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Summary Article: **James, Clive Vivian Leopold**

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◆ Australian broadcaster and writer

Born in Sydney, he studied at the universities of Sydney and Cambridge, and began his career as a television critic with the British newspaper *The Observer* (1972-82), later publishing some of his work and writing other non-fiction, fiction and verse, and five volumes of autobiography. Known as a perceptive cultural commentator, his clever turn of phrase has been heard on television in *Saturday Night People* (1978-80), *Clive James on Television* (1982-84, 1988), *The Late Clive James* (1983-87), *Saturday Night Clive* and *Sunday Night Clive* (1989-94), and *The Clive James Show* (1995-98). His novels include *Brilliant Creatures* (1983) and *The Silver Castle* (1996). He was made a member of the Order of Australia (AM) in 1992 and won Australia's prestigious Philip Hodgkins Memorial Medal for poetry in 2003.

Unreliable Memoirs (1980); Falling Towards England: Unreliable Memoirs II (1985); May Week was in June: Unreliable Memoirs III (1990); North Face of Soho: Unreliable Memoirs IV (2006); The Blaze of Obscurity: The TV Years (2009).

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