BACKYARD BUGS
by HELEN MILROY

ABOUT THE BOOK

From the author of *Backyard Birds,* the latest picture book by Helen Milroy takes us back into the garden to share her collection of crawly critters. From beautiful butterflies to kaleidoscopic Christmas beetles, this picture book will teach kids all about the scurrying, scuttling, scooting, buzzing, zooming splendour of insects.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Dr Helen Milroy is a descendant of the Palyku people of the Pilbara region of Western Australia. She was born and educated in Perth and has a passionate interest in health and wellbeing, especially for children. She is currently a professor at UWA, a consultant child and adolescent psychiatrist, and Commissioner with the National Mental Health Commission.
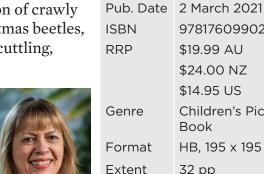
MEDIA NOTES

- Helen's first book, *Wombat, Mudlark and Other Stories,* was shortlisted for the Western Australian Premier's Book Awards and the Readings Children's Book Prize and her second book, *Backyard Birds,* was shortlisted for the Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Awards.

- In 2020 she was named WA Australian of the Year and won the Mental Health Medal for her work with at risk children.

- Helen was Australia's first Indigenous medical doctor and first psychiatrist.

- She is also the illustrator of this book.

PRAISE FOR THE AUTHOR

'It's the bold-patterned and beautifully colourful illustrations that strikingly bring the book together, from the detailed endpapers to each inviting spread.' *Books+Publishing*

'A vibrant cacophony of birdsong practically rings out from this colourful picture book populated by the wondrous native birds living in our backyards.' *Readings*

'The simple rhyming poem is well-suited to the target audience age.' *Reading Time*

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