

MEDIA RELEASE

Milly MEELYU

by Holly Bradley & Darryl Fogarty
illustrated by Corinne Fogarty

ABOUT THE BOOK

Milly Meelyu is a beautifully illustrated dual-language picture book, featuring both English and Badimia language.

Milly Meelyu lives with her family in a big castle of logs. But when their home is destroyed, they must find a new one quickly!

Nature, conservation and guardianship are all encouraged alongside a sense of connection with the land and its animals.

ABOUT THE CREATORS

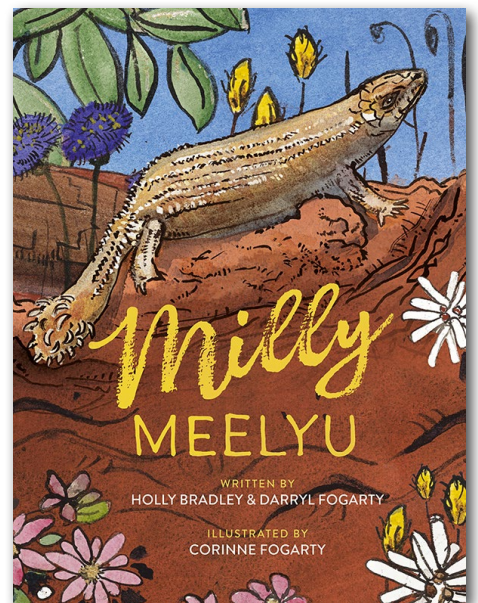
Dr Holly Bradley is both a writer and a conservation biologist, who focused her PhD research on better understanding the ecology of the Meelyu.

Darryl Fogarty is a Badimia Elder. His family totem lizard is the Meelyu. Darryl's family are not allowed to hurt or eat Meelyu and the Meelyu must always be looked after.

Corinne Fogarty is a Badimia Yamitji woman who grew up spending time exploring Badimia barna. She has found it so rewarding building a relationship with her totem, the Meelyu, through supporting her dad, Darryl, with his storytelling.

NOTES

- *Milly Meelyu* is a great educational resource for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, as it features the totem animal of the creators and introduces readers to the concept of a totem.
- This is perfect for gently learning about the environmental impact of land-clearing on creatures, and a good jumping off point for discussions on habitat loss.
- Written in both English and Badimia (Mid-West Western Australia), this is a fantastic resource for exposure to First Nations languages from Western Australia. It is only the second book to feature Badimia.
- An audio recording is available online, which can be accessed through the QR code in the back of the book.
- This book introduces readers to the threat that feral cats and other introduced species can pose to native animals.
- The authors aspire to give the proceeds from the sale of this book to the Badimia community to support and encourage further creative expression.



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