The Beginner's Book Of Australian Politics

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After The God of Small Things made her a global star, the novelist turned to political writing and activism. Gary Younge finds out why. Published: 31 May 2019. Arundhati Roy: ‘I don’t want to become an interpreter of the east to the west’. Shortcuts Jacob Rees-Mogg’s Victorians has sold 734 copies â€“ will publishers take note? The politics of Australia take place within the framework of a federal parliamentary constitutional monarchy. Australians elect parliamentarians to the federal Parliament of Australia, a bicameral body which incorporates elements of the fused executive inherited from the Westminster system, and a strong federalist senate, adopted from the United States Congress. 

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