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Episode 16 - Indigenous Literacy Day



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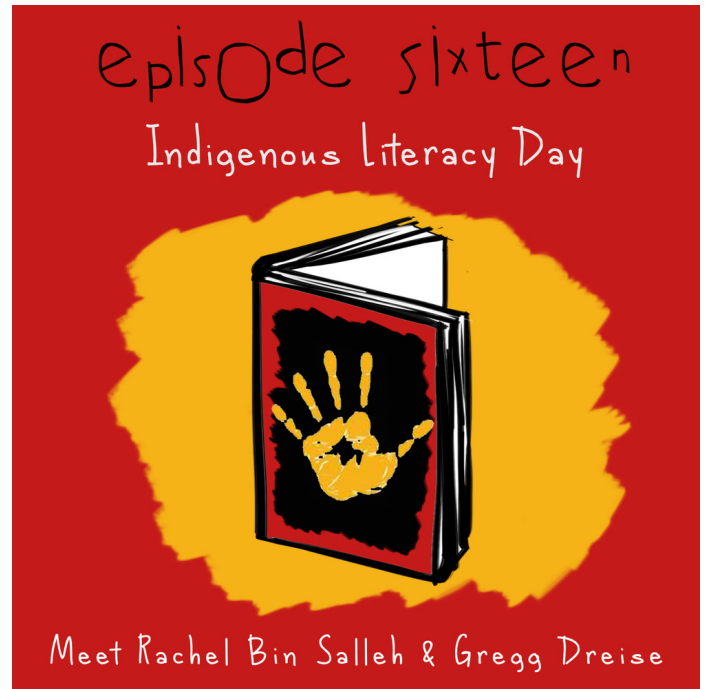


Rachel Bin Salleh is the Publisher at **Magabala Books**, Australia's leading Indigenous publisher.

Rachel is descended from the Nimunburr, Bunuba and Yawuru peoples of the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

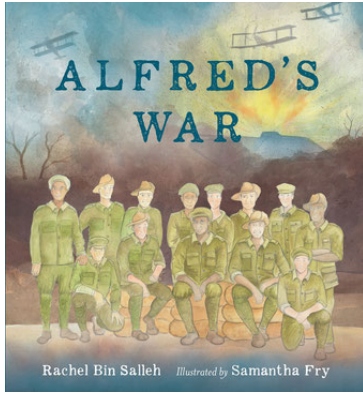
She has worked in publishing for over 20 years and is passionate about Indigenous people telling their stories. Rachel lives in Broome with her family. Alfred's War is her first book.

About Alfred's War:



Magabala Books is Australia's leading Indigenous publisher. Based in the pearling town of Broome in the far north of Western Australia, Magabala Books is one of the most remote publishing houses in the world. Since its incorporation in 1990, Magabala Books has been recognised as a producer of quality Indigenous Australian literature receiving accolades in prestigious literary and national achievement awards.

As one of the most respected small publishing houses in Australia, Magabala Books works to celebrate the talent and



Alfred's War is a powerful story that unmask the lack of recognition given to Australian Indigenous servicemen who

returned from the WWI battlelines. Alfred was just a young man when he was injured and shipped home from France. Neither honoured as a returned soldier or offered government support afforded to non-Indigenous servicemen, Alfred took up a solitary life walking the back roads - billy tied to his swag, finding work where he could.

Rachel Bin Salleh's poignant narrative opens our hearts to the sacrifice and contribution that Indigenous people have made to Australia's war efforts, the true extent of which is only now being revealed.

diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander voices through the publication of quality literature. Magabala Books has released more than two hundred titles from a range of genres.

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Magabala is a not for profit organisation. That means you could make a real difference in spreading the seeds of our culture. Click [here](#) for more information about how you can support our philanthropic endeavours.

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Kids Capers - Eva Interviews Author/Illustrator Gregg Dreise

ABOUT GREGG:

Gregg Dreise is the author and illustrator of Silly Birds, Kookoo Kookaburra and Mad Magpie. These stories are about teaching morals.

