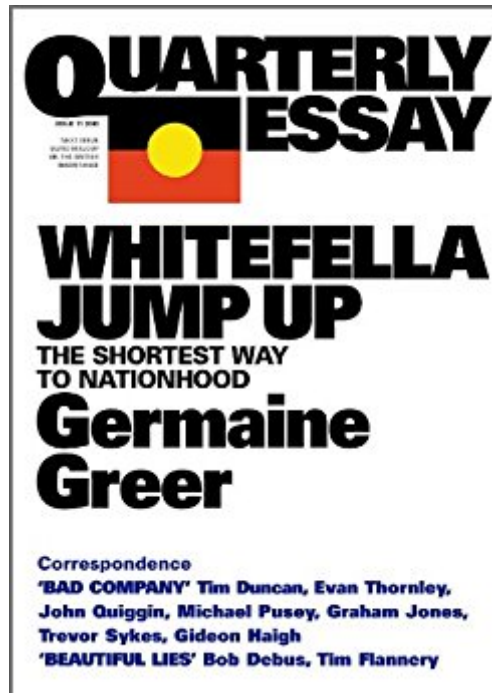


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# Quarterly Essay 11 Whitefella Jump Up: The Shortest Way To Nationhood



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