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The present tense narrative balances realistic drama with subtle fantasy. Fears and violence are mediated by gaps in the text and poetic understatement, and Aboriginal words are smoothly integrated. The authors achieve the authenticity of their narrative through honesty and humour in this engrossing book that celebrates universal experiences. -- Julia Eccleshare 1001 Children's Books You Must Read Before You Grow Up

About the Author

Meme McDonald is a writer and photographer who creates books for young people and adults. Boori Pryor is from North Queensland. His mother's people are Kunggandji and his father is from the Birra-gubba Nation. Boori is a performer, storyteller and writer. Meme and Boori co-wrote *Maybe Tomorrow* (Penguin, March 1998) with Margaret Dunkle as consulting editor. *The Binna Binna Man* (Allen + Unwin 1999) won Book of the Year at the NSW Premier's Literary Awards 2000. Meme and Boori also co-wrote two prize-winning books which have been adapted for theatre. *My Girragundji* (Allen + Unwin 1998) had two seasons touring nationally with The Bell Shakespeare Company, and *Njunjul The Sun* (Allen + Unwin 2002) - which received the Victorian Premier's Literary Award for Young Adult Fiction - was adapted by Kooemba Djarra Theatre Company and produced with QPAC in Brisbane. Boori Monty Pryor was Australia's Children's Laureate in 2012 and 2013.

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