

# **SPEAKING** from the **HEART**

Stories of Life, Family and Country

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## **ABOUT THE BOOK**

Eighteen Aboriginal Australians from across the country share powerful stories that are central to their lives, family, community or country. Stories which provide readers with a very personal picture of the history, culture and contemporary experience of Aboriginal Australia.

## **ABOUT THE EDITORS**

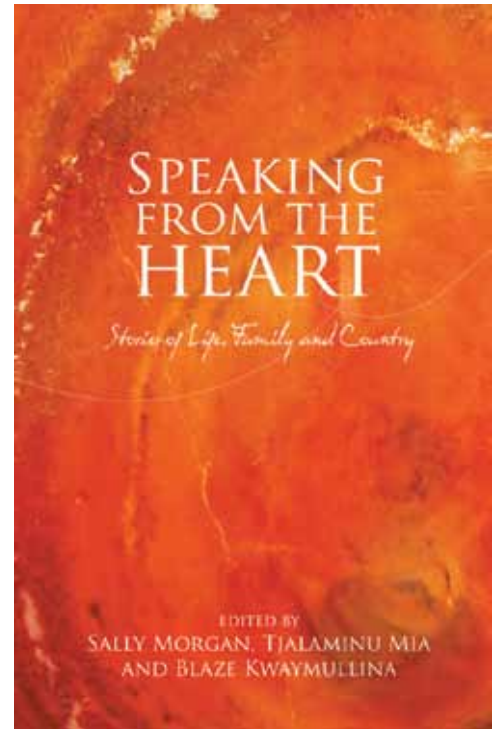
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## **PRAISE FOR THE BOOK**

As a way of preserving cultural memories, the stories of the Aboriginal people collected here remind the reader how the past reverberates through the lives of those who inherit it... every story has a unique shape, humour and spirit. *The Age*

The memoirs of these authors... give an understanding of Aboriginal culture and the challenge indigenous Australians face to ensure the survival of their race and traditions. *Marianna Papadakis, Sun Herald*

It is one of this nation's great cultural and historical tragedies that first-person accounts of Aboriginal life, such as those recorded in this book, were not collected assiduously in the 19th and 20th centuries. *Sydney Morning Herald*



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