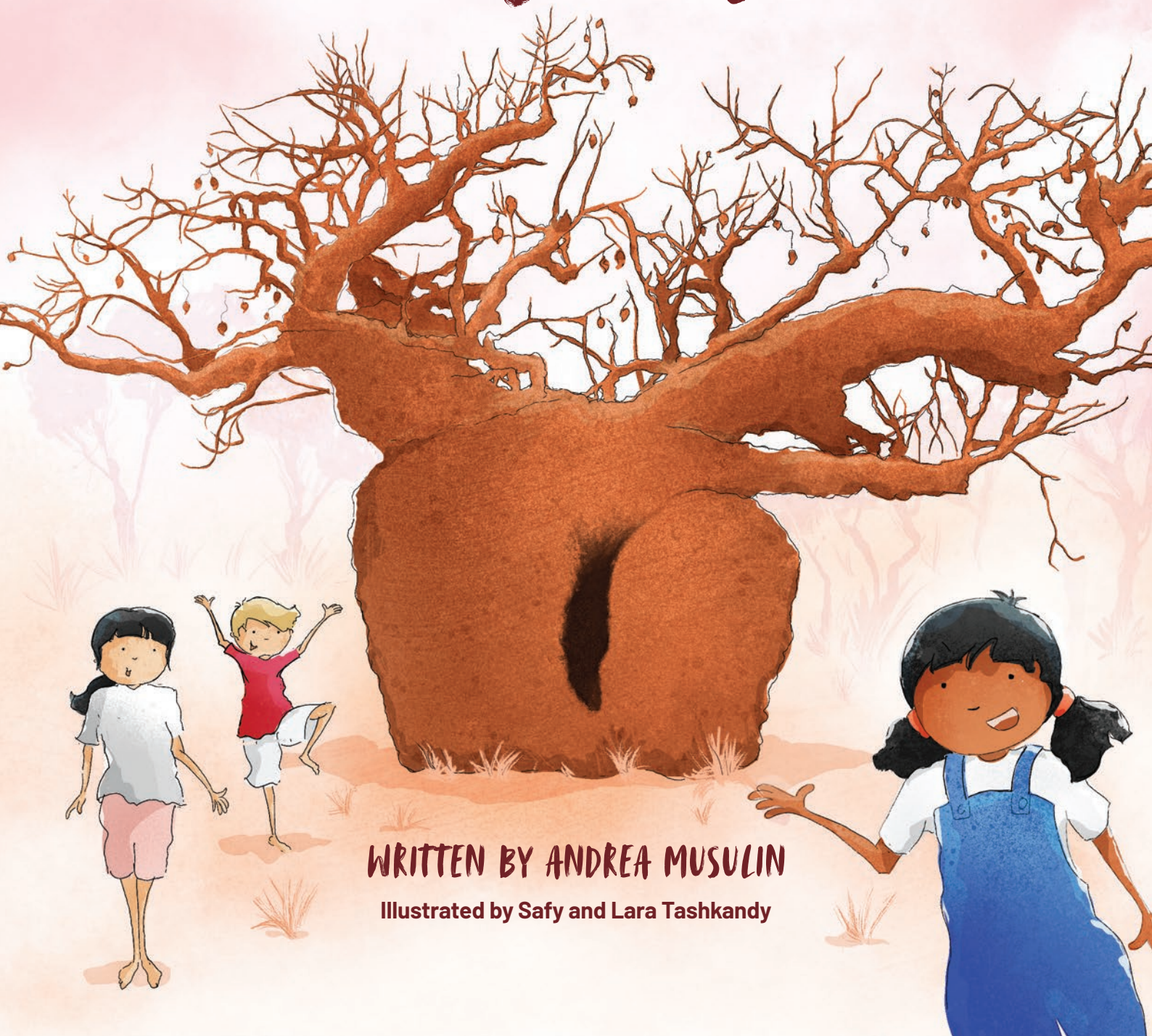


Keeping Kids Safe in Derby



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This book is dedicated to all the amazing kids in Derby and all the adults who were once kids growing up in Derby.

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Have you ever wondered just how big our world can be?

On a map you'll find Australia, surrounded by the sea.

In Western Australia sits Derby, in the heart of the Kimberley, a town filled with stories, culture and rich Indigenous history.

For many local children, it's the place they call home, where saltwater crocodiles and blue-winged kookaburras roam.



The Derby wharf stretches out where the big tides rise and fall. In fact, the Derby tides are famous—they're the biggest of them all.

She can be seen on the wharf quite often with a handline full of hopes.

She's known as the Girl of the Muddy Waters, where the mighty King Sound flows. As she tosses out her handline, she wonders what she'll catch below.

For every cast into the water, she remembers those before, who fished on this country and muddy waters from this very shore.





There are two schools in Derby where children go each day.

There's Derby District High School, where children go to learn and play, and there's Holy Rosary Catholic School where the children go to learn, have fun and pray.



But wait, there's one more school, though you won't find children there, because it's called the Kimberley School of the Air.

From stations, communities and homes both near and far away, students join their classes and learn something new each day.



Derby is a place where history comes alive,
in the heart of Kimberley Country where culture
continues to thrive.

Derby became a town in 1883, on Country rich with
stories from the land and from the sea.

The famous Prison Boab Tree still stands proud
today, helping us remember history and the many
lessons along the way.

