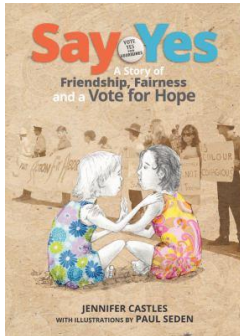


## Black lives matter: Picture Books

### Australian race issues

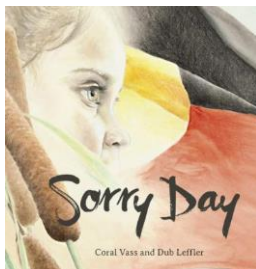


Say yes: A story of friendship, fairness and a vote for hope by Jennifer Castles.

A story about how the events surrounding the historic 1967 Referendum played out in the everyday lives of two young girls.

Age: 7+

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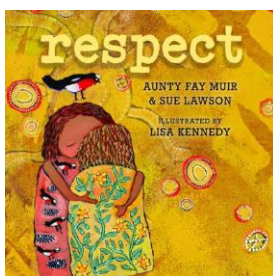


Sorry Day by Coral Vass and Dub Leffler

Two stories entwine in this captivating retelling of the momentous day when the then Prime Minister of Australia, Kevin Rudd, acknowledged the sorrows of past and said 'Sorry' to the generation of children who were taken from their homes.

Age: 7+

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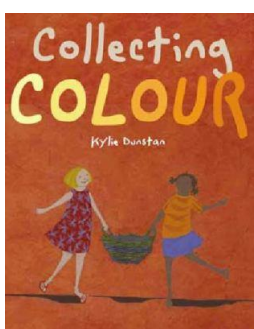


Respect by Auntie Fay Muir and Sue Lawson. Illustrated by Lisa Kennedy.

A tender, thoughtful story reminding us to respect others and respect ourselves. The story follows a young girl as she learns the importance of respecting nature, Country, her heritage and her elders.

Age: 3-9

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Collecting colour by Kylie Dunstan

Rose and Olive spend a day out bush helping to gather pandanus leaves and stringy bark for making into strong bags and baskets.

Age: 5+

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Same, but a little bit different by Kylie Dunstan

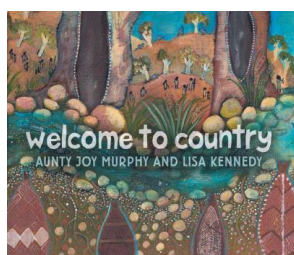
Two friends, one living in a southern city and her friend Normie, living in the top end. As they compare notes about their lives, activities and interests, they discover how very much they have in common, despite their contrasting environments.

Age: 3+

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## Positive Aboriginal stories

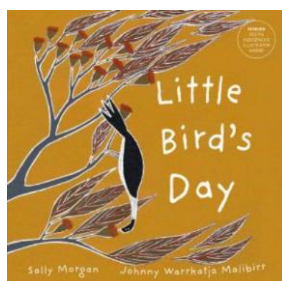


Welcome to country by Aunty Joy Murphy and Lisa Kennedy

An expansive Welcome to Country. Welcome to the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri People. We are part of this land and the land is part of us.

Age: 5+

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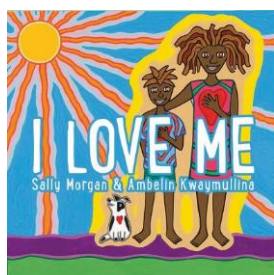


Little Bird's Day by Sally Morgan and Johnny Warrkatja Malibirr

A simple, universal story of a day in the life of Little Bird as she sings the world alive, flies with Cloud, travels with Wind, nestles with Moon and dreams of flying among the stars.

Age: 3-6

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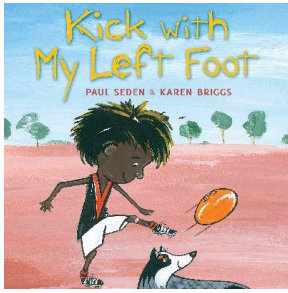
I love me by Sally Morgan and Ambelin Kwaymullina

A celebration of individuality and joyous self-esteem, in bouncy, rhythmic prose and riotous colour.

