

CBCA BOOK REVIEW

BABY BUSINESS- Jasmine Seymour

'Warm smoke from the fire on your mouth.

Keep our language on your tongue.

Our words are the song of our ancestors

And show the pathway to Dreaming.'

Baby business is about an Aboriginal baby smoking ceremony, which is a baby's first welcome to country. As the child is passed through the smoke, they are given their first lessons in how to look after country as well as their own personal totem. Baby Business shares a part of Indigenous culture that few are aware of. Jasmine has used poetic language as well as Darug words (she is a Darug woman) woven throughout and there is a glossary at the back of the book to help with comprehension. A beautiful book that can be read purely as a picture book but could be used by school children studying indigenous culture.