

MEDIA RELEASE

OWL *and* STAR

by HELEN MILROY

KEYNOTE

From the author of the Backyard series, Helen Milroy's latest picture book is the beginning of a whole new series that invites readers to appreciate the magic of stars.

ABOUT THE BOOK

Owl loved the sparkle of the stars. He would sit out on his tree at dusk and wait for them to appear.

One evening, Owl became worried. His favourite little star had not shown herself. Owl searched far and wide. Where could Little Star be?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Helen Milroy is a descendant of the Palyku people of the Pilbara region of Western Australia. She was born and educated in Perth. Helen has always had a passionate interest in health and wellbeing, especially for children. Helen studied medicine at the University of Western Australia. She is currently a professor at UWA, Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, Board Member with Beyond Blue and the AFL's first Indigenous Commissioner.



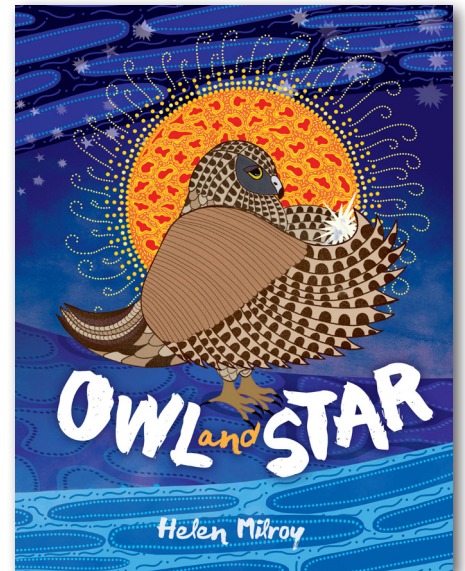
NOTES

- Helen's previous books have been shortlisted for the Western Australian Premier's Book Awards (2019, 2020), the Readings Children's Book Prize (2020) and the Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Awards (2020, 2021).
- This is the fifth book by Helen Milroy to be published by Fremantle Press. Her other titles include *Backyard Beasties* (2022), *Backyard Bugs* (2021), *Backyard Birds* (2020) and *Wombat, Mudlark and Other Stories* (2019).
- Helen hosts the podcast *Helen Milroy presents* for Fremantle Press where she interviews children's book creators about their lives and their creative process.
- Helen is an accomplished speaker and commentator whose expertise across a variety of subjects has her appearing regularly for television, broadcast and print outlets.

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*

This little book is a delight to look at and talk about and your littlies will love it as soon as those little eyes can focus.' *Good Reading*



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