Jolley's books, the novel is also "profoundly funny," and "a brilliant examination of the creative process."

Kennedy, Joanne. "Funny, Mysterious and Perceptive." Rev. of *Foxybaby*. *Virginian-Pilot and the Ledger-Star* [Norfolk, VA] 12 Jan. 1986: C6.

Comparisons are made to Barbara Pym and Anita Brookner.

Laren, Anne. Rev. of Woman in a Lampshade. Kirkus Reviews 1 Sept. 1986: 1313-14.

"Jolley is if anything slightly less impressive in this collection of stories"—only "Dingle the Fool" succeeds in delivering "pathos with effective starkness."

McKernan, Susan. "A Message From Our Flying Domestic." Rev. of *The Well. Bulletin* 18 Nov. 1986: 101.

Comparison is made to Patrick White's "The Aunt's Story."

Rev. of Foxybaby. Booklist 15 May 1986. n. pag.

Rev. of Milk and Honey. Kirkus Reviews 15 Mar. 1986: n. pag.

Modjeska, Drusilla. "Many Levels in the Fantasy World of Hester Harper." Rev. of *The Well. Sydney Morning Herald* 13 Sept. 1986: 44.

The novel is Jolley's "best yet."

Monson, Karen. "An Eerie Tale with Music, Marriage and Surprises." Rev. of *Milk and Honey. Baltimore Sunday Sun* 25 May 1986: n. pag.

A "wonderful novel [whose] gothic turns and twists of plot are its essence."

Multer, John. Rev. of Milk and Honey. Publishers Weekly 11 Apr. 1986: 86-87.

---. Rev. of Woman in a Lampshade. 8 Aug. 1986: 66.

- Murphy, Marese. "Children of the Apocalypse." Rev. of *Foxybaby* [and several others]. *Irish Times* 29 Mar. 1986: n. pag.
- Parrington, Drena. "Love Story Told with Style." Rev. of *Palomino. Sunday Mail* [South Australia] 20 Apr. 1986: n. pag.
- Perkins, Elizabeth. "New Fiction: A Village Hampden, Wasting Sweetness and the Short Annals of the Poor." Rev. of *Benton's Conviction*, by Geoff Page; *Foxybaby*, by Elizabeth Jolley, and *A Long Time Dying*, by Olga Masters. *Quadrant* 30.3 (1986): 80-83.

"The depth of Elizabeth Jolley's satire in all her published work is partly due to her courage in centring characters and action on the use, abuse and denial of human love."

- Rodriguez, Judith. Rev. of The Well. Fremantle Arts Review 1.12 (1986): 14-15.
- Schapiro, Nancy. "Blending British Cosy and Australian Crude." Rev. of *Foxybaby* and *Miss Peabody's Inheritance. St Louis Post-Dispatch* 19 Jan. 1986: n. pag.

Descriptive, concluding that Jolley's theme is the "equivalence of the real and the imaginative."

---. "The Darker Truths of Love." Rev. of *Milk and Honey. St Louis Post-Dispatch* 25 May 1986: n. pag.

Appreciative, noting that the novel's "tone and mood [are] far bleaker than the comic satire of her earlier novels." Comparison made to Charles Dickens.

- See, Carolyn. "Fully Fleshed Lives in Sorry Surroundings." Rev. of *Foxybaby. Los Angeles* 28 Jan. 1986: Part 5: 1, 4.
- ---. "Gothic Tale With Plenty of Secret Sins to Reveal." Rev. of *Milk and Honey. Los Angeles Times* 26 May 1986: Part 5: 6.

To tell the story of European migration to "a strange land, Jolley falls back on a European form"—the gothic tale. Comparison is made to Thomas Keneally's *A Family Madness*.

Seymour, Miranda. "Agony at Summer School." Rev. of *Foxybaby* [and several others]. *Daily Standard* [London] 9 Apr. 1986: n. pag.

Steinberg, Sybil. Rev. of The Well. Publishers Weekly 26 Sept. 1986: 67.

Thody, Philip. "Game Show." Rev. of *Foxybaby* [and several others]. *Yorkshire Post* 3 Apr. 1986: n. pag.

Tomkins, Pat. "Who Is Innocent When Everyone Is Guilty." Rev. of *Milk and Honey. San Francisco Chronicle* 29 June 1986: Review 5.

"Jolley's subject is the dual nature of love—love selfish and unselfish, love that destroys and nurtures; the novel proceeds through details [that] accumulate and observations [that] reverberate."

Trigg, Stephanie. "Elizabeth Jolley: Something Remarkable Every Time." Rev. of *Foxybaby. Scripsi* 4.1 (1986): 265-74.

Substantive, linking the novel to MP and SR, and focusing on its explorations of the "relationship between the writer and her material." Draws attention to "the repetition of themes, characters, images and phrases in [Jolley's] work" and to F's "Dantesque framework."

---. "The Realms of Gold: Fictions, Fantasies, Self-fashioning." Rev. of *The Well. Australian Book Review* Nov. 1986: 5-6.

Detailed discussion, noting the novel is thematically linked to *P* and *MH*, and commenting on Jolley's "conscious act of self-fashioning," and her "fashionable female characters."

Walker, Brenda. Rev. of Foxybaby. Westerly 4 (1986): 91-94.

"[A] satisfying and stimulating investigation of literary form, authorial motive, the effects of storytelling and dissembling, and the significance of certain moral values."

Rev. of The Well. Kirkus Reviews 1 Sept. 1986: 1313.

Jolley again "explores the quasi-lesbian obsessions of an ageing spinster; and again the effect is that of a short story puffed out to novel length. . . ."

- White, Diane. "Jolley Goes Gothic with a Vengeance." Rev. of *Milk and Honey. Boston Globe* 26 June 1986: n. pag.
- Wiehe, Janet. Rev. of Milk and Honey. Library Journal 111.9 (1986): 78.
- Willox, Bob. "The Well Overflows with Horror." Rev. of *The Well. Daily News* [Perth] 8 Oct. 1986: 28.
- Wordsworth, Christopher. "Out of the Heart of the Cape." Rev. of *Foxybaby* [and several others]. *Guardian* 27 Mar. 1986: n. pag.

