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CYCLONES AND SHADOWS

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ABOUT THE BOOK

This collection draws together four tales for younger readers from the Waarda series of Indigenous stories first edited by acclaimed author Sally Morgan.

Two stories feature Lilli and her magical companion, Shadow. Living in Nan's mango tree, Shadow is just the friend Lilli needs when adjusting to a new life in a new town. And, when Shadow finds himself the host of an unwanted visitor, Lilli becomes just the friend he needs too. The next two stories are about Annie, who learns how important ingenuity and strong family ties are when living in the remote community of Useless Loop. Annie helps her dad build an amazing beach sports car from a pile of junk before she and her family battle a cyclone.

Drawing on the authors' own experiences, these charming tales are illustrated with black-and-white line drawings, and are a great way to introduce young readers to the world of contemporary Indigenous storytelling.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

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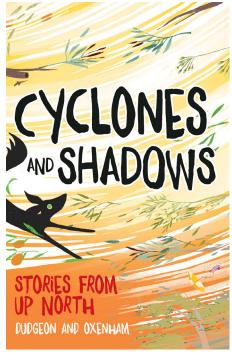
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'... slim, attractive little paperbacks that should readily appeal to the target readership.' *Magpies*

'Strong storylines and unique cultural insights' Junior Books+Publishing



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