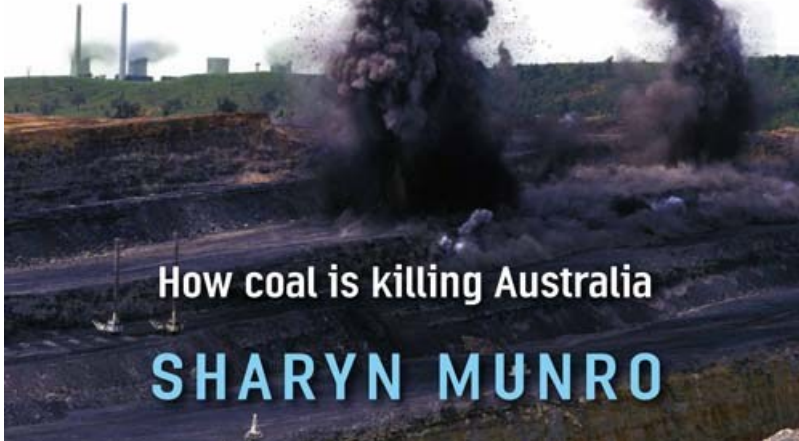




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How coal is killing Australia

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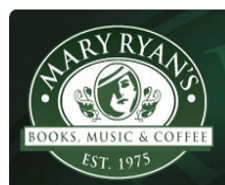
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For nearly a year Sharyn Munro travelled through rural Australia, visiting the communities in the coal-mining areas. Here, literally at the coalface, towns and districts are dying — homeowners and farmers forced out by mining, broken in spirit and in health, or else under threat, their lives and properties in limbo as they battle the might of huge mining companies.

Incidences of asthma, cancers and heart attacks show alarming spikes in communities close to coal mines and coal power stations. Once reliable rivers and aquifers are drying up or become polluted. Once fertile agricultural land is becoming unusable. What was once a rich land is becoming a wasteland.

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