

MEDIA RELEASE

WAARDA
SERIES FOR YOUNG READERS

Edited by Sally Morgan

Bush Secrets

TJALAMINU MIA AND JESSICA LISTER

About the Book

Debbie has two special secrets, and she definitely doesn't want to share them with her brother Billy. When her grandfather comes to visit though, Sally knows she can trust him with her treasures. And Grandpa has another secret, just for her. It's his special place and Sally is charged with taking care of it, too.

A beautiful tale of family and passing on the knowledge needed to help protect our environment.

About the Waarda series

Waarda, Nyungar for talking and sharing stories and information, is an exciting new Indigenous children's series. Edited by Sally Morgan, 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

Tjalaminu Mia and Jessica Lister are Nyungar people from the Katanning area of Western Australia.

Media Notes

- The launch of the series will be tied to Indigenous Literacy Day in September 2009.
- Promotes literacy in children.
- Series introduces talented new Indigenous storytellers from 15 year olds to 80 year olds.
- Series comes with comprehensive free teaching notes.
- Series editor is Sally Morgan and is published in association with The School of Indigenous Studies at the University of Western Australia.
- Jessica Lister is 17 years old and is part of a new generation of Indigenous storytellers.



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