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- Anderson, Don. "And the Winner Is Franklin, By Miles: A Punter's Guide to the Miles Franklin Award." Rev. of *The Well. Times on Sunday* [London] 24 May 1987: 27.
- "Briefly Noted: Fiction." Rev. of *Mum and Mr. Armitage*, by Beryl Bainbridge and *Palomino*, by Elizabeth Jolley. *The New Yorker* 14 Sept. 1987: 134-35.
- Cadzow, Jane. "Paperbacks: The Well Deserving Winner." Rev. of *The Well* [and several others]. *Weekend Australian* 6-7 June 1987: Magazine 12.
- Dibble, Brian. "Fruit Cake of Life." Rev. of The Well. Overland 106 (1987): 83-84.
 - "Elizabeth Jolley is traditional is subscribing to the pastoral myth, modern in using metafictional techniques. Both serve in exploring her basic concern, the concept of *love*."
- Feinstein, Elaine. "Out of the Past." Rev. of *Frozen Music*, by Francis King; *Second Sight*, by Anne Redmond, and *Milk and Honey*, by Elizabeth Jolley. *Times* [London] 27 Aug. 1987: 15.
 - Appreciation of the novel as "quirky, brilliantly written."
- Glazer, Daphne. Rev. of The Well. Margin 18 (1987): 20-21.
- Gray, Paul. "Flowerings." Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street. Time* [Aust.] 7 Dec. 1987: 77.
 - Brief remarks on the occasion of the Viking edition of NCS.
- Hanaor, Diana. Rev. of Milk and Honey. Antipodes 1.1 (1987): 53.
 - Notes that the novel is concerned with the migrant experience, and comments on Jolley's successful introduction to American readers.
- Hendin, Josephine. "Perfecting Woman." Rev. of *Palomino*. New York Times Book Review 19 July 1987: 11.
 - Appreciative commentary on the occasion of the Persea Press edition of P.

Jacobson, Howard. "Measuring up to the Age and Place." Rev. of *Milk and Honey*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Times Literary Supplement* 27 Nov. 1987: 1307-09.

An overview of 16 new Australian novels in which Jolley is briefly mentioned.

- Johnson, George. ["New and Noteworthy."] Rev. of *The Well* [and several others]. *New York Times Book Review* 20 Sept. 1987: n. pag.
- Lacy, Robert. "Elizabeth Jolley Tells a Story and It Stays Told." Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street. Minneapolis Star Tribune* [no date] Dec. 1987: n. pag.

Descriptive—NCS is "funny, sad, eccentric, outrageous."

- Lorenz, Janet E. Rev. of The Well. Magill's Literary Annual. 1987. 958-62.
 - "[A] suspenseful psychological thriller [that is] an unusual character study [of Hester] as well."
- "New in Paperback." Rev. of *The Well* [and several others]. *Washington Post* 30 Aug. 1987: Book World x12.
- Paolini, Shirley J. Rev. of *The Well. Antipodes* 1.2 (1987): 117.
- Pritchard, William H. "Aussie Oddities." Rev. of *The Well. New Republic* [USA] 23 Feb. 1987: 38-41.

Unfavourable comments on MH and WL and more favourable ones on F. Observes affinities between the novel and the works of D H Lawrence and Muriel Spark.

- Sen, Veronica. "Paperbacks: Youth's Hopes and Fears, In Its Own Words." Rev. of *The Well* [and several others]. *Canberra Times* 24 May 1987: 9.
- Sinkler, Rebecca Pepper. Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street. New York Times Book Review* 20 Dec. 1987: 16.

Jolley is a "weirdly wonderful writer," who "writes about money the way others write about love—lyrically, longingly, sensually."

- Ward, Elizabeth. "Elizabeth Jolley's Portrait of Women in Love." Rev. of *Palomino*. *Washington Post* 16 Aug. 1987: Book World x11.
- Zabusky, Charlotte Fox. Rev. of Palomino. Wilson Library Bulletin [USA] Nov. 1987: 82.

Descriptive, concluding that "[s]uch bizarre themes, examined so deeply and unflinchingly make this love story vintage Jolley. . . ."

Bloom, Alice. "Adults Only." Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Hudson Review* 41.3 (1988): 539-47.

A review of recent novels by six women.

- "Briefly Noted." The Sugar Mother. The New Yorker 5 Sept. 1988: 101.
- Brooker, Emma. "Up-front in the Outback." Rev. of *Stories*, by Elizabeth Jolley. *Guardian Weekly* 14 Aug. 1988: 28.
- Brunet, Elena. "Current Paperbacks." Rev. *The Newspaper of Claremont Street*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Los Angeles Times* 25 Dec. 1988: Book Review 9

One of five brief notices.

Craven, Peter. "Dark Shadows in a Teacup." Rev. of *The Sugar Mother. Age* [Melbourne] 23 Apr. 1988: Saturday Extra 12.

Condensed observations on the novel and on Jolley's writing generally by one of her best reviewers, arguing that "her true affinity is not with the English comedy of manners she apes but with the art of the German expressionists. She creates a world where pain and horror and hilarity [are] an indistinguisable totality...." Comparison is made to Patrick White.

- Dowrick, Stephanie. "Volcanic Emotional Ground." Rev. of *The Sugar Mother* [and three others]. *Vogue* [Aust.] July (1988): 80.
- England, Katharine. "The Sugar Mother: Elizabeth Jolley's Bicentennial Project." Rev. of *The Sugar Mother. Advertiser* [Adelaide] 2 Apr. 1988: Magazine 7.

Descriptive, arguing that where Jolley's theme in the early novels was possession, here it is creation, fiction, writing.

