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Lucky Thamu

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About the Book

It's the school holidays and Eli is off to visit his Thamu. They're going camping and prospecting too. Eli loves listening to Thamu's stories and learning about country. Thamu knows lots about everything. But does he know where to find gold, and will Eli strike it lucky?

About the Waarda series

Waarda, Noongar for talking and sharing stories and information, is an exciting new Indigenous children's series. The series is designed to support the literacy needs of Indigenous children in primary school, by making available to them stories written by Indigenous authors. At the same time, it will introduce non-Indigenous children to the richness and depth of Indigenous storytelling. Above all, it is a collection of fun, interesting and diverse first chapter books for new readers.

About the Authors

Cheryl Kickett-Tucker belongs to three areas of the Noongar people — Wadjuk (Swan River), Balladong (Wheatbelt) and Yued (Moorra). *Lucky Thamu* was inspired by her family's experiences in the bush over the past twenty years.

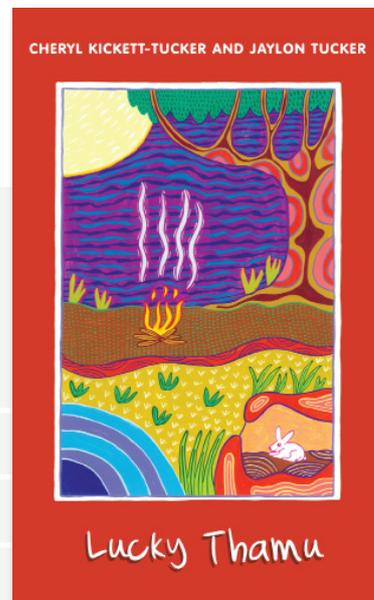
Jaylon Tucker identifies as a Wongi-Noongar. He was born on Wadjuk Noongar country and via his father he belongs to the Ngullundharra and Walyan Aboriginal people of the north-east WA goldfields. This story is based on his time exploring the bush with his real-life Thamu.

Key Points

- Promotes literacy in children.
- Series introduces talented new Indigenous storytellers.

National Curriculum Areas

- Indigenous perspectives, which will be written into the national curriculum to ensure that all young Australians have the opportunity to learn about, acknowledge and respect the cultures of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.
- A commitment to sustainable patterns of living, which will be reflected, where appropriate, in national curriculum documents.



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