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# Palmer, Janet Gertrude (Nettie)

(1885 - 1964)

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| **Born** | 18850818, Bendigo Victoria Australia |
| **Died** | 19641019 |
| **Occupation** | Author, Critic, Editor, Journalist, Print journalist |

## Summary

Nettie Palmer became involved in the suffrage movement and the socialist movement while she was completing her tertiary studies in London. It was there that she met her husband, Vance Palmer, and by 1917 the couple had returned to Australia with their first daughter, Aileen. A second daughter, Helen, was born that year. The family lived at Emerald, Victoria. Both Vance and Nettie were opponents of censorship and conscription, and Nettie had a regular column in the *Argus*. She also wrote for the *Illustrated Tasmanian Mail* and the *Bulletin* Red Page. Her essay on *Modern Australian Literature 1900-1923* was published in 1924. Nettie Palmer became editor of the anti-fascist journal for women, *Women Today*, and edited memoirs, published short stories and poetry anthologies, made translations, and lectured to young writers.

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