Freeman, Judith. "How Do You Look to Your Cleaning Lady." Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street. Los Angeles Times Book Review* 3 Jan. 1988: 3+.

A favourable review of Jolley's novel.

Greenwood, Gillian. "A Man from Japan." Rev. of *Singular Rebellion*, by Saiichi Maruya, trans. Dennis Keene; *The Newspaper of Claremont Street*, by Elizabeth Jolley, and *Cautionary Tales for Women*, by Julian Fane. *Times* [London] 31 Mar. 1988: 19.

Notes that "Jolley is not well known here, but . . . recently [has] had the success in America she deserves."

Halligan, Marion. "Happy Families? Jolley Breaks New Ground." Rev. of *The Sugar Mother. Canberra Times* 19 Mar. 1988: B6.

Detailed description, calling attention to the ambiguitities of the ending.

- Harris, Margaret. "It's a Wise Child." Rev. of [The] Sugar Mother. Australian Book Review Mar. 1988: 32-33.
 - "[L]ess arch and more adroit" than its predecessors, the subject of *SM* "as in so much of her previous writing, is possession, in all its senses"; more subtle than its predecessors, it replays the themes of "story telling, and . . . the power of writing and reading." Comparisons are made to Barbara Pym and Beryl Bainbridge.
- Hobson, Linda Whitney. "Australian Author Explores the Difficulties of Marriage in Lively Suburban Parable." Rev. of *The Sugar Mother*. Atlanta Journal and Constitution 2 Oct. 1988: n. pag.
- Johnson, George. ["New and Noteworthy."] Rev. of *Palomino* [and several others]. *New York Times Book Review* 31 July 1988: n. pag.
- Jones, Rod. "Elizabeth Jolley: The Exile Within." Rev. of *Stories. Washington Post* 15 May 1988: Book World x3.
- Lee-Jones, Nancy. "Funny but Sad People Inhabit Jolley's *Stories*..." Rev. of *Stories*. *Antipodes* 2.2 (1988): 130.
 - Notes Jolley's unique synthesis of fear and threat, tenderness and hope.
- McCauley, Stephen. "Pedant in Love." Rev. of *The Sugar Mother. New York Times Book Review* 10 July 1988: 7.

Thoughtful commentary, focussing on Jolley's creation of a fictional world: a "parallel universe—so wickedly amusing, so rich in character and gripping story. . . ." The novel is "one of her only extended portrayals of the virtues and limitations of marriage," and her subtlest "untangling of a story within a story." Comparisons are made to Barbara Pym and Evelyn Waugh.

- McKernan, Susan. "Extravagant Absurdity." Rev. of *The Sugar Mother. Bulletin* 29 Mar. 1988: 112.
 - "[C]onsiderably less baffling than some of her earlier work. . . ."
- Mendelsohn, Michael J. "Down Under's Delightful Secret." Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street. Tampa Tribune* 24 Apr. 1988: n pag.
- Moose, Ruth. Rev. of Stories. Library Journal 15 Apr. 1988: 94.
 - Comparisons are made to Barbara Pym and Anton Chekov.
- ---. Rev. of *The Sugar Mother*. *Library Journal* 1 June (1988): 140-42.
- Peake, Cathy. "A Jolley Professor Swallows the Sugar." Rev. of *The Sugar Mother. Sydney Morning Herald* 6 Apr. 1988: 72.

Descriptive, concluding "[t]here is something faintly unsatisfactory and boiled up about it all. . . ."

Platek, Teri. "Jolley's Macabre Tale of a Housekeeper Delights, Haunts..." Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street. Antipodes* 2.1 (1988): 56.

Brief remarks on the occasion of the Viking edition of NCS.

Plunket, Robert. Rev. of *Stories: Five Acre Virgin and The Travelling Entertainer. New York Times Book Review* 24 Apr. 1988: 34.

"Reading Elizabeth Jolley is a bit like listening to your grandmother.... What is not grandmotherly is the precise intelligence and masterly technique Ms. Jolley brings to her work; she is an artist of the first order."

Scott, Suzanne. "Humor, Poignancy, and Intrigue: The Fiction of Elizabeth Jolley." Rev. of Woman In A Lampshade, The Well, The Newspaper of Claremont Street, Palomino and Stories. Belles Lettres 3.6 (1988): 3

Saari, Peggy. Rev. of Stories. Antioch Review 46.3 (1988): 393.

Steinberg, Sybil. Rev. of The Sugar Mother. Publishers Weekly 6 May 1988: 93.

Taylor, Linda. "Orstralia and Elsewhere." Rev. of *The Newspaper of Claremont Street*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Times Literary Supplement* 15-21 Apr. 1988: 421.

One of five brief reviews.

- Thwaite, Anthony. "Ruined by Men." Rev. of *Stories*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *London Review of Books* 10.15 (1988): 24-26.
- Walker, Brenda. Rev. of *The Sugar Mother*. Westerly 3 (1988): 90-91.

The novel focusses on "masculine unhappiness" in marriage—"[p]atriarchal social arrangements are implicity rejected," and "the difficult problem of women's collusion in them is explored."

- Ward, Elizabeth. "In the Family Way." Rev. of *The Sugar Mother. Washington Post* 31 July 1988: Book World x3.
- Weyland, John. "Humour Lightens New Jolley Novel." Rev. of *The Sugar Mother. West Australian* 26 Mar. 1988: Big Weekend 13.
- White, Diane. "Loners, Outsiders and Misfits." Rev. of *Stories. Boston Globe* 2 May 1988: LIVING 24.
- Whitlam, Margaret. "A Jolley, Sugary Yarn." Rev. of *The Sugar Mother. Weekend Australian* 9-10 Apr. 1988: Magazine 15.

