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The Little Convict

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Rolf Harris

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Radio Times review:

“This pleasant Australian children’s film mixes animation and live action in a tale of a 13-year old English boy’s adventures after he is convicted of helping a highwayman and is deported to Australia. The film is narrated by Rolf Harris, who also acts and sings along with the animated stars. ** ”

[no listing in "Halliwell's Film Guide", "Leonard Maltin's Movie and Video Guide 2001", "Speelfilm Encyclopedie", "The Critics' Film Guide", "The Good Film and Video Guide", "Movies on TV and Videocassette 1988-89", "Rating the Movies (1990)", "The Time Out Film Guide", "TV Times Film & Video Guide 1995", "Variety Movie Guide 1993", "Video Movie Guide 1993" or "The Virgin Film Guide"]

No further information currently available. Perhaps surprisingly, I cannot think of a single other title which treats with the transportation of child felons to Australia and the lives they found there, although one recent documentary looked at the 20th century equivalent – orphans and inmates of British children’s homes forcibly “resettled” in that country and put to hard labour, while the 2002 film “**RABBIT PROOF FENCE**” concerned Australia’s policy of forcibly removing mixed-race children from their aboriginal parents and “integrating” them into white society. The connecting strand between these three programmes of crude social engineering is a total disregard, still enshrined in international law, for the wishes and civil rights of “minors”. Hollow UN declarations on “the rights of the child” in no way acknowledge the child’s right to a say in his or her own destiny.

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