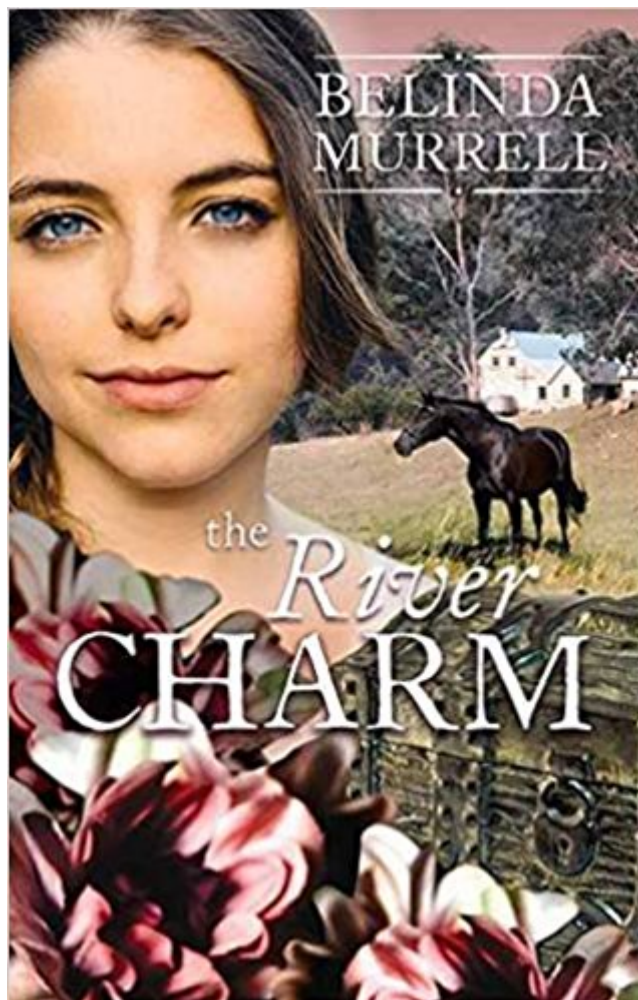


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# The River Charm



## Synopsis

A family in 19th-century Australia must fight to protect everything they hold dearâ ”based on a true story Could I be anything I want to be? What do I want to be? Maybe just . . . brave? Could the ghost girl Millie has painted be her own ancestor? The river pebble charm has an astonishing story to tell . . . In 1839, Charlotte Atkinson lives on a grand estate with her mamma and her sisters and brother. But after her father dies, things go terribly wrongâ ”murderous convicts, marauding bushrangers, and a cruel new stepfather. The family flees on horseback to a hut in the wilderness. They must fight to save their property, their independence, and even their right to stay together. Will they ever return to their beautiful home? Based on the incredible true-life battles of Belinda Murrellâ™s own ancestors, the Atkinsons of Oldbury.

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Very well written book. Found it very interesting as I live in this area and learnt a lot about our local history and the property it was based on. A nice easy read.

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