For many Aboriginal families, this tree tells stories
too, of courage, hope and healing, and the strength
to start anew.

The famous Prison Boab Tree reminds us every
day, to learn from our history and to build a better
way.

Cuttings is where the kids like to throw a line, but it's Barra that the kids catch most of the time.

This is where the people of Derby gather, yarn and meet, and always keep a careful lookout for the mud crabs at their feet!

A favourite spot for local kids, both near and far away, the Cuttings is a special place for kids to spend a Derby day.



The old people call the Fitzroy River The Mighty Martuwarra and it's much more than a stream. It's full of ancient stories, more than kids could ever dream.

For thousands of years, its waters have helped Country thrive, giving life to people, plants and animals to survive.

A place of culture, caring and traditions passed along, its spirit lives within the land, forever proud and strong.

Though the floods brought change and the old bridge has now passed, a new one stands in its place while honouring the past.



Map of Derby

Derby is a special town with lots of places to see. Every place on this map tells a story for you and me.

You might spot the Derby jetty stretching out into the bay, or visit the famous Boab Prison Tree along the way.

You might see the Derby Pool, the hospital or the library too, or visit the Visitor Centre to learn something new.

Near the sea you'll spot some sculptures standing tall for all to see, celebrating Derby's culture, the people and proud community.

They celebrate the stories, cultures and people who belong, honouring the world's oldest living cultures, proud and strong.

Every place on this map helps tell Derby's story, a town rich in culture, history and Kimberley glory.



Wharf



Holy Rosary Catholic School

DDHS

Gibb River Road



Rodeo



The Rec Centre



Speedway



Boab Tree



Fitzroy Crossing



Cuttings



Every year in Derby, excitement fills the air,
the famous Derby Rodeo brings families from
everywhere.

Cowboys, cowgirls, horses too, all ready for the ride,
with cheering crowds and smiling faces gathered side
by side.

Boots kick up the Kimberley dust beneath the bright
blue sky, as brave riders hold on tight while horses
gallop by.

The stockmen ride with courage and the horses show
their might, while children watch in wonder from
morning until night.

From the youngest little wranglers to the champions of
the day, the Derby Rodeo brings the whole community
together to laugh, cheer and play.





But wherever they live,
it's important to know
that all kids in Derby
still need adults to help them grow.



Derby kids are special, they are all one of a kind.
They may look different and have their own individual design.

Some kids are in wheelchairs or have extraordinary minds
but, most importantly,

*all kids in Derby have the right to feel safe
all of the time!*

Some kids feel unsafe depending on who they are with
or what they are doing,
whose house they are at or what pictures they are viewing.

It might be a secret they have been made to keep
or something at night when they are trying to sleep?

Someone might ask to see someone's
private parts under their clothes
but if it's not their job to do this, then that's not how it goes.





When Derby kids feel unsafe, they might feel it in their belly or maybe they sweat or their legs turn to jelly.

These feelings have names. It's not just in their minds.
These reactions are called

Early Warning Signs.



Their heart might beat fast, or their brain might race away.
If this ever happens, HELP they must say and,
if it is possible, try and get away.

If this ever happens, it's important to know
that all kids in Derby can let their feelings show.

Some worries kids hide may be big and some worries may be small but it's important for kids to talk to a trusted grown-up about them all!

Ignoring unsafe feelings won't make them go away.
If you don't tell a grown-up, the worry will stay.



Remember

Nothing is so awful you can't talk with someone about it.

Kids need to know that this is true,
so always tell a grown-up if there is something
worrying you.

When feeling unsafe, kids should try not to fear,
there are plenty of adults who are just waiting to hear.





It simply doesn't matter what you've done or what you do.
There are lots of grown-ups in Derby who care about you.

Maybe someone in your mob is there when things get
rough to help you see things through.

Can you think of someone you know that
you could talk to?



If at first you don't feel safe,
keep telling till you do.

Keep telling the grown-ups whom you trust,
they are there to help you.

The End



About Andrea Musulin

Andrea Musulin is a former police officer who has dedicated most of her career to keeping children and women safe over 30 years of service. In this storybook, she continues her life's work and the fight against child abuse, neglect and family violence. Andrea has been involved with Protective Behaviours education since 1993 and was one of the early pioneers in the Protective Behaviours journey in Western Australia.

About Marnin Bowa Dumbara Family Healing Centre

The Derby-based Family Healing Centre is a crisis accommodation service that offers support and advocacy to women and children who are escaping from family domestic violence. It is an essential support service for victims of family and domestic violence in the township of Derby and surrounding communities. The centre helps individuals and families to create a strong and sustainable future through active and integrated client support management. This includes coordination of services, community linkages, advocacy and referral, as well as practical assistance to access other vital support services.



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It is widely understood that a lack of education is one of the inhibiting factors when it comes to child abuse and neglect.

Set in Derby, this storybook has been written specifically for children who live in this community.

Keeping Kids Safe in Derby is an essential tool for teaching children about personal safety. This storybook provides essential information, guidance and knowledge on navigating unsafe situations with confidence and awareness. Through relatable places and age-appropriate messages, it introduces the concepts of the Protective Behaviours and Keeping Kids Safe programs.

This is a must-read for parents, educators, and caregivers looking to empower children with vital life skills for keeping themselves safe and speaking up when they don't.

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