Age: 4-6

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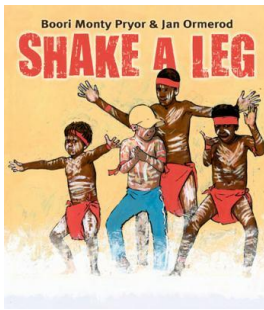
Kick with my left foot by Paul Seden and Karen Briggs

A lively and endearing story about a child in an Indigenous community getting ready to play his favourite game - footy!

Age: 3-5

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Shake a leg by Boori Monty Pryor and Jan Ormerod

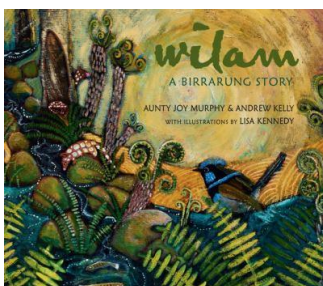
A unique picture book about having fun, sharing culture and the power of story and dance.

Age: 6-8

Book and ebook:

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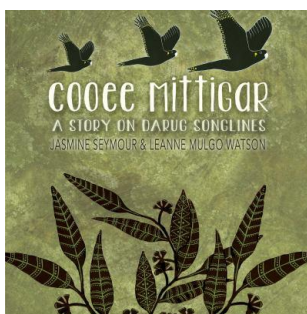


Wilam: A Birrarung by Aunty Joy Murphy and Andrew Kelly

This recent book has received a number of award nominations. It tells the story of Birrarung (the Yarra River) and some of the native animals that live nearby.

Age: 4-8

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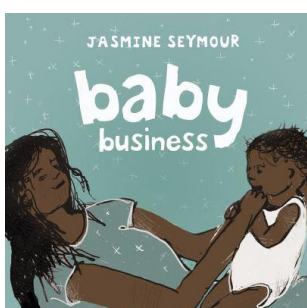


Cooee Mittigar: A Story on Darug Songlines by Jasmine Seymour and Leanne Mulgo Watson

An invitation to yana (walk) on Darug Country. In this stunning picture book, Darug creators Jasmine Seymour and Leanne Mulgo Watson tell a story on Darug Songlines, introducing children and adults-alike to Darug Nura (Country) and language.

Age: 5-12

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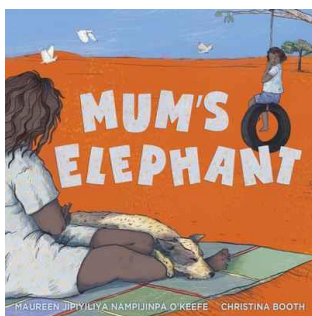


Baby business by Jasmine Seymour

Baby Business tells the story of the baby smoking ceremony that welcomes baby to country. The smoke is a blessing -- it will protect the baby and remind them that they belong.

Age: 3-6

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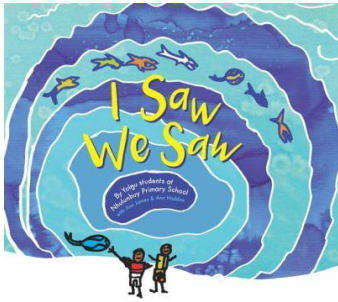


Mum's elephant by Maureen Jipiyiliya Nampijinpa O'Keefe and Christine Booth.

A charming story of remembering mums most treasured possession.

Age: 3+

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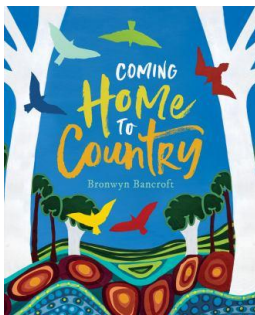


I saw, we saw by Yolgnu students at Nhulunbuy Primary School

Life for the Yolnu students who live near or around Nhulunbuy, a small town in north-east Arnhem Land in the Northern Territory, revolves around the sea; whether it be hunting, fishing or playing. There's always something to see and do and this has been the inspiration for this stunningly illustrated book.

