

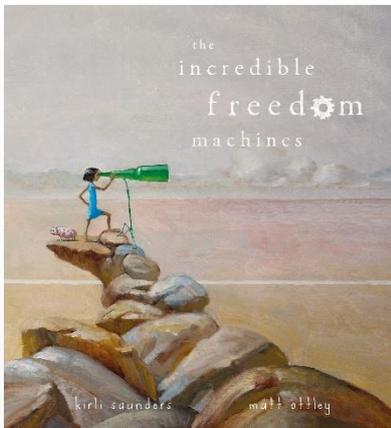
# Kirli Saunders

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## PUBLICATIONS

*The Incredible Freedom Machines*, 2018



Kirli Saunders is a proud Gunai woman with ties to the Yuin, Gundungurra, Gadigal and Biripi people. Kirli is the Manager of Poetic Learning and Aboriginal Cultural Liaison at Red Room Poetry. She was awarded 'Worker of the Year 2017' at the NAIDOC awards in the Illawarra/Shoalhaven region and has been nominated for a National NAIDOC award in 2018. Kirli founded the Poetry in First Languages project. Her first children's picture book *The Incredible Freedom Machines*, illustrated by Matt Ottley has been selected for Bologna Book Fair 2018.

Kirli's Poetry Collection, 'Mother, Earth Child, Lover' will be released by Magabala Books in 2019. It was Highly Commended in the Black&Write! prize. Her poem 'A Dance of Hands' was Runner-up in the Nakata Brophy Prize. Kirli's poetry has been published by Cordite and is embedded in infrastructure as a permanent installation at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Melbourne. In 2018, Kirli will be Writer in Residence at Bundanon Trust, Q Station and The Literature Centre, Fremantle for 'The Sound of Picture Books'.