

## Cunning Crow

### Gregg Dreise gifts us his fourth children's book about the importance of accepting difference.

Award-winning author and gifted story-teller Gregg Dreise is back once again with the fourth book in his series of morality tales inspired by wise sayings and the knowledge of Aboriginal Elders.

Following his award-winning *Silly Birds*, *Kookoo Kookaburra*, and *Mad Magpie*, his latest book, *Cunning Crow* is adorned with the colourful, captivating images of Australia's unique and stunning birds. *Cunning Crow* teaches young kids and families not only that we are all different and beautiful, but that beauty comes from within.

*Cunning Crow* is about a bird called Waan. Way back, before once-upon-a-time, there was the Dreamtime when all the birds were white. One day a big storm came through and a magnificent rainbow appeared. When the birds passed through the rainbow, one by one, their feathers took on its beautiful colours. Waan flew through the rainbow too and his feathers became a beautiful red and orange. But Waan was jealous of the other birds. He wanted to be more beautifully coloured than anyone. So Waan hatched a cunning plan.

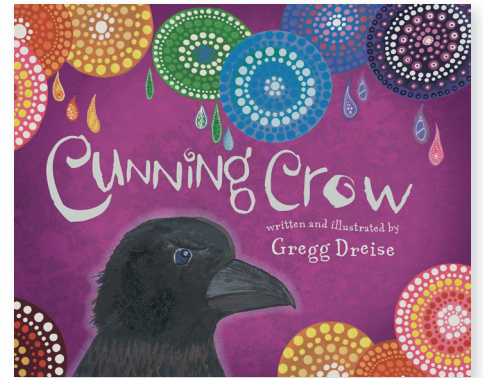
Author illustrator Gregg Dreise's culture and love for traditional Aboriginal storytelling inspires him to continue the generational heritage of his people. Says Dreise, "The Dreamtime was the time when Biamme travelled our country creating morals and the place as we know it."



### About the author illustrator

Gregg Dreise is a gifted artist, storyteller and musician, and he features the didgeridoo and guitar in his performances at schools, libraries and festivals. He is a descendant of the Kamilaroi and Euahlayi people of south-west Queensland and north-west New South Wales. He is the author and illustrator of *Cunning Crow*; *Silly Birds*; *Kookoo Kookaburra*; *Mad Magpie* and *My Culture and Me*. All these stories are about teaching morals. They address self-image, friendship,

kindness, bullying and Indigenous culture. Gregg is also the illustrator of the classic story Tiddalik the Frog and has poetry with his illustrations in the anthology *A Boat of Stars*; and illustrations in *High 5 to the Boys* and contributions towards *Why I Love Australia*. He has a Children's Music CD titled *Sing. Dance. Walk Together*.



*"Cunning Crow is a part of a series of trying to bring back endangered or broken stories from my country featuring these morals. It celebrates our differences through the rainbow of colours found in Australian birds."*

*"Cunning Crow highlights that we are all different and that you should be proud of who you are no matter what your colour or culture is. Sadly, when I grew up, it was hard to find books with multicultural characters. Thankfully this is now changing. I hope all readers enjoy learning about everyone's differences."*



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