Uncle Jimmy Ingram, senior Wiradjuri Elder, grew up under the care and cultural guidance of his mother, who shaped his way of living and understanding of himself as a human being. He has written this book about her as a way of showing respect.

Uncle Jimmy feels that cultural renewal can take place through the stories of the Elders, and the example of their Elders. A fragile bridge is formed between the world and life of culture and the challenges of modern ways of living.

This book is written in Aboriginal English “as she is spoke”. The illustrations by Bernard Sullivan help show the world that Uncle Jimmy’s words describe. Uncle Jimmy hopes that this book will provide an example for younger generations so that they may find strength, hope and identity in the example of his mother’s tough, resilient and accomplished life.

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