

# NEDINGAR

## Ancestors

by ISOBEL BEVIS and LEANNE ZILM

### ABOUT THE BOOK

*'Please Mum, I want to meet my ancestors, I want to learn from them so I know who I am.'*

Inspired by a love of country from an Indigenous perspective, every family will relate to this beautiful bilingual picture book as brought to life by Noongar storytellers, Isobel Bevis and Leanne Zilm, highlighting the rich cultural heritage we all share. The book features gorgeously hand painted images of Australian flora and fauna.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Isobel Bevis is a Wilman, Noongar and Ballardong woman, she grew up in a large Noongar family, living on Wilman Boodja. Isobel is a teacher with a Master of Indigenous Languages Education, and is passionate about education and supporting Aboriginal students and families. She started writing to stay connected to family and culture, with her strength and knowledge coming from the matriarchs in her family, and she has loving memories of listening to her Nana's stories.



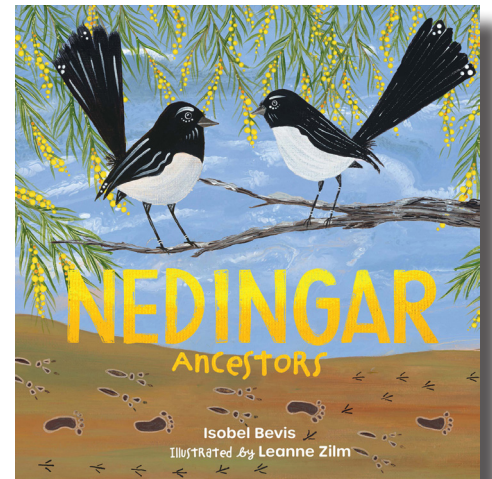
### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Leanne Zilm is a descendant of the Wudjari and Goreng Noongar tribal groups. Leanne started painting in 2016 when her mother, who was a landscape artist, encouraged her to take up art. Leanne works with acrylics, and the backgrounds of her paintings are created using an acrylic pour technique. Her art is inspired by the natural environment in the South West of Western Australia.



### NOTES

- The perfect read-aloud book, *Nedingar* is written in two languages, Noongar and English.
- A Noongar storytime video can be accessed from the QR code in the book.
- Isobel said she wrote the book to honour boodja (country) and because she wanted to offer young people the opportunity to learn Noongar since she and her parents and grandparents were denied.
- Large scale illustrations from the book will feature in a special art installation in the Perth CBD during October.
- Teaching notes and teaching activities are also available on [fremantlepress.com.au/education](http://fremantlepress.com.au/education).



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