

Lines in the Sand (working title) Tracing the life of Doreen Kartinyeri Doreen Kartinyeri and Sue Anderson

I am reminded of Angela's Ashes...powerful stuff.

Dr Richard Davis, University of Western Australia

'Lies, Lies, Lies' shouted the newspaper headlines following the Royal Commission decision into building the Hindmarsh Island Bridge. Doreen Kartinyeri, key Ngarrindjeri spokeswoman, was devastated. How could whitefella law fail to protect Aboriginal women's sites? Against a backdrop of abuse, threats and ill-health, Doreen fought back. In 2001 the HREOC Inquiry vindicated the women.

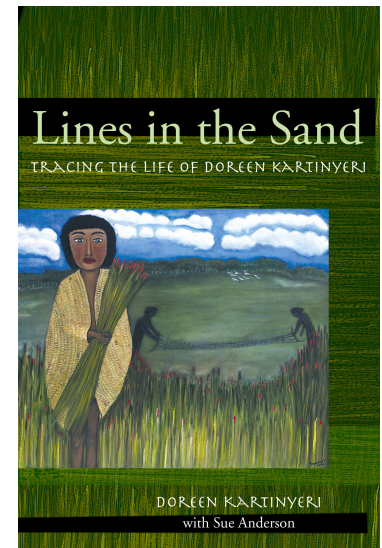
Aged 10 years, Doreen suffered the loss of her mother, her sister's removal and her own placement in Fullarton Girls Home, 100 kms from home. Doreen later learnt about her culture from her Auntie Rosie and other women with whom she spent time. She had nine children of her own and fostered 23 others.

Although poorly schooled in formal terms, Doreen was a tenacious researcher. Her sharp memory allowed her to piece together histories and genealogies and she helped reunite members of the Stolen Generations.

Doreen was a female warrior, dedicated to upholding and protecting Ngarrindjeri law. In *Lines in the Sand* Doreen Kartinyeri reveals a deep-set desire for social justice, fuelled by passionate love and anger. Her wit and humour abound, while her integrity and sense of justice are inspirational. *See over for snippets of eulogies.*

Doreen Kartinyeri established the Aboriginal Family History Unit at the SA Museum, was awarded an honorary doctorate and published several books of genealogy. She passed away in December 2009.

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SELLING POINTS

Strong promotion: A key ASP trade title for 2008. Freelance publicist.

Very readable: 'Strongly recommended; there might even be a movie from this story', publisher's assessor.

Unique insights: First book to provide an Aboriginal insider's view to Hindmarsh Island Affair.

Topicality: The Hindmarsh Island Bridge affair involved political scandals, legal threats, a Royal Commission and a Federal Court decision overturning the Commission's finding along with intense media scrutiny. It was a watershed in Aboriginal/non-Aboriginal relations. Doreen Kartinyeri was at the centre of the media storm.