A descendant of the Kamilaroi tribe, from south-west Queensland and north-west New South Wales. He was born and raised in St George, Queensland and moved to Noosa during high school. He is the youngest of eight in a family that loved sport, music and poetry (one of those families where everyone sings, and passes guitars around at get-togethers). Gregg's mother (Lyla Dreise-Knox) has



always inspired him to write. Her poetry has entertained the family (as well as the odd magazine and newspaper readers) for many decades.

Gregg is currently a teacher in the Sunshine Coast, Queensland. He has completed writing four more picture books waiting their turn for publishing; and is also working on a chapter book for upper primary. For Gregg, the most exciting part of writing, is going to schools and libraries with his didgeridoo and guitar,

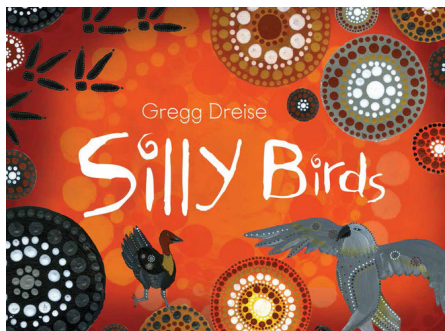
with the aim to educate an audience filled with smiles. He was very excited to take his books to the Bologna Children's Book Fair in Italy this year. His book *Silly Birds* was on the 2015 Premier's Reading Challenge year 1 to 3 booklist and was shortlisted and then won the 2015 Speech Pathology Australia - Book of the Year award.

Gregg has been an artist most of his life, following in the footsteps of many family members. His paintings have been sold all over the world. His recent international art award was for the last painting in the book *Silly Birds*.

Find out more about Gregg:

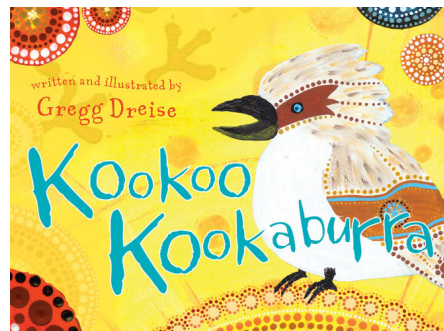
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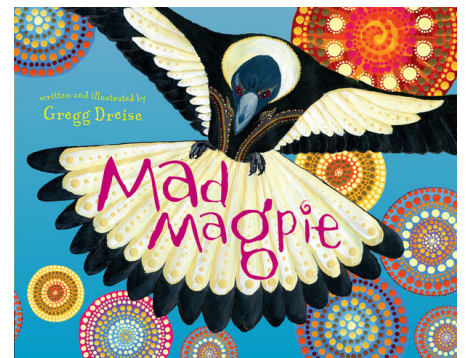
"It's hard to soar like an eagle when you are surrounded by turkeys."

www.magabala.com/silly-birds.html



"Kindness is like a boomerang - if you throw it often, it comes back often. If you never take the chance to throw it, it never comes back."

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"Stay calm like the surface of the water, yet strong like its current. And know that there is a song out there for you."

www.magabala.com/mad-magpie.html

ABOUT EVA:



Eva is 11 years old and is a descendant of the Wiradjuri Nation. She is a part of the Indigenous Girls Choir at school and loves books and always reads over 100 for the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Currently in Year 5 at school, Eva loves to write stories and design clothes. She does dancing, singing and drama as well as musical theatre.

She has been working on a couple of TV commercials and short films and loves to be in front of the camera. She has an unbelievably good memory and can recite scripts and pages of books!!

Eva lives at home with her mum, dad and brother Emilio.

Favourite Aussie author: *Jacqueline Harvey*

Favourite books of all time: *Alice Miranda and Clementine Rose Series*

What do you want to be when you grow up: *Actress*

Favourite Food: *Avocados and mangos - but not together*

Thing that annoy her the most: *My hair, because it is always in knots, and people who sniff all the time!*

Find out more about Eva:

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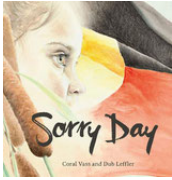
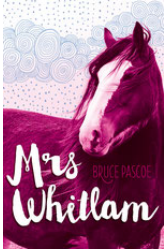
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Whatcha Readin?

