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From Tech to TAFE 1947—1997 offers an absorbing account of the five decades through which social and political history affected the rise and achievement of so many advances in education for those who would become the backbone of productive Australian — and, often, international — workplaces.

We hear the voices of those who were there, providing insights into social history, embedding the many interesting achievement and changes against the political and social transformations that affected so many lives.

Gillian Goozee presents the stories, characters, shifts and achievements of a vast range of educational progress from local technical colleges to a system with successful national and international application and appeal.

This valuable slice of Australia's educational history will be of great interest not only to TAFE students and staff past and present, but to anyone interested in the social and political factors that influenced and enabled the expansion of technical education in NSW during that vigorous and, often, turnultuous time in New South Wales' history.

The book has been many years in the making and will stand as a valuable contribution to the annals of educational history in NSW and Australia.

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