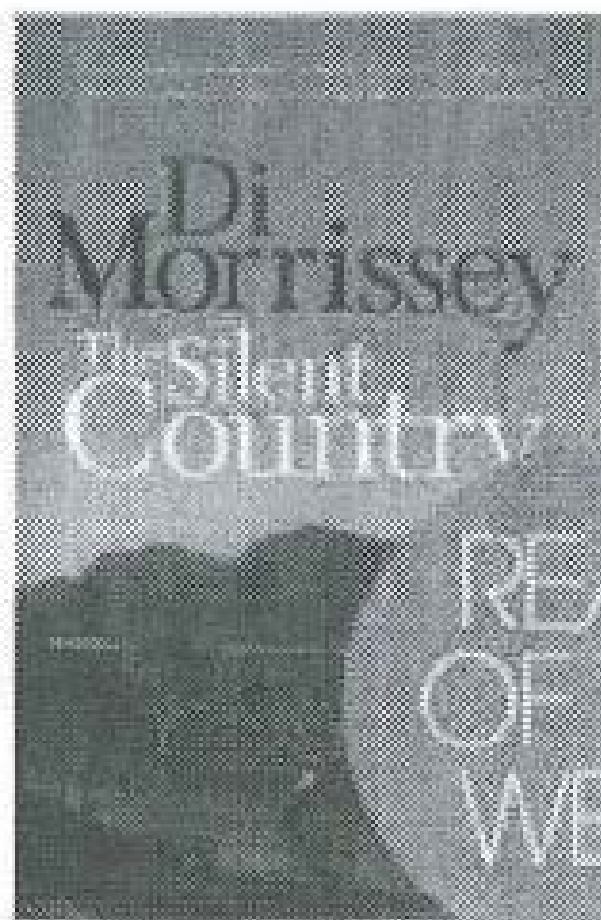


BOOK REVIEWS

Our Fiction Editor Julie Redlich reviews the latest books



The Silent Country,
by Di Morrissey, Pan
Macmillan, rrp \$32.99.

Once more, Di Morrissey takes us to a part of Australia that is remote, beautiful and full of secrets. When TV executive

Veronica Anderson finds a 50-year-old movie, she is compelled to find out more about the Russian director who longed to show the extraordinary Australian landscape to the world. But his crew were mainly New Australians

who had no idea what to expect, and the ending to their trip is more than mysterious. Now Veronica finds that none of the expedition's survivors are prepared to talk. Joining forces with environmentalist Jamie McIntosh, they go to the Top End to solve the questions that have remained unanswered for years. Highly recommended for holiday reading – if you can wait until then. Bet you can't!