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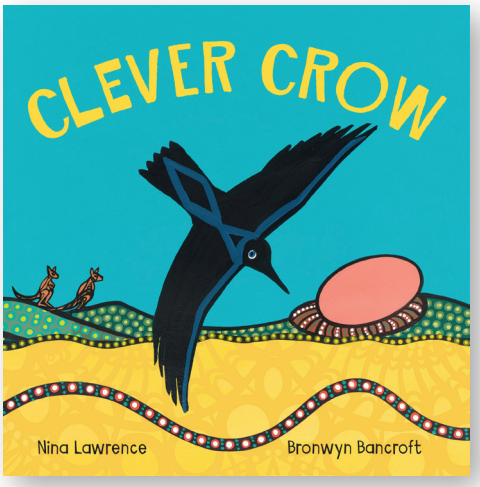
# CLEVER CROW

## A lively bilingual tale – translated in Djambarrpuyŋu – that celebrates the Australian bush and the humorous characteristics of its iconic animals

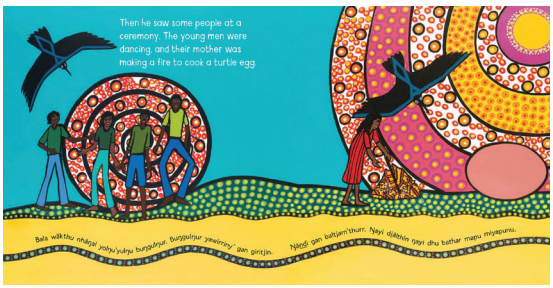



*Clever Crow* is an endearing and witty tale that follows the exploits of a hungry and very clever crow. Crow searches in the bush for food but he can find none. It is only when he comes across people preparing for a ceremony that his luck changes. Crow spots a big turtle egg waiting to be cooked, but soon realises it is not an easy task stealing a turtle egg – even for a clever crow. Crow has to be more clever than he has ever been before! Children will love Bronwyn Bancroft's distinctive illustrations, and how the Djambarrpuyŋu language translation – Yolŋu language from North East Arnhem Land – is woven into the design.

### About the author and illustrator

Nina Lawrence is a descendant of the Gimuy Walubara Yidinji peoples and was born on Yidinji country in Far North Queensland. She is interested in the preservation and promotion of Indigenous Australian languages, and is passionate about access to bilingual development and literacy. *Clever Crow* was inspired by Nina's work in the Northern Territory where Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander traditional hunting methods are still used. This is her first children's book.

Bronwyn Bancroft is a Djanbun clan member of the Bundjalung Nation. She illustrated her first book in 1992 and has worked on nearly 40 children's books. She was the Australian finalist for the Ezra Jack Keats Award for Excellence in Children's Book Illustration (1994), received the Dromkeen Medal (2009), and was the Australian finalist for the Hans Christian Andersen Award (Illustrator 2016). Bronwyn has a Diploma of Visual Arts and two Masters degrees from the University of Sydney (Studio Practice and Visual Art).



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