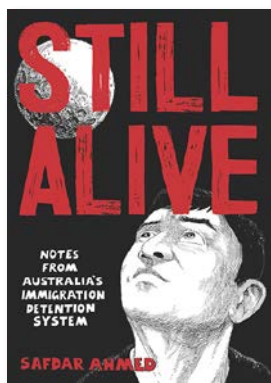


# Announcing... The CBCA 2022 Shortlist Books

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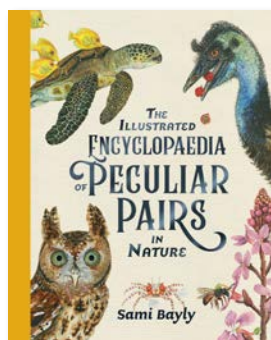


### Still Alive, Notes from Australia's Immigration Detention System

Safdar Ahmed

Published by Twelve Panels Press | ISBN 9780980593730

A confronting, raw and graphic account of the history and treatment of asylum seekers and refugees under successive Australian governments. Challenging, detailed and well-researched, powerfully produced from a personal perspective — journeys from their homelands and lived experiences are interspersed with history, news events, government policy and international human rights reports and reactions. The black and white drawings, well-integrated with the text, are detailed and the inclusion of artwork by the detainees is powerful. The language is direct, occasionally didactic, and emotive at times. Metaphors (written and drawn) such as monsters, knots and chess pieces are effective in representing the detainees' stresses and traumas. There is mature content such as self-harm, executions, sexual intimacy and assault, both in written and drawn examples. The inclusion of further reading and actions will engage readers in exploring further.

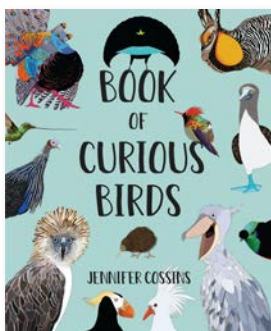


### The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of Peculiar Pairs in Nature

Sami Bayly

Published by Hachette Australia | ISBN 9780734420046

An exquisitely illustrated and informative encyclopaedia of curious pairings and interdependencies. Text is thoroughly researched and well organised. Each 'pair' double page includes: scientific names, a full page detailed illustration, and the 'fact' information on the other (description, peculiar pairing, conservation status, diet, location/habitat, fun facts). The language is clear, with humour in parts, and explains factual and anecdotal information effectively. High visual impact enhances engagement and appeal: including large hardback, colourful, detailed illustrations and an attached ribbon bookmark, encouraging readers to return, explore further and personalise their reading progress.



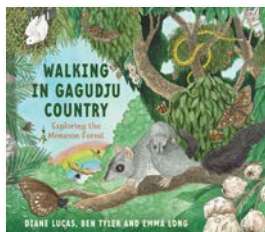
### Book of Curious Birds

Jennifer Cossins

Published by Hachette Australia | ISBN 9780734420473

Lifecycles, behaviours and the conservation status of birds are presented in this high-quality reference book. The author helpfully cites the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) as her reference, which readers can then explore for themselves. inclusion of a contents page and glossary are useful. Beautiful illustrations dominate each well-organised double-page spread including eye catching endpapers. The facts vary for each species, relating mainly to individual peculiarities. The language is clear and a variety of different fonts and colours are used to present sections of the text, which not only helps in dividing the different types of information, maintaining rhythm and flow, but will also impact how a reader relates to the text. The imaginative presentation of this topic will engage all readers, young and old.





### Walking in Gagudju Country: Exploring the Monsoon Forest

Diane Lucas and Ben Tyler (text), Emma Long (illustrator)  
Published by Allen & Unwin | ISBN 9781760525958

Kakadu National Park is vividly presented and the setting is strongly maintained. Avatars representing the author’s rambling through the forest with young friends, telling stories and imparting information are clever. The exploration is fun, the stopping, observing and listening feel genuine, all enriching reader experience. Text and dialogue are clear and detailed. The inclusion of illustrations and labels to highlight/define Indigenous terminology (lore, animal species and bush tucker) are very effective; as is the glossary, which includes useful drawings, scientific names and page references. High level production quality; visually appealing overall



### The First Scientists: Deadly Inventions and Innovations from Australia’s First Peoples

Corey Tutt (text), Blak Douglas (illustrator)  
Published by Hardie Grant Publishing | ISBN 9781741177527

This well produced book introduces readers to scientific contributions of Indigenous scientists and engineers, both prior to, and since, European occupation. Engagingly presented, it opens with the AIATSIS map of Indigenous Australia, reinforced by topic maps within each section, providing useful reference for the scientific contributions described. The text is fascinating, and draws on aspects of science across a broad range of disciplines. Indigenous language and the inclusion of stories of Indigenous scientists provides a contemporary narrative, reinforcing authenticity and relevancy to modern life. Vibrant illustrations are appealing, and the creative layout is imaginative.



### Heroes, Rebels and Innovators

Karen Wyld (text), Jaelyn Biunaiwai (illustrator)  
Published by Hachette Australia | ISBN 9780734419835

This excellently produced, highly engaging book presents Indigenous historical information about significant First Nations people that has been omitted, or is less known in traditional storytelling. Authenticity and authority of voice are established in the opening pages. Creatively, two narratives per person are provided. One is a poetic and lyrical story; the captivating language lending itself to the ‘adventure’ genre. This non-stereotypical information book is imaginatively presented with a striking cover; minimalist illustrations; and a high gloss, rich and earthy ochre palette, which will interest readers beyond the final page.

