

TWO MATES

A true story of mateship with no boundaries

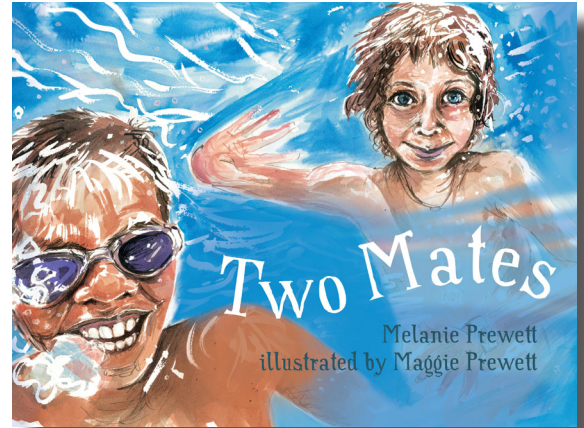
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Two Mates is the true story of the special mateship between two young boys who have grown up together in the coastal town of Broome in Australia's north-west. Jack is Indigenous and Raf is a non-Indigenous boy who has spina bifida.

Jack and Raf take the reader on a journey of their daily life growing up in Broome. Together they search for hermit crabs, go hunting for barni, fish for salmon, explore the markets, eat satays and dress up as superheroes. The fact that Raf is in a wheelchair is only revealed at the end of the story.

Melanie Prewett is the mother of Jack. She was inspired to write Two Mates after watching Jack and Raf's friendship develop since they were babies. Melanie set out to create a story which showed that physical disability is no barrier to true friendship. This is her first book.

Maggie Prewett is the author's mother and Jack's grandmother. She is descended from the Ngarluma people of the Pilbara region of Western Australia. Her art is held in collections throughout Australia, and in recent years she has illustrated two other Magabala children's titles *The Old Frangipani Tree at Flying Fish Point* and *The Grumpy Lighthouse Keeper*.



After a big rain is the best time to hunt for barni. That's what we call goanna.

Raf is the best barni-spotter and if we're lucky enough to catch one, we make a fire and cook it up on the coals.

Two Mates will be available from June 2012 in all good bookshops and online from Magabala Books (www.magabala.com) for \$17.95.

Launched in 1987, Magabala Books is a not-for-profit Indigenous publishing house based in Broome, that aims to promote, preserve and publish Indigenous Australian culture.



Whatever Raf and I do, we always have fun.
I'm glad we're mates.



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