

EUNGEDUP

by Giles Watson

'A work of unfailing attentiveness; Watson's poems not only give us a lens to love a wetland, but his witness becomes a way to belong.' *Reneé Pettitt-Schipp*

'Both a luminous testament to the healing power of place and a homage to the fragile beauty of a cherished landscape.'
Gail Simmons

'This work contains an intimate and urgent message: that we need places like Eungedup to continue to be - we need them as much they need our protection.'
Nandi Chinna

ABOUT THE BOOK

Nestled between Albany and Denmark in the Great Southern region of Western Australia, Eungedup is brimming with vibrant life, yet also threatened by developers. Drawn to this biodiverse wonderland, Watson's immersion in the wetlands mirrors his own path to healing. His diary entries through the hot Noongar seasons of Kambarang, Birak, and Bunuru record life as the wetlands await seasonal renewal and the coming of rain.

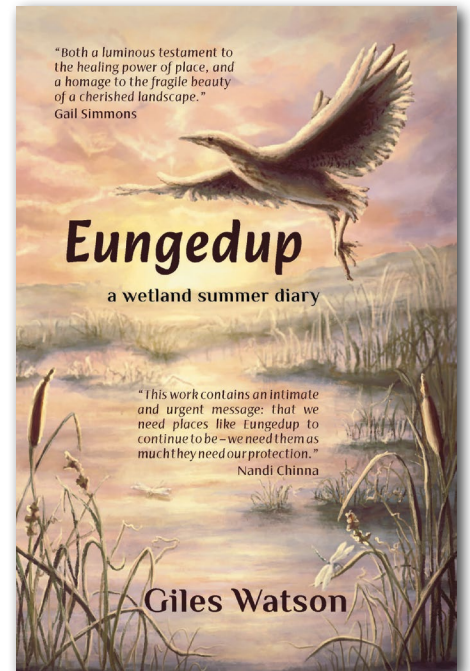
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Giles has a long-standing fascination with natural history, medieval texts, folklore and mythology, and has worked as a volunteer in wildlife rehabilitation, specialising in orphaned and injured owls. He is the author of the novel that inspired *Mimma: A Musical of War and Friendship*, a book of essays on the folklore of natural history, *A Witch's Natural History* (Troy Books), and a large body of poetic work, both self-published and in literary journals.



NOTES

- Set in a biodiversity hotspot threatened by climate change and human encroachment, this collection exemplifies the role of the observer poet-as-scientist and the role of nature in healing and recovery from chronic illness, as well as the importance of conservation and saving endangered species.
- *Eungedup* has a uniquely Western Australian setting that will resonate deeply with those familiar with the landscape, but is also relatable to those who treasure their own local, vulnerable natural places.
- This collection is centred around themes relevant to a contemporary audience, such as environmental conservation, chronic health issues and bird watching.



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