



Penguin Oh Penguin

Helen Milroy and Gladys Milroy

Palyku Mother-daughter duo weave a heart-warming tale of friendship, hope and home

Former Western Australian of the Year, Helen Milroy (*The Cockatoo Wars* 2023), in collaboration with matriarch Gladys Milroy (*Silver Leaves* 2022), create a colourful and emotive rhythming story with *Penguin Oh Penguin*, released on November 1 by Magabala Books.

Set against an oceanic backdrop, readers will embark on a delightful adventure of friendship and discovery, perfect for toddlers and little wrigglers. The book follows the endearing journey of a curious penguin and the friends it makes along the way.

‘I wrote *Penguin Oh Penguin* for my children over sixty years ago,’ says Gladys Milroy. ‘I was always making up stories and songs for them but this one was the favourite. It came about when I bought a little black velvet penguin toy that we played with at bedtime.’

Helen Milroy, renowned author and illustrator, is known for her ability to create deeply moving and relatable stories that resonate with young readers. Her collaboration with matriarch Gladys Milroy, a talented artist and storyteller in her own right, adds an extra layer of magic to this enchanting tale.

Penguin Oh Penguin comes in a sweet smaller hardcover design, perfect for holding by little hands.

A QR code in the book will take readers to a delightful video of Gladys and Helen singing *Penguin Oh Penguin*, so families can learn the song.

Available November in all good bookshops and online from Magabala Books — **RRP \$16.99**

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Helen Milroy

Helen Milroy (MB BS CertChildPsych W.Aust., FRANZCP) is a born storyteller and a talented artist. She is a descendant of the Palyku people of the Pilbara region of Western Australia but was born and educated in Perth. She studied Medicine at the University of Western Australia, and worked as a General Practitioner and Consultant in Childhood Sexual Abuse at Princess Margaret Hospital for Children for several years before completing specialist training in Child and Adolescent psychiatry. Helen is the WA State Recipient Australian of the Year 2021 and joint winner of the 2020 Australian Mental Health Prize.



Gladys Milroy

Gladys Milroy is a Palyku woman whose traditional Country is in the East Pilbara region of Western Australia. Gladys was born in 1927 but was stolen from her mother, Daisy Corunna, as a young child and placed in Parkerville Children's Home.

Gladys has been a storyteller and educator throughout her life. She takes an active role in the Palyku Native Title Claim Group and is particularly concerned about the protection of the Palyku Country in the face of ongoing destruction and mining in the Pilbara. Gladys creates and tells stories to remind people to care for the animals, trees and Country around them. She believes it is the birthright of Aboriginal children, and of all children, to be born into stories.

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