The island continent, Australia, is the world’s sixth largest country. It is also almost as big as the 48 contiguous states of the United States. Aboriginal people have inhabited this huge, isolated, diverse but mostly arid landscape for up to 50,000 years, living in virtual isolation from the rest of the world until 1788. It was therefore a challenge for an author to present a representative, accurate, easy to understand, and interesting overview of past and current practices in Australian