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Black Duck and Water Rat. Written and illustrated by Percy Trezise and Mary Haginkitas. Collins in association with Anne Ingram Books, 1988. \$16.95.

This delightful story is told in the Aboriginal story style and will have a wide appeal for lower and middle primary school age children.

The work's simplicity and the glorious illustrations will further add to the appeal and acceptance of this fine publication.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. LP-MP

Making a Life: a people's history of Australia since 1788. Edited by Verity Burgmann and Jenny Lee. McPhee Gribble/Penguin Books, 1988. \$16.95.

This publication gives some insight into significant events which shaped Australian society between 1788 and 1988.

The editors explore this development under eighteen major headings, analysing how events affected the various groups within Australian society. While the perspectives of disadvantaged groups such as the working class, migrants and women are explored adequately, the Aboriginal perspective is all but neglected. This is puzzling when one considers that the impact these events had on Aboriginal people was far greater than on any other group. One would have expected the section 'A Struggle for Equality' and 'Discrimination' would have contained Aboriginal perspectives. In fact Aborigines are not even mentioned in these sections.

It is most unfortunate that Aborigines are still being written out of Australian history or at best only given a cursory superficial mention.

NOT RECOMMENDED. US. (Note: for further comments see p.52 of Reviewpoint 56).

Nuclear Playground. By Stewart Firth. Allen and Unwin, 1987. Paper \$14.95.

An excellent publication which gives a comprehensive account of the nuclear testing in the Pacific region.