

# A Stolen Life

by **ANTONIO BUTI**

## ABOUT THE BOOK

On Christmas Day 1957, Joe Trevorror walked through the blistering heat to seek help for his sick baby boy. When relatives agreed to take Bruce to hospital, Joe was relieved – his son was in safe hands – but, within days, Bruce would be living with another family, and Joe would never see his son again. At the age of ten, Bruce would be returned to his Indigenous family, sparking a lifelong search for an identity that could never truly be known and a court case that made history.

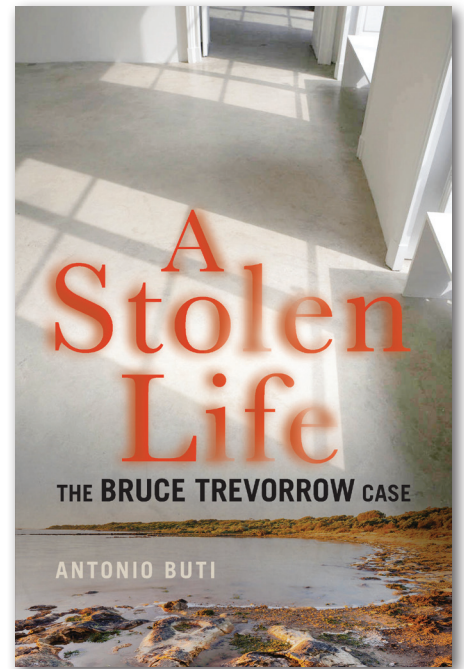
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## NOTES

- Bruce Trevorror was the only member of the Stolen Generations to sue an Australian government for compensation and win. His case against the State of South Australia was a landmark moment in Australian history.
- Antonio Buti was one of the lawyers who prepared Stolen Generations submissions for the national inquiry that resulted in the *Bringing Them Home* report.
- Extensively researched, the book is written from the perspective of Bruce, Bruce's family and Bruce's legal team, which included Julian Burnside, QC. Additionally, Buti interviewed and writes with authority about the judge who made this landmark decision, former Justice Tom Gray. This provides a fascinating look at how the case impacted both the victim and those in charge of dispensing justice. It makes it a must-read for students of law and for anyone who wants to understand how the Australian courts operate.



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