- Abel, Betty. "Literary Supplement: Quarterly Fiction Review." Rev. of *The Sugar Mother* [and several others]. *Contemporary Review* [UK] 254. 1479 (1989): 213-16.
- ---. "Literary Supplement: Quarterly Fiction Review." Rev. of *My Father's Moon* [and several others]. *Contemporary Review* [UK] 255.1485 (1989): 213-16.
- Birch, Dinah. "Growing-up." Rev. of *The Sugar Mother* [and several others]. *London Review of Books* 20 Apr. 1989: 20-21 n. pag.

Review of four new novels. "The triumph of *The Sugar Mother* is the wry sympathy with which we are led to understand exactly how Edwin's credulous reveries are absurd, but the pain and hunger which give rise to them are not."

- Burns, Rachel. "Subtle, Seductive and Subversive." Rev. of *My Father's Moon. Courier-Mail* [Brisbane] 15 Apr. 1989: Great Weekend 7.
- Craig, Patricia. "Benevolence Reborn." Rev. of *The Sugar Mother. Times Literary Supplement* 3-9 Mar. 1989: 226.
- Craven, Peter. "Life's Grim Heart Transcended" Rev. of *My Father's Moon. Weekend Australian* 22-23 Apr. 1989: Weekend 10.

Incisive appreciation of "this taut and wrenching piece of writing"—this "autumnal book in which each word is charged for all its plainness of style," in which there is "so little extrinsic narrative propulsion that it could be autobiography." "The power of Jolley's novel comes from her ability to sustain . . . imagery whilst also depicting the mundane experiences of a protagonist who . . . [is] intelligently an innocent." Comparison is made to Patrick White.

Daniel, Helen. "Painful Passage Into Memory." Rev. of *My Father's Moon. Age* [Melbourne] 15 Apr. 1989: Saturday Extra 11.

"[T]he most autobiographical of Jolley's novels," *MFM* focusses on "[w]ound and shame" and has lyric power: there is "the sense of an inner debate between the relentless honesty of a confessional self, a self-indictment without mercy, and at the same time the splendid defiance of the writer, who, in creating with such intensity Vera's predicament and pain, creates clemency."

---. "Plotting (3): A Quarterly Account of Recent Fiction." Overland 115 (1989): 31-36.

Overview of 45 titles, briefly mentioning *MFM* as "a profoundly moving novel of the thresholds of pain and exile, . . . a work poised across absences."

---, ed. *The Good Reading Guide: 100 Critics Review Contemporary Australian Fiction.* Melbourne: McPhee Gribble, 1989. 137-43, 291-92.

Australian critics briefly comment on each of Jolley's published works to date—three of which make the "50 Choice Titles" list.

- Edwards, Brian. "Researching Memories." Rev. of *My Father's Moon. Mattoid* 34 (1989): 183-86.
- Eldridge, Marian. "Jolley Good Rites of Passage." Rev. of *My Father's Moon* and *The Sugar Mother. Canberra Times* 29 Apr. 1989: B4.

MFM is "funny, sad, poignant"; SM is "contrived."

England, Katharine. "Jolley's Shimmering Prose Shines on Life's Darkness." Rev. of My Father's Moon. Advertiser [Adelaide] 15 Apr. 1989: n. pag.

Focusses particularly on the imagery of the moon in this "surely most autobiographical of Jolley's novels...."

- Glazer, Daphne. "Elizabeth Jolley: My Father's Moon." Rev. Margin 22 (1989): 33-34.
- Gornick, Vivian. "Youthful Pain in Normandy." Rev. of My Father's Moon. New York Times Book Review 30 Apr. 1989: 9.

Comments on the way the novel is structured through "the chronological disorder of memory," and compares it to Marguerite Duras' *The Lover*: in both a "hard, clear" introspectiveness gives the books their power. (An interesting line drawing accompanies the review.)

Hardie, Melissa. "Making Love, Making Babies or Making Do." Rev. of *Joan Makes History*, by Kate Grenville and *The Sugar Mother*, by Elizabeth Jolley. *Southerly* 49.1 (1989): 113-17.

Descriptive, noting "Jolley's novels and short stories centre upon ambivalent and half-revealed relationships," and that *SM* "cleverly presents three alternative formulations of pregnancy." Remarks that "the figure of the invader is transported from *The Well*" and that novel has affinities to D. H. Lawrence's *The Fox*.

---. "Body Language." Rev. of *Working Hot*, by Mary Fallon; *Broken Words*, by Helen Hodgman, and *My Father's Moon*, by Elizabeth Jolley. *Southerly* 49.4 (1989): 654-60.

Descriptive, noting "the ironies of *The Sugar Mother* are muted" in this novel, which is "dark, in some places even despondant, and restrained throughout in the exposition of emotional ties."

- Johnson, George. ["New and Noteworthy."] Rev. of *Palomino* [and several others]. *New York Times Book Review* 31 July 1988: n. pag.
- ---. ["New and Noteworthy."] Rev. of *Stories* [and several others]. *New York Times Book Review* 2 Apr. 1989: n. pag.
- ---. ["New and Noteworthy."] Rev. of *The Sugar Mother* [and several others]. *New York Times Book Review* 28 May 1989: 22.

Jones, Dorothy. Rev. of My Father's Moon. SPAN [Journal of the South Pacific Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies] 29 (1989): 113-15.

Descriptive, noting that this "discontinuous narrative," like MP and F, "explores once again the paradox of writing truth and fiction simultaneously."

Kenneally, Catherine. "Capturing the Essence." Rev. of *The Sugar Mother* and *My Father's Moon. The Sydney Review* 12 (May 1989): 17-18.

Lucas, Robin. ["New Paperbacks."] Rev. of *The Sugar Mother* [and several others]. *Sydney Morning Herald* 15 Apr. 1989: 90.

Notice of seven new publications—SM is "[w]itty, sad and strange."

---. ["Paperbacks."] Rev. of *The Sugar Mother* [and several others]. *Age* [Melbourne] 22 Apr. 1989: Saturday Extra 10.

Notice of six new publications, repeating comment on SM above.

