

# MEDIA RELEASE

## WAARDA SERIES FOR YOUNG READERS

Edited by Sally Morgan

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CHERYL KICKETT-TUCKER

### About the Book

Sometimes grown ups tell scary stories to teach kids a lesson. And sometimes those scary stories turn out to be true. Sarah, Jay and Rene find out the hard way what sort of tale their nan's *woordatj* story is when they wander off into the bush despite her warnings.

### 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.

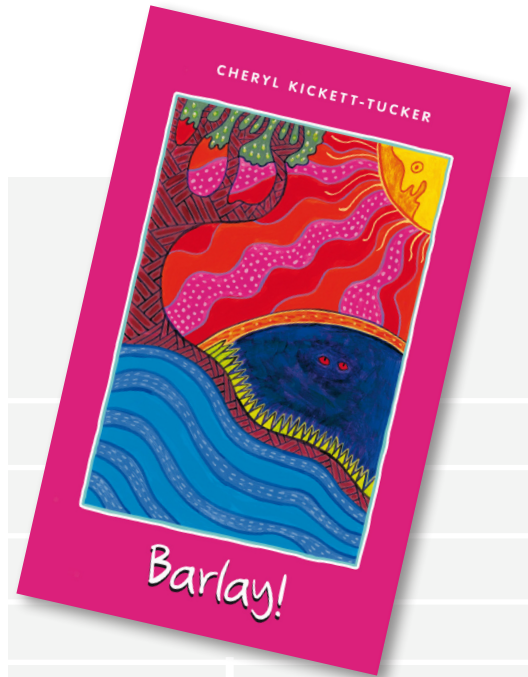
### About the Author

Cheryl Kickett-Tucker belongs to three areas of the Noongar people — Wadjuk (Swan River), Balladong (Wheatbelt) and Yued (Moora). Cheryl's story was inspired by the tales she tells her children, and also by the legends her mother has passed on to her.

### Key Points

- The third pair of books in the series will be launched on Indigenous Literacy Day 1 September 2010.
- The series promotes literacy in children and introduces talented new Indigenous storytellers.
- Sally Morgan is an Indigenous Literacy Ambassador.
- She is the author of *My Place* which has sold over 600,000 copies nationally and has been translated into 15 languages.
- Sally is also an accomplished artist and has provided the cover artwork for all six books.
- With the help of the Fogarty Foundation and the Indigenous Literacy Project, these books will be distributed free to remote Indigenous communities throughout WA.

### Other books in the Waarda series



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