

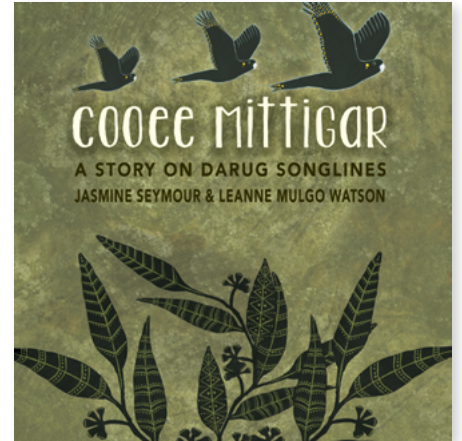
Cooee Mittigar – A Story on Darug Songlines

**‘Warami mittigar. Hello friend.
We welcome you to Darug Country.’**

Cooee Mittigar, meaning *Come Here Friend*, is an invitation to *yana* (walk), on Darug Country. In this stunning picture book, Darug creators Jasmine Seymour and Leanne Mulgo Watson tell a story on Darug Songlines, introducing children and adults-alike to Darug *Nura* (Country) and language.

Greeted by Mulgo, the black swan, readers are welcomed to *Nura*. Journeying through the seasons, Mulgo describes the land, skyscape, birds, animals and totems. It is a gentle guide to how Darug people read the seasons, knowing when it is time to hunt and time to rest. It is also an appeal to remember, offering new ways of seeing and reading the lands of the surrounding Sydney region.

With Darug language interspersed with English and an extensive glossary throughout, *Cooee Mittigar* presents an important tool for learning, told as a tender story with exquisite illustrations. It is Jasmine and Leanne’s wish that with this book, everyone will know that the Darug mob are still here and still strong.



Timely and relevant, this book is a beautiful introduction to Aboriginal people’s continuing connection with land, culture and songlines. Translatable to regions throughout Australia.

Published in 2019, the UN Year of Indigenous Languages, Cooee Mittigar introduces readers to Darug language in context. The end papers contain a glossary.

Exquisite production values – cloth, embossed hardcover.

Will appeal to every market – trade, educational, tourist, gallery, gift.



About the author

Jasmine Seymour is a Darug writer, artist and primary school teacher. She lives with her family on Country near the Dyarubbin (Hawkesbury) River in New South Wales. She is a member of the Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation. Her first book, *Baby Business* was published by Magabala Books in 2019.



About the Illustrator

Leanne Mulgo Watson is a Darug artist-educator and is the daughter of Aunty Edna Watson. She has been a director of the Darug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation for many years. *Cooee Mittigar* is her first book. She says “I had always wanted to create books to share our knowledge, as education is the key to our culture staying strong”.



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