Kate recommends **Mrs Whitlam** by Bruce Pascoe and published by Magabala Books.
www.magabala.com/middle-readers/mrs-whitlam.html

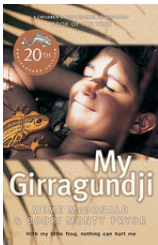
Shout-out

Nat gives a shout-out this episode to the TV series **Grace Beside Me** on NITV and ABC, based on the book of the same title by Sue McPherson.



Liz recommends **Sorry Day**, written by Coral Vass and illustrated by Dub Leffler, published by NLA.

www.bookshop.nla.gov.au/book/sorry-day.do



Nat recommends **My Girragundji** (20th Anniversary Edition) by Meme McDonald and Boori Monty Pryor published by Allen & Unwin.

www.allenandunwin.com/browse/books/childrens/My-Girragundji-20th-Anniversary-Edition-Meme-McDonald-and-Boori-Monty-Pryor-9781760297107

A series about an extraordinary Indigenous girl trying to lead an ordinary life. Taking audiences on an emotional roller coaster ride following Fuzzy Mac as she learns to accept her gift and understand the meaning of 'grace'.

Check out the TV series:

www.iview.abc.net.au/show/grace-beside-me

Check out the book:

www.magabala.com/fiction/grace-beside-me.html

Grace Beside Me Trailer



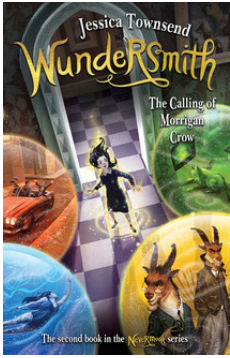
On Our Radar

On Liz's radar are some awesome sequels that are due out soon including...

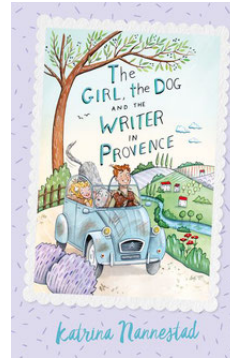
Wundersmith: The Calling of Morrigan Crow, the follow-up to Nevermoor by Jessica Townsend.

www.hachette.com.au/jessica-

And **The Girl, the Dog and the Writer in Provence**, the follow up to The Girl, the Dog and the Writer in Rome by Katrina Nannestad.



[townsend/wundersmith-the-calling-of-morrigan-crow-a-nevermoor-story](https://www.townsend/wundersmith-the-calling-of-morrigan-crow-a-nevermoor-story)



www.harpercollins.com.au/9780733338182/

Competition Details



This episode, we're giving away two wonderful books by Indigenous Australian creators. The first is **Moli det bigigi (Molly the Pig)**, a new picture book in first language Kriol as well as English, published by the **Indigenous Literacy Foundation**. A community project, it was written by **Karen Manbulloo**

from the remote Binjari region near Katherine in the Northern Territory.

Also up for grabs is a copy of **My Girragundji**, a novella for middle grade readers by **Meme McDonald** and **Boori Monty Pryor**, published by **Allen & Unwin**. Head to our [WIN](#) page and simply let us know your favourite Magabala Books title. Enter your answer (or ask a parent to) by 5pm Tuesday 18th September to be in the running.

Other Bits & Pieces

About Indigenous Literacy Day:



Indigenous Literacy Day is a national celebration of Indigenous culture, stories, language and literacy. Through activities on the day, we focus our attention on the disadvantages experienced in remote communities and encourage the rest of Australia to raise funds and advocate for more equal access to literacy resources for remote communities.

[CLICK HERE](#) to make a donation to the

Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) and help close the literacy gap.

For other ways to help support the ILF, click [here](#) for details on initiatives like the Fill a Bookshelf fundraising campaign, launching on 5 September 2018.

Follow the ILF:

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