

## CBCA BOOK REVIEW

WILAM; A BIRRARUNG STORY – Aunty Joy Muphy & Andrew Kelly with illustrations by Lis Kennedy

In the Woiwurrung language, birrarung is the word for river of mists, often called the Yarra River, and wilam means home. This story follows the birth of the Yarra River in the mountain, it's journey and final destination in the bay, and many of the animals who call the river home. Indigenous authors Aunty Joy Murphy and Lisa Kennedy previously worked together on the book *Welcome to Country*, and Wilam also features Yarra River-keeper Andrew Kelly. Written with a lot of Woiwurrung words in the text, there is a glossary to help with pronunciation and meaning. The illustrations are stunning and children will enjoy looking for the varied wildlife depicted. *Wilam: a Birrarung Story* is a lovely picture book showing the importance of the Yarra River, not only to humans, but more importantly to all the animals that call it home.