McKeough, Craig. "Perth Author Lives Up to Expectations." Rev. of *The Sugar Mother*. *Albany Advertiser* 18 May 1989: 28.

Descriptive, noting that Jolley is considered "as one of Australia's best writers" and that this "[w]itty, off-beat and slightly unsettling ... [novel] is vintage Jolley."

McKernan, Susan. "Old Duffer No More." Rev. of *My Father's Moon. Bulletin* 11 Apr. 1989: 121.

Enthusiastic description, noting that *MFM* "does not pretend that human loneliness can be kept at bay by a hearty irony and taste for the bizarre." Jolley "is no longer playing the silly old duffer novelist," but rather details the world "of institutionalised women, of women cast out from the family and forced to fill their emotional hunger in unapproved or off-beat ways."

Rev. of My Father's Moon. Antioch Review 47.3 (1989): 373.

Milton, Edith. Rev. of The Sugar Mother. Massachusetts Review 30.1 (1989): 114-15.

Nelson, Penelope. "Paperbacks: Facing-up to an Eloquence of Apocalyptic Vision." Rev. of *The Sugar Mother* [and several others]. *Weekend Australian* 9-10 Sept. 1989: Weekend 8.

Descriptive, noting that Leila is one of "Jolley's most compelling creations."

---. "Paperbacks: Moon Sheds Light on the Odd Moments." Rev. of *My Father's Moon*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Weekend Australian* 23-24 Dec. 1989: 7.

Notice of seven new publications—"[m]ore autobiographical perhaps than her previous fiction, this is a delightful book."

"New Australian Books: Jolley's Latest." Rev. of *My Father's Moon* [and several others]. *Australian Bookseller and Publisher* Apr. 1989: 48.

Raine, Pat. "Missing Out." Rev. of My Father's Moon. Times Literary Supplement 28 July-3 Aug. 1989: 831.

"With My Father's Moon Elizabeth Jolley has invented a new literary form . . . neither . . . a novel nor a collection of related stories, but something midway between the two. . . ." Jolley is "always enigmatic, and never more so than when she has something to convey; she shies away from significance, as she does from expansive storytelling, preferring a kind of writing that above everything eschews fuss."

Riemer, A. P. "Mooning Around in the Past." Rev. of My Father's Moon. Australian Book Review May 1989: 27-28.

Descriptive, concluding that "the reason why so much of this book is flat, somnambulistic, why it lacks Jolley's characteristic verve and gusto, . . . is that it is a novel of retrospection and reminiscence."

- Reiter, David P. Rev. of My Father's Moon and The Sugar Mother. Redoubt 6 (Aug. 1989): 65-70.
- Schaumberger, Nancy Engbretsen. "'Irresistible' Novel Offers the Comic and the Macabre..." Rev. of *The Sugar Mother. Antipodes* 3.1 (1989): 30.

Acknowledges the "seemingly contradictory adjectives from reviewers" for this novel and concludes that "[o]ne can only hope that some alert director will appreciate Jolley's eye for the comic-macabre and transpose *The Sugar Mother* into the film for which it seems destined."

See, Carolyn. "Taking the Wrong Turn on Love." Rev. of *My Father's Moon. Washington Post* 7 May 1989: Book World 8.

Descriptive, commenting that Jolley is "now regarded as a national treasure" in Australia, "and in England and America she's amassing droves of fans, addicts crazy about that irony, outrageousness, throwaway humor." Concludes that in *MFM* "the traditional Jolleyesque rescue devices are already in place."

- Steinberg, Sybil. Rev of My Father's Moon. Publishers Weekly 24 Feb. 1989: 217-18.
- Wansbrough, Juliette. "Paperbacks by Juliette Wansbrough: 'Surrogacy: Loss of Innocence." Rev. of *The Sugar Mother. West Australian* 22 July 1989: Big Weekend 10.
- Webby, Elizabeth. "Jolley Marvellous." Rev. of My Father's Moon. Sydney Morning Herald 15 Apr. 1989: 89.

Jolley's "most autobiographical" novel so far; *MFM* begins where *SM* finishes—it is a book about "love and desire" and "survival."

1990

Craven, Peter. "A Conjuror of Luminous Memories." Rev. of *Cabin Fever. Age* [Melbourne] 8 Sept. 1990: Saturday Extra 8.

"[E]ssentially a continuation of *My Father's Moon* in both its narrative line and its narrative strategies" this is "an autumnal book" with "an extraordinary lyrical power." Craven speculates that *MFM* and *CF* "are stepping stones in the larger path of Elizabeth Jolley's quest through memory. If she continues with it she is liable to produce her masterpiece and one of the most remarkable pieces of fiction written in this country."

- Daniel, Helen. "Challenging Echoes in a Continuum of Excellence." Rev. of *Cabin Fever*. *Weekend Australian* 8-9 Sept. 1990: Review 5.
 - CF "lur[es] the reader deep into the nature and activity of memory, imagination and narrative form." It and MFM "form an extraordinary composition, in which each is a descant on the other"—and a third book looks likely to come.
- ---. "Time Travellers." Rev. of *Cabin Fever* [and several others]. *Sunday Herald* [Melbourne] 2 Dec. 1990: 37.
- Dutton, Geoffrey. "An Essay on Memory and Time." Rev. of *Cabin Fever. Australian Book Review* Sept. 1990: 12.
 - Considers *CF* as a "rather a strange novel" which is "a sort of essay on memory and the unravelling of time."
- Eldridge, Marian. "Managing the Dips and Sweeps of Memory." Rev. of *Cabin Fever*. *Canberra Times* 29 Sept. 1990: B5.
- Garner, Helen. "Elizabeth Jolley: The Love of Nurses." Rev. of *My Father's Moon. Scripsi* 6.1 (1990): 81-86.
 - Descriptive, noting the "surreal quality" of the novel.
- Gostand, Reba. "Mooning Along the Expressway: Some Get Nearer Than Others." Rev. of *My Father's Moon*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Social Alternatives* 8.4 (1990): 71-72.
 - Descriptive, noting that Jolley's "ironies of relationship, like the ironies of expectation and attainment, are complex indeed. . . . "
- Gostand, Reba. "Diverse Voices." Rev. of reprint of *My Father's Moon*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Social Alternatives* 9.1 (1990): 58-60.
- Heary, Monica. "A Jolley Sad Story." Rev. of *Cabin Fever. Daily Telegraph* [Sydney] 29 Sept. 1990: n. pag.
- Hewitt, Hope. "A Welcome Return to Quality Reading." Rev. of *My Father's Moon* [and several others]. *Canberra Times* 25 Feb. 1990: 20.
- Kitson, Jill. "Mother and Son." Rev. of *Cabin Fever*. *Australian Bookseller and Publisher* July 1990: 22.
 - One of several brief reviews by diverse hands.

