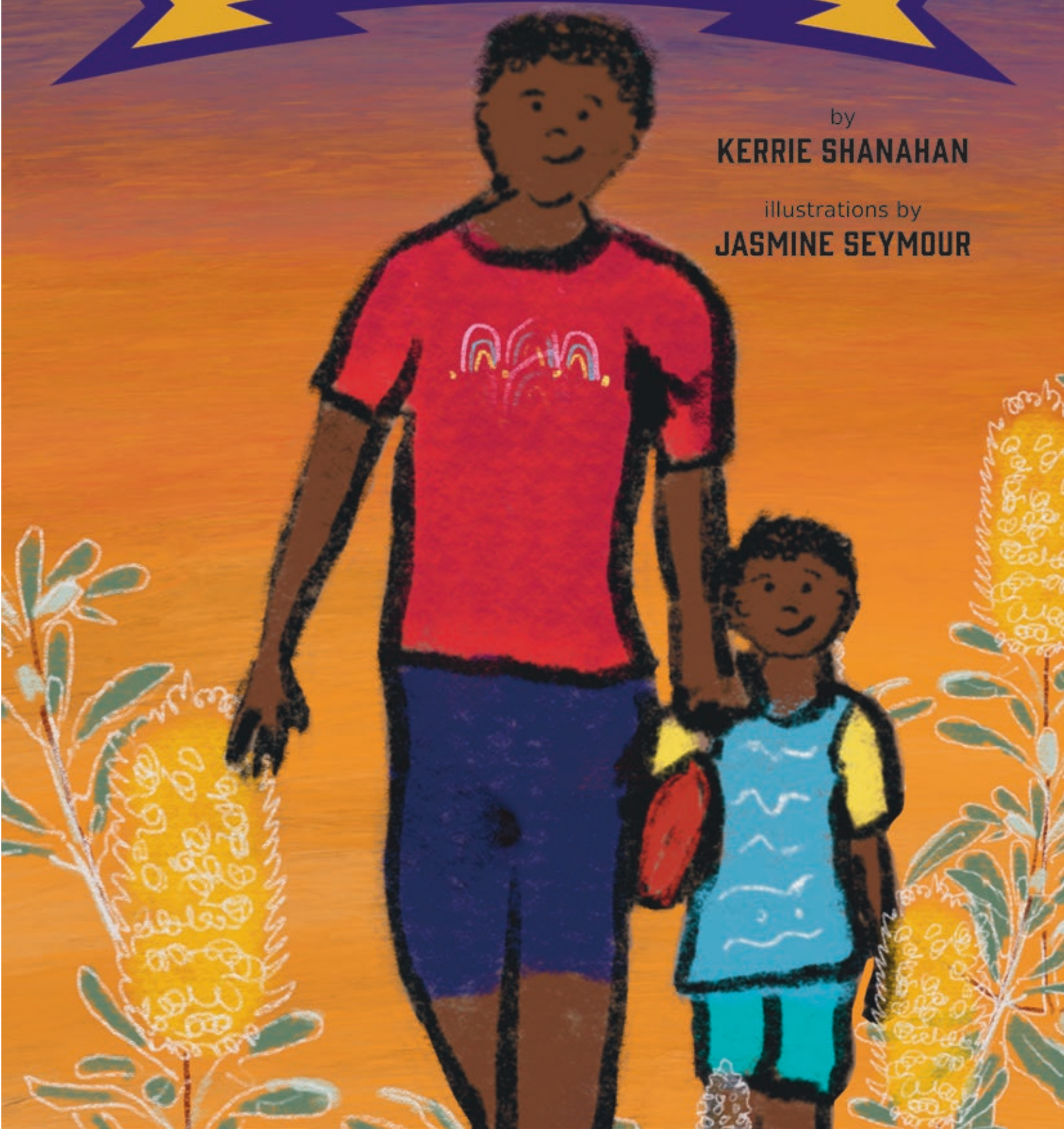


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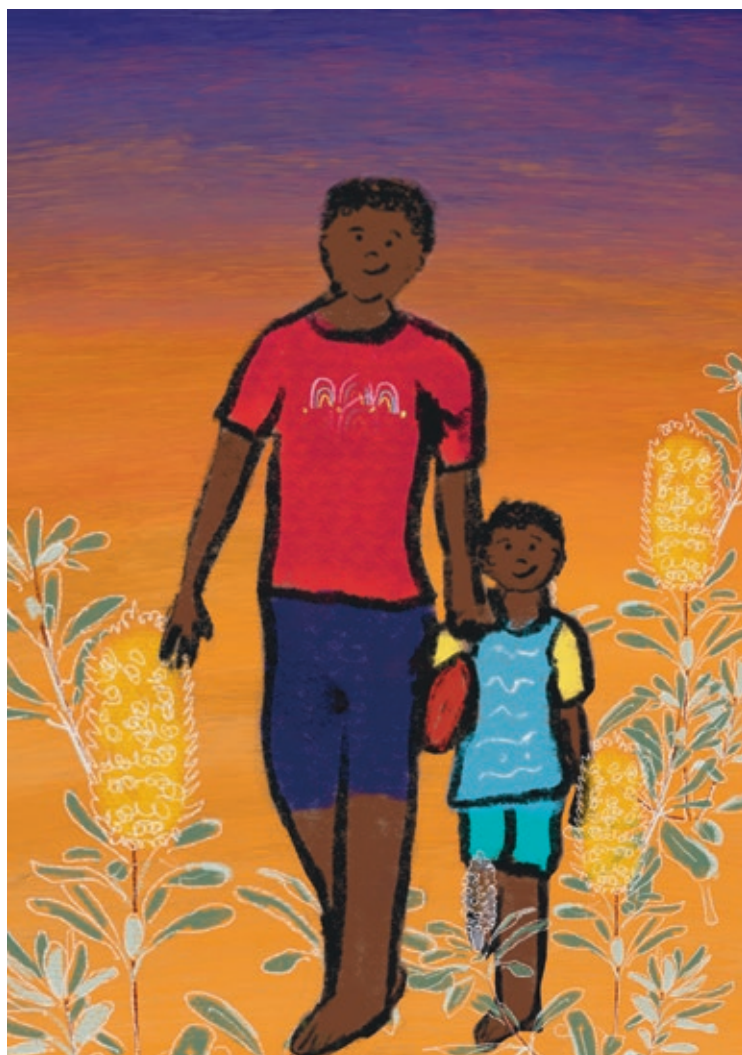
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We celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander stories, traditions, education practices and living cultures.



Jarli was excited!

He and his mum were driving to the city to visit his cousins for the weekend.

‘I love playing with my cousins,’
thought Jarli.

‘This is going to be the **best** weekend
ever!’

But then something unexpected happened. Jarli's mum had to go to work.

'I'm sorry Jarli,' said Mum. 'My work really needs me.'

Jarli felt sad. And disappointed. And he felt tears in his eyes.

'Bye Jarli,' said Mum. 'Aaron will look after you.'

Jarli liked playing with his big brother Aaron, but it was **not** as good as playing with his cousins.

'This won't be the best weekend after all,' he thought.





‘Let’s play, Jarli,’ said Aaron. ‘What do you want to do?’

‘I want to kick the footy,’ said Jarli.

So, Aaron and Jarli kicked the footy, under the big tree.

Then Jarli tried kicking the football really high, but he missed the ball, and kicked the tree instead.

‘Ouch!’ cried Jarli. ‘My toe hurts!’

‘This is **not** a good weekend,’ he thought.

Jarli sat on the bench and rubbed his sore toe.

Then his tummy rumbled, 'Grrrrupmf.'

'I'm hungry,' Jarli called to Aaron.

'I need some food.'

Aaron was working on his car.

'Do you want hot chips?' he called.

'I love hot chips,' said Jarli. 'This is the **best** weekend ever!'

'I love hot chips too,' said Aaron. 'Just let me fix the car, and then we can go to the shop.'





Jarli was so hungry it made his tummy hurt.

