

WAITING AT THE GATE

Australian Indigenous fashion and textile designer pens moving memoir

Robyn Caughlan with Jason Foster

At the age of five, after years of abuse, and just months after the death of her father, Robyn was sent on a 'holiday' and was never returned to her family. She waited at the gate for her mother to return but it soon dawned on her that her family was not coming to get her. This is Robyn's story.

From humble and sometimes horrific beginnings Robyn became one of Australia's leading fashion and textile designers and an accomplished artist. In *Waiting at the Gate* Robyn transforms her life in front of the reader's eyes and comes back from the brink of suicide to build a happy and successful life.

Robyn Caughlan is a Dharug and Darkinung woman from Western Sydney. She is a fashion and textile designer and painter and was nominated for Aboriginal artist of the year in 1990 and 1991. Her designs were showcased in New York and Milan and she helped choreograph her own fashion show during the 2000 Olympics. Her fashion work has included designs for the Miss World, Miss Universe and Miss Teen Universe pageants. Her Aboriginal Wedding Dress and Miss Universe dress are held in the Powerhouse Museum.

Jason Foster has known Robyn since he was three years old. Born in Sydney in 1976, he grew up in the Blue Mountains and is a History/ English teacher in Western Sydney with a Masters degree in History. He is currently studying for a Diploma in Languages in Spanish.

Waiting at the Gate will be available from May 2012 in bookshops and online from Magabala Books (www.magabala.com) for \$27.95.

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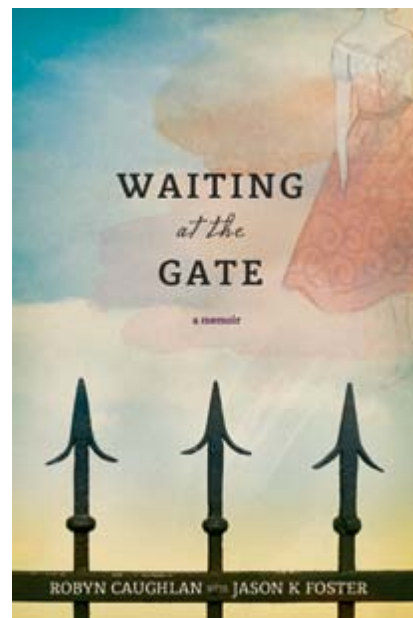
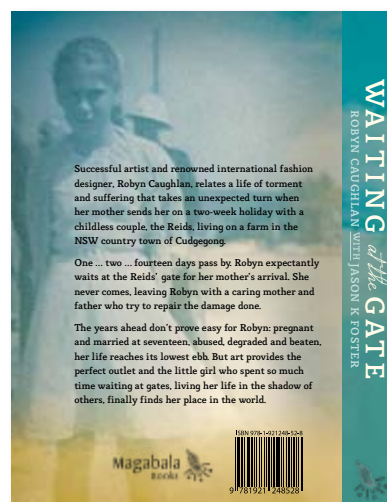


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Robyn Cughlan's Aboriginal Wedding Dress design is displayed at the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney (far right)



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