Age: 5-8

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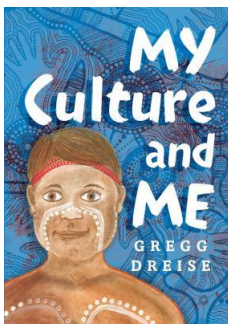


Coming home to country by Bronwyn Bancroft

A visual and lyrical depiction of coming home to country from acclaimed author and illustrator Bronwyn Bancroft.

Age: 2+

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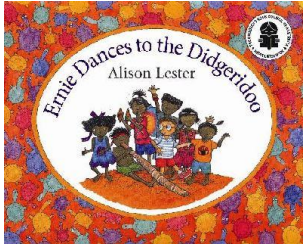


My culture and me by Gregg Dreise

A heartfelt and stirring story of cherishing and sustaining Indigenous cultures.

Age: 6-8

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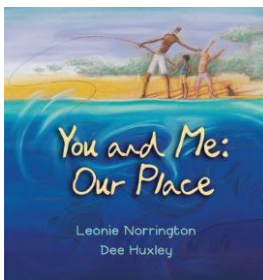


Ernie dances to the Didgeridoo by Alison Lester

When Ernie goes to live in an Aboriginal community in northern Australia, the people, climate, plants and animals are all new to him. Here are his letters to Clive, Nicky, Rosie, Frank, Tessa and Celeste, describing the life he discovers with his new friends in their wild and beautiful land.

Age: 2+

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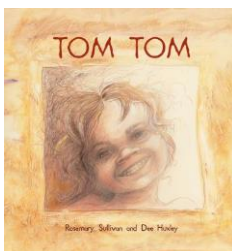


You and me: our place by Leonie Norrington and Dee Huxley

Every morning Uncle Tobias goes fishing. Sometimes he is joined by two little boys. Together they spend the day moving from one place to another. You and Me- Our place is about difference - old and new cultures that exist side by side – and about sameness. About people enjoying ordinary things and accepting each other -and especially about children who move freely between cultures.

Age: 4-6

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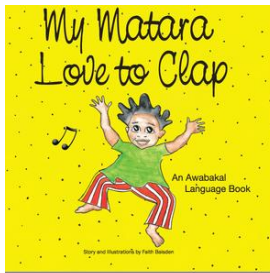


Tom Tom by Rosemary Sullivan

Tom Tom is an engaging story that traces a day in the life of a small boy living in a typical Aboriginal community in the Top End of the Northern Territory. This charming story was inspired by the importance of family and interconnectedness in Aboriginal life.

Age: 3+

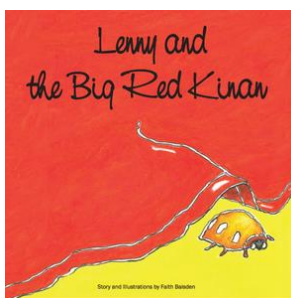
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My Matara love to clap by Faith Baisden  
Age: 3+

Learn Awabakal Indigenous words from the Newcastle region in this fun story that names parts of the body, in a rhyme that encourages movement and repetition.

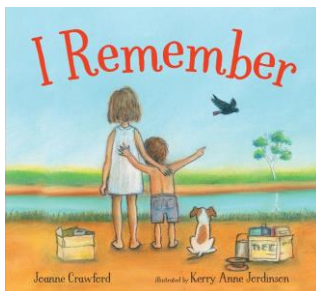
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Lenny and the big red Kinan by Faith Baisden  
Age: 3+

A rhyming story that teaches Awabakal names for things found on a walk through the bush.

