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#### **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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