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MAY L. O'BRIEN with illustrations by ANGELA LEANEY

ABOUT THE BOOK

What is it like when an Aboriginal child moves from a remote community into a mainstream school?

Written from the child's perspective, these true stories raise awareness about learning English as a second language.

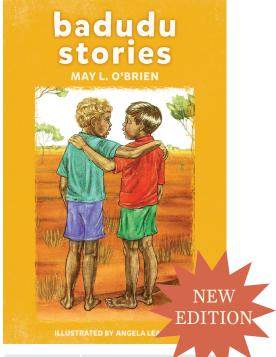
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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KEY POINTS

- These four stories What Do You Say; Smartie Pants; Too Big for Your Boots; Which Jack – won acclaim for depicting Aboriginal children in contemporary settings. They are as relevant today as they were when they were first published as successful picture books in 1994.
- This new edition, brings all four stories together in one volume with internal line drawings.
- Australian cross-curriculum priority: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and culture.



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