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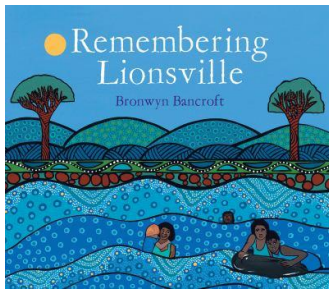
I remember by Joanne Crawford and Kerry Anne Jordinson

Set in the Geraldton area of Western Australia, an elderly woman remembers the camping trips of her childhood.

Age: 3-8

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Remembering Lionsville by Bronwyn Bancroft

Bursting with bold colour and line, Remembering Lionsville tells the story of Bronwyn Bancroft's childhood visits to her grandfather's home, interwoven with the history of her large family.

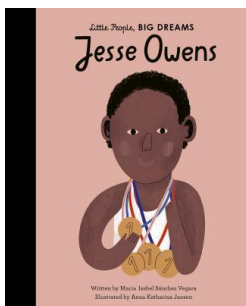
Age: 5-8

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## Celebrating people of colour

Little People, Big dreams series

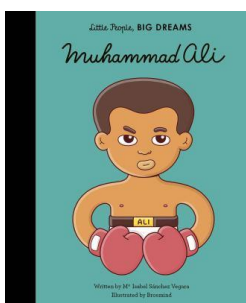
Age: 5-8



Jesse Owens by Isabel Sanchez Vegara.

Explores the life of this Olympian who stood against racism on many fronts. Includes a portrayal of the racism faced by a young Jesse.

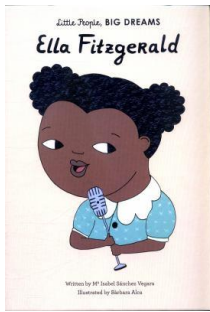
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Muhammad Ali by Isabel Sanchez Vegara.

Discover the life of Muhammad Ali, the greatest boxer of all time, in this true story of his life.

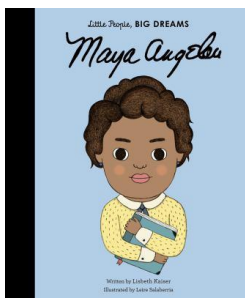
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Ella Fitzgerald by Isabel Sanchez Vegara.

A short retelling of this famous jazz singer's life.

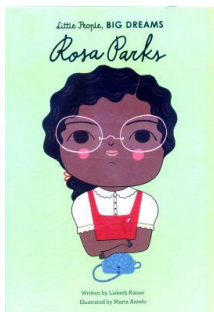
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Maya Angelou by Isabel Sanchez Vegara

Meet one of the world's most beloved writers in this book for readers as young as 4 years.

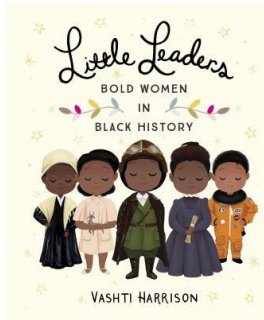
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Rosa Parks by Isabel Sanchez Vegara

Discover the life of Rosa Parks, Civil Rights activist, in this inspiring story of her life.

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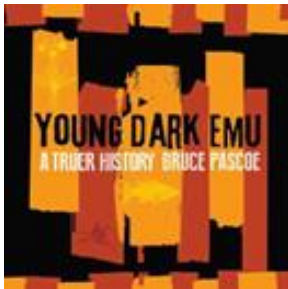


Little leaders: bold women in black history by Vashti Harrison

Featuring 40 trailblazing black women in the world's history, this book educates and inspires as it relates true stories of women who broke boundaries and exceeded all expectations.

8+

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Young Dark Emu: A Truer History by Bruce Pascoe

Bruce Pascoe compellingly argues for a reconsideration of the hunter-gatherer label for pre-colonial Aboriginal Australians. He allows the reader to see Australia as it was before Europeans arrived – a land of cultivated farming areas, productive fisheries, permanent homes, and an understanding of the environment and its natural resources that supported thriving villages across the continent.

Age: 10+

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