Modjeska, Drusilla. "A Drawn Out Pause of Intention." Rev. of *Cabin Fever. Scripsi* 6.3 (1990): 129-34.

Substantive, noting that in this novel "the focus shifts from the moment of passion, both real and illusory, in *My Father's Moon*," and concentrates instead on "the painful relationships between parents, or parent and child." Compared to *MFM*—"a novel without a word out of place"—*CF* "seems to spiral out again, missing, though only just, that harmony."

Pierce, Peter. "Powers of Inference." Rev. of Cabin Fever. Bulletin 23 Oct. 1990: 118-19.

In *CF*, a "semi-autobiographical" continuation of *MFM*, the older Vera is perhaps the author's "surrogate," but in any case is a "haunted figure": she "becomes more perplexing rather than more familiar to herself as the inquiry proceeds. This may be Jolley's central intuition about all autobiographical venturing." Comparison is made to the work of Paul Auster.

Riemer, A. P. "Beached Cabin." Rev. of *Cabin Fever. Sydney Morning Herald* 8 Sept. 1990: 77.

Descriptive, noting that, although *CF* is "not a sequel to *My Father's Moon*, nor is it, strictly speaking, a revision of the earlier novel," it "offers a broader canvas . . . where the prose is more complex and possibly more supple than the staccato diction of *My Father's Moon*. But . . . I cannot see much difference between the two novels"; and "its construction is, at times, perilously close to haphazard."

- Shannon, Ness. "Jolley Might Touch, But That Is All." Rev. of *Cabin Fever. Courier-Mail* [Brisbane] 6 Oct. 1990: Weekend 6.
- Stasko, Nicolette. Rev. of *My Father's Moon*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Phoenix Review* 6 (1990): 116-19.

One of five reviews—"I have always thought Elizabeth Jolley one of the most important writers Australia (at least partially) has produced. This book convinces me of it absolutely."

- White, Judith. "A Jolley Look at Our Foibles." Rev. of *Cabin Fever* [and *Gone Bush*]. *Sun-Herald* [Sydney] Sept. 16 1990: 122.
- Wolfe, Peter. "New Jolley Novel Re-creates Wartime England..." Rev. of *My Father's Moon. Antipodes* Winter (1990): 136.

"[M] ore lyrical than dramatic, . . . [w] hat saves this moody, autumnal book, besides its moments of deft dialogue, is the mastery with which Jolley's subdued narrative rythms invoke atmosphere."

1991

Bala, Suman. Rev. of Central Mischief. Commonwealth Review 3.1 (1991-1992): 222-25.

Banas, Mary. Rev. of Cabin Fever. Booklist 87.21 (1991): 2030.

Brandt, Barbara. Rev. of *Cabin Fever. Fremantle Arts Review* 6.12/7.1 (1991/1992): 20. Appreciative review by a former student of Jolley's.

- "Briefly Noted: Fiction." Rev. of *Cabin Fever* [and several others]. *The New Yorker* 23 Sept. 1991: 115.
- Busch, Frederick. "Mourning Becomes Vera." Rev. of *Cabin Fever. New York Times Book Review* 7 July 1991: 9.

Reading CF "is to come in contact with an interesting, wounded, somber mind." Comparisons are made to Jean Rhys' Wide Sargasso Sea, and Paula Fox's A Servant's Tale or The God of Nightmares.

Rev. of Cabin Fever. Kirkus Reviews 15 May 1991: 626.

Stylish panning of the novel—its central character is unappealing and its structure "more dislocating than elucidating."

Craig, Patricia. "A Gallant Kind of Carelessness." Rev. of *Cabin Fever. Times Literary Supplement* 25 Jan. 1991: 20.

Jolley "writes with vividness and assurance, even while she shies away from conventional storytelling. . . . But with her two latest books, . . . we feel that once should have been enough: second thoughts, . . . are not always best."

Fuller, Troy. "Preview Books." Rev. of *Cabin Fever*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Grok* [Curtin University Student Guild newspaper] 21 May 1991: 39.

Descriptive, noting the novel's "overwhelming sense of honesty, feeling and immediacy."

Gostand, Reba. "History Repeats—And Repeats." Rev. of *The Country Without Music*, by Nicholas Hasluck; *Cabin Fever*, by Elizabeth Jolley, and *Holocaust Island*, by Graeme Dixon. *Social Alternatives* 10.1 (1991): 68.

CF "introduces many new, wonderful Jolleyan creation[s]."

Kennedy, Louise. "Cabin Fever While Holed up in a New York Hotel: Flashbacks." Rev. *My Father's Moon* and *Cabin Fever* [and several others]. *Canberra Times* 19 May 1991: 23.

Brief reprise of original reviews on the new paperback issues of MFM and CF.

- ---. "Cadet Journalists in 'an atmosphere of reckless joy." Rev. of *Central Mischief* [and several others]. *Canberra Times* 21 Mar. 1993: n. pag.
- Nelson, Penelope. "Paperbacks." Rev. of *Cabin Fever*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Weekend Australian* 27-28 Apr. 1991: Review 5.

