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Margaret McMurdo AC on The Mary Gaudron Story
- Who doesn't want to know about the brilliant, fiery and influential Mary Gaudron?

Don Watson on the Brisbane Law Courts
- Was it a tolerable imposing pile? admirably adapted for the administration of justice in Queensland?
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- Mr Gordon Dean — North Queensland Practitioners in WWII: A Prosopography

BOOK REVIEWS

- The Hon IDF Callinan AC, Justice JD Heydon AC & Senator the Hon G Brandis SC on Stanley Melbourne Bruce
- The Hon JB Thomas AM on Kirby
- The Hon Justice MA McMurdo AC on Gaudron
- The Hon Justice CE Holmes on Dickens
- Dr Mark Sayers on Heidegger
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