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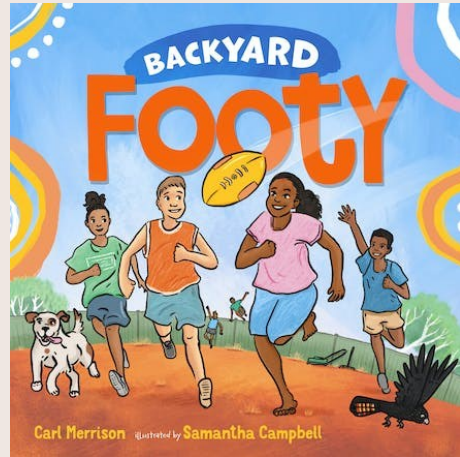


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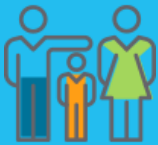
Backyard Footy

Carl Merrison and Samantha Campbell

This energetic book shows how sport helps to bring people together and form friendships. Jy starts playing footy by himself in his backyard when a kick of the ball over the fence means his friend Kitara joins in. Their adventures continue until they ultimately bring their whole community together through footy!



BEFORE READING...



- ▶ Look at the beautiful colours and design on the front cover. Notice the red earth and the red, black and yellow on the bird's tail. Use 'I wonder' comments with your child to discuss *what* this book might be about and *where* it is based.
- ▶ Does your child enjoy playing any games or sports? Make connections between your child's activities with friends and the actions the children are doing.

WHILE READING...



- ▶ Move your finger under the words left to right as you read to help your child learn words and sounds.
- ▶ Look at the words 'good' and the comparison 'better' in the book. Teach the sounds 'g' (guh) and 'b' (buh) and point to each letter while explaining this. Give examples of what sports or activities you think are 'good' and what is 'better'. Ask your child to have a turn!

AFTER READING...



- ▶ Give your child a turn to retell parts and pages of the story in their own words. You could start a sentence and ask your child to finish it to help build this skill.
- ▶ Set up some 'backyard footy' with your child in the park! Choose a character from the book to be and do some actions with a ball. Each person can *commentate* (like in the book) to report on what the other person is doing!

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