

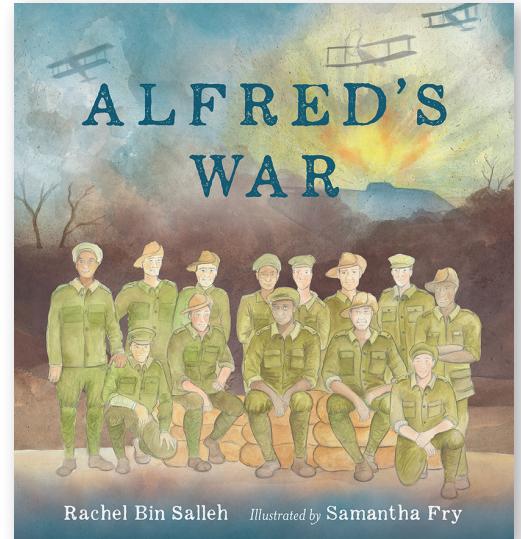
# ALFRED'S WAR

**A visually stunning and moving tribute that opens our hearts to the courage and sacrifice of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander war veterans**

*Alfred's War* is a powerful story that unmask the lack of recognition given to Australian Indigenous servicemen who returned from the WWI battlelines. Alfred was just a young man when he was injured and shipped home from France. Neither honoured as a returned soldier or offered government support afforded to non-Indigenous servicemen, Alfred took up a solitary life walking the back roads – billy tied to his swag, finding work where he could.

Alfred was a forgotten soldier. Although he had fought bravely in the Great War, as an Aboriginal man he wasn't classed as a citizen of his own country. Yet Alfred always remembered his friends in the trenches and the mateship they had shared.

Sometimes he could still hear the never-ending gunfire in his head and the whispers of diggers praying. Every year on ANZAC Day, Alfred walked to the nearest town, where he would quietly stand behind the people gathered and pay homage to his fallen mates.



Rachel Bin Salleh Illustrated by Samantha Fry

Rachel Bin Salleh's poignant narrative opens our hearts to the sacrifice and contribution that Indigenous people have made to Australia's war efforts, the true extent of which is only now being revealed.



### About the author

Rachel Bin Salleh is descended from the Nimunburr and Yawuru peoples of the Kimberley region of Western Australia. She has worked in publishing for over 20 years and is passionate about Indigenous people telling their stories. Rachel lives in Broome with her family. *Alfred's War* is her first book.



### About the illustrator

Samantha Fry grew up in the Northern Territory and lives in Darwin.

She is descended from the Dagiman people from Katherine and as a child lived in remote communities across the Top End. Samantha is an accomplished artist and talented designer. This is the first book she has illustrated.

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