



NATIONAL CENTRE for  
**AUSTRALIAN  
CHILDREN'S  
LITERATURE** Inc

## Bibliography of NCACL books for NAIDOC Week 2023 'For Our Elders'

The National Centre for Australian Children's Literature Inc (NCACL) celebrates the history, culture, and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples during National NAIDOC Week 2023. This week provides an opportunity for all Australians to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. This year's theme is ***For Our Elders***.

The NAIDOC website explains that in the early 1990s there was a growing awareness of the depth and richness of First Nations Culture and NADOC was expanded to recognise the distinct separate culture of the Torres Strait Islander peoples. The name was then changed to NAIDOC and the celebration was expanded to one day to a week and became known as the 'National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee' (NAIDOC). The NAIDOC committee respectfully acknowledges the use of the now defunct and inaccurate term 'Aborigines' whilst retaining the term in the committee's name out of respect for the **Elders** who established this celebration in 1938.

NAIDOC Week provides an opportunity to celebrate and recognise the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth.

The National NAIDOC Committee offers freely available resources to support teachers, which are available from their website <https://www.naidoc.org.au/resources/educational>

Our Centre has selected twenty books from our database to reflect this year's theme ***For Our Elders***. Each book is hyperlinked to our database which provides further details about each book. These books offer a way to feature and share the richness of Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander People's culture, languages and where stories originated. Such books offer a variety of storytelling techniques, genres and illustration styles that entertain, inform, and engage readers. Each resource can be searched by author, title, illustrator, publisher, date, Australian curriculum codes, over 600 subjects, languages, story locations and creators' cultural backgrounds where these are available. Also included are freely available teaching resources that offer additional insights for each book.

A number of these titles are on display at the National Centre for Australian Literature which located in The Hub at the University of Canberra.

You can access the Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander Resource at <https://www.ncacl.org.au/resources/databases/welcome-to-the-aboriginal-and-or-torres-strait-islander-resource/>

BETTS, Eddie. Illustrated by Bridget Gillard & Jesse White  
*My People (Eddie's Lil' Homies series)*. Eddie Betts Family Trust, 2019. ISBN: 9780646802770  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/my-people/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/my-people/)

DREISE, Greg  
*Hello and Welcome*. Puffin Books, 2021 ISBN: 9781760898328  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/hello-and-welcome/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/hello-and-welcome/)

DREISE, Greg  
*My Culture and Me*. Puffin Books, 2019. ISBN: 9780143789376  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/my-culture-and-me/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/my-culture-and-me/)

FIREBRACE, Isaiah. Illustrated by Jaelyn Biunaiwai  
*Come Together. Things every Aussie kid should know about the First People*. Hardie Grant Explore, 2022. ISBN: 9781741178166  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/come-together-things-every-aussie-kid-should-know-about-the-first-peoples/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/come-together-things-every-aussie-kid-should-know-about-the-first-peoples/)

FOGORTY, Renee  
*Fair Skin Black Fella*. Magabala Books, 2010. ISBN: 9781921248146  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/fair-skin-black-fella/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/fair-skin-black-fella/)

MCCARTHY YOELU, Maree. Illustrated By Samantha Fry  
*Brother Moon*. Magabala Books, 2020. ISBN: 9781925936827  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/brother-moon/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/brother-moon/)

MUIR, Aunty Fay & LAWSON, Sue. Illustrated by Jasmine Seymour  
*Family*. Magabala Books, 2020. ISBN: 9781925936285  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/family/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/family/)

MUIR, Aunty Fay & LAWSON, Sue. Illustrated by Lisa Kennedy  
*Respect*. Magabala Books, 2020. ISBN: 9781925936315  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/respect/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/respect/)

MUIR, Aunty Fay & LAWSON, Sue. Illustrated by Leanne Mulgo Watson  
*Sharing*. Magabala Books, 2021. ISBN: 9781925768749  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/sharing/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/sharing/)

MURPHY, Aunty Joy. Illustrated by Lisa Kennedy  
*Welcome to Country*. Walker Books, 2016. ISBN: 9781922244871  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/welcome-to-country/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/welcome-to-country/)

NORRINGTON, Leonie. Illustrated by Dee Huxley  
*You and Me: Our Place*. Working Title Press, 2007. ISBN:9781876288792  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/you-and-me-our-place/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/you-and-me-our-place/)

ODGEROO. Illustrated by Bronwyn Bancroft  
*Stradbroke Dreamtime*. Angus & Robertson, 1999 (first published 1972). ISBN: 0207198659.  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/stradbroke-dreamtime/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/stradbroke-dreamtime/)

PURDIE, Shirley  
*Shirley Purdie. Ngaginybe Jarragbe My Story*. Magabala Books, 2020. ISBN: 9781925936131  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/ngaginybe-jarragbe-my-story/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/ngaginybe-jarragbe-my-story/)

ROGERS, Karen  
*Main Abija My Granddad*. Allan & Unwin, 2021. ISBN: 9781760526030  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/main-abija-my-granddad/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/main-abija-my-granddad/)

RUSSELL, Elaine  
*A is for Aunty*. ABC Books, 2000. ISBN: 0733307299  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/a-is-for-aunty/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/a-is-for-aunty/)

SAUNDERS, Kirli. Illustrated by Dub Leffler  
*Our Dreaming*. Scholastic Press, 2022. ISBN: 9781742995113\*\*

SEYMOUR, Jasmine  
*Baby Business*. Magabala Books, 2019. ISBN: 9781925768671  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/baby-business/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/baby-business/)

SMILER, Rosie & MAYOR, Thomas. Illustrated by Samantha Campbell  
*Freedom Day. Vincent Lingiari and the story of the Wave Hill Walk-off*. Bright Light (Hardie Grant), 2021. ISBN: 9781760508562  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/freedom-day-vincent-lingiari-and-the-story-of-the-wave-hill-walk-off/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/freedom-day-vincent-lingiari-and-the-story-of-the-wave-hill-walk-off/)

STEFFENSEN, Victor. Illustrated by Sandra Steffensen  
*Looking after Country with Fire. Aboriginal burning knowledge with Uncle Kuu*. Hardie Grant Explore, 2022. ISBN: 9781741177824  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/looking-after-country-with-fire-aboriginal-burning-knowledge-with-uncle-kuu/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/looking-after-country-with-fire-aboriginal-burning-knowledge-with-uncle-kuu/)

WALLAM, Angus & KELLY, Suzanne. Illustrated by Norma MacDonald  
*Corroboree*. Cygnet Books, 2004. ISBN: 1920694145  
[https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi\\_resource/corroboree/](https://www.ncacl.org.au/atsi_resource/corroboree/)

\*\* Will be available in the database soon.