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*Winner, 2011 Queensland Premier's Literary Awards*

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For many years, the Tasmanian wilderness has been the site of a fierce struggle. At stake is the future of old-growth forests. Loggers and police face off with protesters deep in the forest, while savage political games are played in the courts and parliaments.

In *Into the Woods*, Anna Krien, armed with a notebook, a sleeping bag and a rusty sedan, ventures behind the battlelines to see what it is like to risk everything for a cause. She speaks to ferals and premiers, sawmillers and whistle-blowers. She investigates personalities and convictions, methods and motives. This is a book about a company that wanted its way and the resistance that eventually forced it to change.

Updated with a new afterword, *Into the Woods* is intimate, intrepid reporting by a fearless new voice.

*Shortlisted, 2011 NSW Premier's Literary Awards*

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*Shortlisted, ABIA Newcomer of the Year Award*

*Shortlisted, 2011 Blake Dawson Business Literature Prize*

*'Anna Krien's intimate, urgent book pulsates with life and truth.'* —Chloe Hooper

*'Anna Krien is Australia's young, female Hunter S. Thompson.'* —Amanda Lohrey

*'Closely observed and beautifully written.'* —Monthly

*'A beautifully wrought, deeply thoughtful on-the-ground look at the struggle over Tasmania's forests'*  
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*'A highly readable book ... that comprehensively explains the causes, history and the "truths" of logging in Tasmania.'* —*Big Issue*

*'Her courageous and exhaustive research has exposed the movers and shakers though up-close, fearless reporting.'* —*PSnews*

*'Krien has produced a riveting piece of reportage.'* —*Herald Sun*

*'Now in its second edition with updated afterword and a swag of prizes, Krien's masterly journey through Tasmania's forest wars remains a compelling read.'* —*Australian Education Union News*

*'A must read for anyone who cares about the environment.'* —*Illawarra Mercury*

*'A remarkable account'* —*Age*

‘[A] penetrating, insightful account of the history and current state of the decades-long battle over Tasmania’s endangered forests.’ —*Advertiser*

‘It is only through a sustained narrative such as this that we can understand our recent history.’ —*Bendigo Weekly*

‘Anna Krien has proven herself a willing student, a brave and balanced reporter/researcher, a gifted writer, and an exciting new voice in the tradition of female literary journalists.’ —*Literary Journalism Studies*

‘Written in lean and handsome prose, I reckon *Into the Woods* might just qualify for that most hackneyed of critical adjectives in the book trade: “important”.’ —*Crikey*

Anna Krien is the author of *Night Games*, *Into the Woods* and Quarterly Essay 45 *Us and Them*. Her work has been published in the *Monthly*, the *Age*, the *Big Issue*, *The Best Australian Essays*, *The Best Australian Stories*, *Griffith Review*, *Voiceworks*, *Going Down Swinging*, *Colors*, *frankie* and *Dazed & Confused*.

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