

Red Dog – general intro

Red Dog, by Louis de Bernieres, is based on true stories of a dog living an independent life in Western Australia in the 1970s, in the mining area north of Perth. The author heard about this legendary dog in the late 1990s, and wrote the stories as a mixture of the facts he could discover with some fiction to fill in the missing pieces of the dog's life. One irrefutable fact is that the dog was notorious for breaking wind, giving out the most noxious smells! To save upsetting anyone, the author says, only John is the real person Red Dog knew; the other characters are invented.