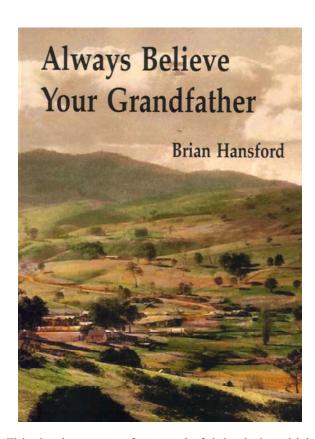


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- Elery Hamilton-Smith



This is the name of a wonderful book in which Brian Hansford has captured the life story, but even more importantly, the personal qualities of his grandfather – Frank Moon of Buchan. Frank was a gentle and decent man with a great commitment to get on with whatever he believed in. We are indeed lucky that one of those things was the Buchan Caves. Many people shared in the discovery, management and protection of the caves, but it was Frank's very personal passion with his exploration, management and story telling that really put Buchan on the map.

The book was launched informally at Buchan on 29 June. Rightly, there was a great gathering of something like 100 people, virtually all of whom were members of the Moon family and the other old time families of the region. Brian is nowadays a professor of education at the Queensland Institute of Technology, but he didn't allow that to interfere with his book – it is not a traditional bit of academic writing but an exciting and passionate work.

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