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Alexis Wright : Grog War before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Grog War:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A war to many deaths By S. Phillips Alexis Wright's seminal work Grog War takes its readers inside the distorted and contorted lives of Australia's black and landless. Rum was the currency for the British penal colony that became contemporary Australia. The story goes that this particular town was founded around a broken down beer truck. Alcohol addiction approaches endemic proportions in Australian society, and grog in Aboriginal Australia is destroying lives daily. Grog War uses fictional narratives and case-study analysis of one black community who fights to turn the tide against the grog, before it wipes them out. Hard-drinking whites fight hard to maintain all their drinking privileges, no matter that it makes their small lives even smaller. Local politicians fear white voter backlash. Aboriginal people determined to make change sometimes run the gauntlet of their own mob. Grog can no longer be the currency and Aboriginal people make sure that those who push and sell grog are targeted in their relentless campaign to save their own people and their town. Whites soon learn that if their town is going to survive they've got to meet the Aboriginal community halfway. Wright tells important stories in a country where truth is always stranger than fiction. This book is a must read for anyone interested in Australia, in indigenous cultures and peoples and in community activism that aspires to bring about change for the good of all.

Miles Franklin award - winning author Alexis Wright recounts how a remote town in Australia dealt with the invasion of grog on their traditional lands. Wright describes the shocking effects of alcohol abuse and racism in this vivid portrayal of a small town fighting to bring about change. Should alcohol be restricted? Is this racist? Whose decision is

it to make? Aboriginal elders and community advisors fought for years to put the alcohol restrictions in place and they are still fighting. Their courage and tenacity is an inspiration for other towns in Northern Australia who are battling against the tide of alcohol abuse and resistance from licencees and the broader community.