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#### About the Author

**Ros Moriarty** is a former journalist with Radio Australia in indigenous affairs, women's issues, and the environment. She is currently designer and managing director of Balarinji Studio, Australia's leading indigenous art and design group.

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