Brief comment on this "moving yet oddly humorous story."

Nettelbeck, Amanda. "Reviews." Rev. of Cabin Fever. Westerly 36.3 (1991): 114-15.

Succinct, substantial discussion of the novel's structure (it "moves according to associations rather than chronological sequence") and of the "'little pauses and spaces of mystery' in human relationships."

"Out Now." Rev. of Cabin Fever [and several others]. Books Jan./Feb. 1991: 23.

A negative notice.

Quick, Patricia. "Memories and Loneliness." Rev. of *Cabin Fever*. *Mattoid* 40 (1991): 126-28

CF explains the loneliness of ordinary human lives in drab ordinary surroundings.

Reardon, Patrick T. "Alone in New York with Cabin Fever." Rev. of *Cabin Fever. Chicago Tribune* 29 July 1991: Section 5 Tempo 3.

Descriptive, foregrounding the repetition within the novel, and between it and *MFM*—"the book has the feel of music."

Sellers, Frances Stead. "Feeding the Depths of the Soul." Rev. of *Cabin Fever. Washington Post* 2 July 1991: Style e3.

Soete, Mary. Rev. of Cabin Fever. Library Journal 116.12 (1991): 135-36.

"Wry, intent and unsparing in introspection. . . ."

Steinberg, Sybil. Rev. of Cabin Fever. Publishers Weekly 10 May 1991: 273.

1992

Chenery, Susan. "Modest Musings of a Grand Dame of Lettters." Rev. of *Central Mischief*. *Weekend Australian* 13-14 June 1992: Weekend Review 7.

"[M]odest musings . . . [t]he pieces are neither self revelatory nor sentimental."

Daniel, Helen. "Quick Change Jolley in Many Disguises." Rev. of *Central Mischief. Age* [Melbourne] 2 May 1992: Saturday Extra 8.

An informative discussion by one of Jolley's best reviewers. "[M]uch of this collection plays over [the] boundaries [between fiction- and essay-writing], with resonances running between the fiction and the essays; the best of them fluid shapings of memory, meditation and imagination, some with the black comedy of Jolley's fiction." (Amusing line drawing accompanies review.)

- England, Kathrine. "Connecting both Passion and Prose." Rev. of *Central Mischief*. *Advertiser* [Adelaide] 23 May 1992: Magazine 12.
- Floyd, Chris. Rev. of *Cabin Fever*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *SPAN* [Journal of the South Pacific Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies] 33 (1992): 177-81.

The reviewer identifies the older Vera as an observer and then asserts that "the main narrative thread concerns the observer's mother in England."

- Graeber, Laurel. ["New and Noteworthy."] Rev. of *Cabin Fever* [and several others]. *New York Times Book Review* 26 July 1992: n. pag.
- Hughes, Lyn. "Odd Selection Shows Wit of Jolley's Work." Rev. of *Central Mischief. West Australian* 2 May 1992: Big Weekend 8.

Though "this sort of collection would probably make better sense posthumously . . . I enjoyed the book thoroughly."

- Hugo, Giles. "Collected Thoughts of Mind Worth Knowing." Rev. of *Central Mischief. Saturday Mercury* [Hobart] 16 May 1992: 20.
- Lucas, Robin. "Private Glimpses of a Public Person." Rev. of *Central Mischief. Voices* 2.3 1992: 107-10.
- Milech, Barbara. "On the Edge'—An Idea Central to *Central Mischief*." Rev. of *Central Mischief*. Antipodes 6.2 (1992): 169-70.

"Unexpectedly, this miscellany *works*" for both new readers to Jolley and her "longstanding admirers . . . who will find here not only autobiographical detail and authorial opinion, but, even more, [Jolley's] novels' characteristic narrative style, emotional preoccupations, range of tone, and moral commitments."

Pierce, Peter. "Mischief Central to the Riddle of What Dipped Elizabeth Jolley in Ink." Rev. of *Central Mischief. Sydney Morning Herald* 9 May 1992: 46.

Descriptive, emphasising the indirection of Jolley's persona and the use of fictive devices in her writing.

Riemer, Andrew. "Compelling Though Strange: A Collection of Articles by a Writer with a Reputation for Idiosyncracy." Rev. of *Central Mischief. Australian Book Review* June 1992: 43-44.

Considered commentary, emphasising Jolley's "dizzying" associative procedure, and the way in which individual works are "linked in curious and at times disconcerting ways."

Rolfe, Patricia. "Go 'Mad,' Get Even." Rev. of *Central Mischief. Bulletin* [Aust.] 2 June 1992: 98-99.

Reviewer observes this is an "odd collection" in which the autobiographical pieces are particularly satisfying.

Smith, Hamilton. "Deep Concern for the Simple Aspects of Life." Rev. of *Central Mischief. Canberra Times* 20 June 1992: C8.

Hamilton argues that this is a well edited collection which reflects Jolley's "overriding humanity and deep concern for people—for the simple, fundamental aspects of life. It is this quality, along with her unusual and often unexpected sense of humour, that truly distinguishes her as a writer."

Willbanks, Ray. "New Novel Picks Up Old Story..." Rev. of *Cabin Fever*. *Antipodes* 6.2 1992: 148-49.

Descriptive, concluding that *CF* is a "superimposed continuation" of the characters in *MFM*, and that "their plight is dense, patchy and vague. There is much to like in *Cabin Fever* in specific parts, but the whole is something of a muddle."

1993

- "A Great Australian Author Gets Up to Some Mischief." Rev. of *Central Mischief. Australian Doctor* 9 Apr. 1993: n. pag.
- Bird, Carmel. "Elizabeth Jolley: In Fine Form." Rev. of *The Georges' Wife. Sunday Age* [Melbourne] 10 Oct. 1993: Agenda 9.

Thoughtful reflection on *GW* and its place in the Vera trilogy, emphasising the way in which it is structured by memory, with characters and events built "layer upon layer," and also the way in which "a kind of new voice speaks [in the novel], part Vera, part Elizabeth Jolley musing more on writing than on memory."

