

My Country

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WITH ILLUSTRATIONS BY
SALLY MORGAN**

The book was inspired by my Nana and Gran, who passed on their love of country to me. When I wrote the book I imagined what it would have been like for them as little girls, playing in their country without a care in the world. At the same time, I wanted to encourage self esteem in Indigenous youth as I feel Australia is in need of more Indigenous heroes. Because all heroes begin as children with a dream, hopefully books like this one bring them closer to that dream – *Ezekiel Kwaymullina*

ABOUT THE BOOK

Best-selling author and internationally renowned painter Sally Morgan teams up with Ezekiel Kwaymullina for a story celebrating country. *My Country* is a gorgeous new picture book in simple, lyrical prose and vibrant colour.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

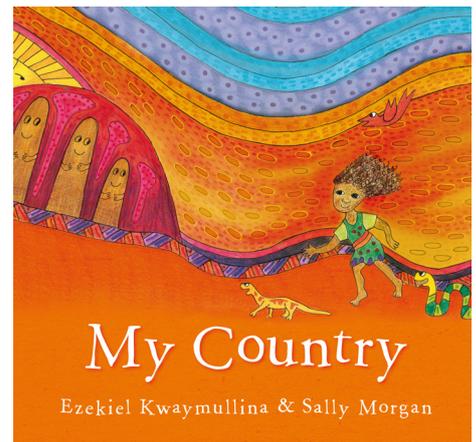
Ezekiel Kwaymullina is from the Palyku people from the Pilbara region of Western Australia. He is the co-author of *The Two-Hearted Numbat* with Ambelin Kwaymullina and *Sam's Bush Journey* with Sally Morgan and Bronwyn Bancroft.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Sally Morgan was born in Perth, in 1951 but belongs to the Palyku people from the Pilbara in Western Australia. She has published books for both adults and children including her best-selling autobiography *My Place*. Sally has established an international reputation as an artist with works in many private and public collections.

NOTES

- *My Country* is the first picture book to be illustrated by Sally Morgan in over a decade.
- Sally is an Indigenous Literacy Project Ambassador. In 2011 Sally donated six paintings – covers from the WAARDA series – to be auctioned at the Indigenous Literacy Day Charity Art Auction in Melbourne.
- She is the author of *My Place* which has sold over 600,000 copies nationally and has been translated into 15 languages.
- *My Country* is aimed at young children well as those with learning disabilities and Indigenous readers for whom English is a second language.
- *My Country* was chosen for the 'Hello from Australia' Picture Book Exhibition at this year's Bologna Children's Book Fair.



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