‘I’m still hungry, Aaron,’ called Jarli. Fixing the car was taking too long.

Jarli felt angry, so he kicked the footy hard and high up into the air. ‘Ouch!’

He had forgotten about his sore toe.

‘This is a **bad** weekend,’ thought Jarli.

The footy went up, up, up and then it came down, down, down ...

Splash!

It landed in the bucket and water splashed all over Aaron.

‘Oh, no!’ thought Jarli. ‘Aaron will be angry.’

Jarli was worried.

‘This is a **really** bad weekend,’ he thought.





Aaron wasn't angry.

He laughed and said, 'Let's get some chips.'

So, Jarli and Aaron bought hot chips, with chicken salt and sauce. Yum!

But Jarli was so hungry and the chips were so hot that he burnt his tongue.

'Ouch! My tongue hurts,' he said.

'This is a **really, really** bad weekend,' he thought.

‘I need some water,’ Jarli said to Aaron.

‘My tongue hurts, and I’m thirsty.’

Aaron passed Jarli his water bottle.

But the water was warm. Yuck!

‘This is the **worst** weekend ever,’ he thought.





‘Come on Jarli,’ said Aaron.

‘Let’s go home.’

Jarli walked sadly next to Aaron.

Jarli’s toe hurt,

his tongue hurt,

and he was **still** thirsty.

Jarli felt angry.

He felt tired.

And he felt sad.

‘This is **definitely** the worst weekend ever,’ he thought.

Jarli was nearly home. He walked around the corner and ...



SURPRISE!





Jarli's family had travelled from the city to see him.

His cousins were there.

His aunties and uncle were there.

Even Grandma was there!

Jarli was shocked.

He was surprised.

And he was very, very happy.

'I can't believe you're all here,' said Jarli.

'This **is** the **best** weekend ever!'





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