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Description

"... They were thinking it was a barramundi or something. They were really glad, they all jumped into the lagoon, all the girls, to grab that fish ... But he was waiting for those two particular girls to swim so he could grab them ... They were all watching as the Moon took those two girls up, up, up, up, up, till they got to the cloud, up all the way, watching till they disappeared."

This traditional story is from the Pootchemunka family whose land includes Ti-Tree Lagoon south of Aurukun. The story is one of Indigenous Australia's wealth of moon stories. It was told in Wik-Mungkan and English by the old women who own the story, sitting beside the lagoon at their Outstation in the nineteen-seventies.

Black Ink Press as an Indigenous publishing venture is determined to ensure that the publication of such important cultural knowledge is done with full respect and community involvement, to educate their younger generation, and as a gift to the rest of Australia.

The Author and Illustrator

Mother and daughter Minoota Pootchemunka & Alice Kowearpta told this story, nearly thirty years ago, to Jeanie Adams, who has gone on to become its publisher. Told in the oral tradition, it has now been sensitively edited for the book medium. The women have since died, but the story lives on, now as a beautifully illustrated book.

Visual artist Jack Bell was selected as its illustrator, because he too is a Ti-Tree traditional owner. An accomplished illustrator and sculptor, Jack has contributed to many community publications and exhibitions.

Promotion

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The Market

- For the general market.
- For teachers - an excellent addition to educational libraries.

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