

Dedication

For my beautiful wife Brenda
Who always supported me and my dreams

A special thanks to my son-in-law Larry Jackson (Robynne's husband)
whose incredible support for both Brenda and me, over the last seven
years has made this book possible

And a big thanks to my daughter Robynne, who through her tireless
dedication, over the past seven years, has completed this research in
Australia and Mauritius, and then written this book, on my behalf, in
my words.

In memory of our Aboriginal Ancestors,
Who amidst great oppression, injustice and inequity, on their land,
Stood strong and proud, defending their tribe and clan,
With one determined goal,
The ancestral right to continue to practice our culture, traditions and
lore, on our Ancestral lands,
To ensure the continued health and wellbeing of their land,
environment
And people.

Remembering our Indian Ancestors from Mauritius and India,
Who also felt the full force of oppression and inequality within a
British colony,
But still, would not be beaten.

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Honouring Grampa Thomas Shadrach James,
Who through his own personal journey of oppression, injustice and
inequity,
By white man on Yorta Yorta land,
Continued to fight for the rights of Aboriginal people at Maloga and
Cummeragunga Missions,
As he worked to empower our people through *Leading and Writing*.

Where would we be today, without them all?

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