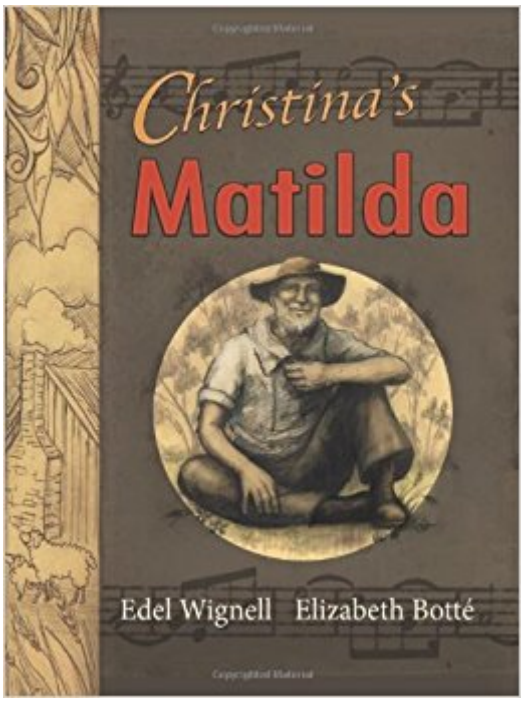
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Synopsis

Ã¢â ¬ËœWaltzing Matilda, Waltzing Matilda, WhoÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll come a-Waltzing Matilda with me?Ã¢â ¬â„¢ Everyone knows the words. Many people know that the poet Ã¢â ¬ËœBanjoÃ¢â ¬â„¢ Paterson wrote them. But how may people know the origin of the tune? In 1895 a young woman named Christina Macpherson sat down and played a marching tune sheÃ¢â ¬â„¢d heard. Ã¢â ¬ËœBanjoÃ¢â ¬â„¢ Paterson, who was visiting ChristinaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s brother, liked it and wrote the words of a song to it. That song was Ã¢â ¬ËœWaltzing MatildaÃ¢â ¬â„¢. Ã¢â ¬ËœBanjoÃ¢â ¬â„¢ became famous, and so did Ã¢â ¬ËœWaltzing MatildaÃ¢â ¬â„¢. But ChristinaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s part in the songÃ¢â ¬â„¢s creation was forgotten and she disappeared from history until the 1970s. Come a-waltzing with Christina now and discover her story Ã¢â ¬â œ beginning in the first year of her life, when she encountered the ruthless bushranger Dan Morgan...

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