Blackburn, Barbara. Rev. of *Central Mischief. ETANEWS* [English Teachers' Association, Dept. of Education, Tasmania] 6.2 (1993): 6.

Identifies CM as "Jolley's biography."

- Brice, Chris. "Book Shelf." Rev. of *The Diary of A Weekend Farmer* [and others]. *Advertiser* [Adelaide] 29 May 1993: n. pag.
- Burke, Janine. "Connections: A Private Piece of Earth to Hoe." Rev. of *Diary of a Weekend Farmer*. *Age* [Melbourne] 24 July 1993: Saturday Extra 8.

"Not enough cream to ladle."

- Carlyle, Diane and Nick Walker. "New Scholarly Books from Australian Publishers: Australian Literature." Rev. of *The Georges' Wife* [and several others]. *Campus Review* [Aust.] 5-11 Aug. 1993: 12.
- Congdon, Judy. "Shelf Life." Rev. of *Central Mischief* [and several others]. *Saturday Mercury* [Hobart] 6 Mar. 1993: 38.
- Craven, Peter. "Shaped and Transfigured in the Telling." Rev. of *The Georges' Wife.*Australian 2-3 Oct. 1993: Weekend Review 6.

The Vera trilogy is "preoccupied" with the "idea of service." In it "Jolley's language has a weight and a music that ensure that the work of which this is a part will be remembered as one of the significant pieces of writing in our time." Comparison is made to Patrick White and Barry Humphries.

Daniel, Helen. "The Self in Three Movements." Rev. of *The Georges' Wife. Australian Book Review* Oct. 1993: 8-9.

Thoughtful consideration of *GW* and its place in the Vera trilogy—"[A]ll are novels of exile, absences, entrapment, but also novels about the nature and activity of memory." Like Craven above, Daniel notes that it is "difficult to avoid seeing the Vera trilogy as in part Jolley's autobiographical play between self, character, writer and reader of her own past."

Edwards, Brian. "Elizabeth Jolley's Repetitions with a Little Difference." Rev. of *The Georges' Wife. Mattoid* 46/47 (1993): 273-76.

"[A]utobiographical fiction" in which the "hard edge of detail gives way to musings on memory and feeling," and in which the focus is on "the nuances of relationships."

England, Katherine. "Sorting Out the Secrets." Rev. of *The Georges' Wife. Weekend Advertiser* [Adelaide] 20 Sept. 1993: n. pag.

Reviewer notes that GW is a satisfying conclusion to the Vera trilogy.

Gostand, Reba. "Poetry Is Where You Find It." Rev. of *Central Mischief*, by Elizabeth Jolley [and several others]. *Social Alternatives* 12.1 (1993): 63-65.

One of eight brief reviews.

Hanrahan, John. "A Comedy of Terrors." Rev. of *The Georges' Wife. Age* [Melbourne] 2 Oct. 1993: Saturday Extra 7.

Elegant commentary, noting that the novel touches on "the twilight territory of the father-figure as lover" and "demanding" companion; that it is autobiographical in complex ways; and that its "most resonating sound is the silence that lies between sentences." The reviewer "would like to savour again its gracious gratitude and salvaged celebrations, tender is the night that belongs to this novelist."

- Heyward, Michael. "Local Lit." Rev. of *The Georges' Wife. Melbourne Weekly* 29 Oct. 1993: 25.
- Hild, Herb. "Into Jolley Territory." Rev. of *The Georges' Wife. Courier-Mail* [Brisbane] 16 Oct. 1993: n. pag.

Descriptive, briefly noting Jolley's "mosaic" narrative structures and "wound[ed]" characters.

Hughes, Lyn. "Enigmatic Tale of a Very Odd Couple." Rev. of *The Georges' Wife. West Australian* 9 Oct. 1993: Big Weekend 7.

"The novel is, overall, an engaging love story."

"Insight: Books." Rev. of *The George's Wife* [sic] [and several others]. *Elle* Nov. 1993: 16.

One of six brief notices—misspelt Jolley as Jolly.

- Louise. "Cadet Journalists in 'an atmosphere of reckless joy." Rev. of *Central Mischief* [and several others]. *Canberra Times* 21 Mar. 1993: n. pag.
- Kleu, Tony. "New Paperbacks." Rev. of *Central Mischief* [and several others]. *Sydney Morning Herald* 17 Apr. 1993: 47.
- Lavau, Ali. Rev. of *The Georges' Wife. Who* 8 Nov. 1993: 24-25.
- Liddelow, Eden. "Marrying Pyjamas: Elizabeth Jolley's Trilogy." Rev. of *My Father's Moon, Cabin Fever*, and *The Georges' Wife. Editions* [Potts Point, NSW] Oct.-Nov. 1993: 19-20.

Substantive, arguing that "Vera is always reaching out for the new and strange while seeking a home," noting the novels' "elliptical modes," and concluding that they eschew the "safety" of ordinary fiction while struggling to be fiction. Comparison is made to Patrick White and Fay Weldon.

- Lucas, Robin. "Lore of the Land." Rev. of *Diary of a Weekend Farmer*, by Elizabeth Jolley, and *On the Coolakin*, by Thelma Atkins. *Courier-Mail* [Brisbane] 22 May 1993: Weekend 7.
- ---. "Memory's Child." Rev. of *The Georges' Wife. Bulletin* 26 Oct. 1993: 89.

Notices that Jolley's repetitions can be "irritating," but that her "Proustian," restrained writing is her strength.

- Lynch, Mary. "Looking at Books: A Weekend Idyll." Rev. of *Diary of a Weekend Farmer*. *Live* June 1993: n. pag.
- Maniaty, Tony. "Women of Conviction: A Jolley Life." Rev. of *Central Mischief. Weekend Australian* 13-14 Mar. 1993: Review 7.

One of 5 brief notices.

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