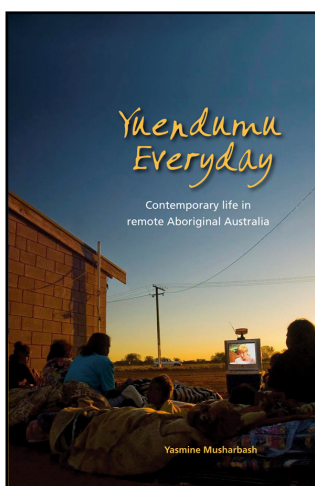


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Yuendumu Everyday Contemporary life in remote Aboriginal Australia by Yasmine Musharbash



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Yasmine Musharbash has been working with the Warlpiri people in remote Aboriginal settlements in the Northern Territory since 1994. She spent three years sharing the lives of Walpiri residents in the camps of Yuendumu (NT), in particular, a *jilimi* or women's camp.

During this time Yasmine was adopted by, and drawn into the lives of five Walpiri women, Tamsin, Celeste, Polly, Joy and Nora.

Alongside the anthropological analysis of *Yuendumu Everyday* are expressive narrative portraits of these women, that demonstrate how well Yasmine came to know them, and how well they came to know her.

Yuendumu Everyday combines Yasmine's deeply rooted cross-cultural sensibilities with a fresh perspective on Indigenous Australia and its relationship to wider Australia.

Endorsement from Fred Myers, New York University

While we have learned that Aboriginal societies are orders of intimate personhood, organizations of sentiment, there are few extensive studies that have made this experience and form of sociality, its accomplishment and fragility, central to their exposition. What is it like to live in this form of social life? Indeed, how does one come to know it? Gracefully and cogently, Yasmine Musharbash opens up the world of everyday life of Warlpiri people at Yuendumu, the pressures and satisfactions of a life dominated by the immediacy of others, and the extraordinary mobility of persons making their way through the physical and social spaces of their world. **Fred Myers**, Silver Professor of Anthropology, New York University. Author of *Pintupi Country, Pintupi Self: Sentiment, place and politics among Western Desert Aborigines* (1986) and *Painting Culture: The making of an Aboriginal high art* (2002).



Author Biography: Yasmine Musharbash (moo – shah – bahsh)

Born to a German mother and a Jordanian father, Yasmine Musharbash grew up spending her early years in Germany and the Middle East. She first came to Australia in 1988, and then again in 1993-94 as an exchange student in Anthropology and Koorie Studies. In 1994, she began fieldwork with Warlpiri people at the remote Aboriginal settlement of Yuendumu (Northern Territory). While doing a MA, PhD, and a postdoctoral fellowship, Yasmine spent over three years in the camps of Yuendumu, sharing the lives of their Warlpiri residents. Yasmine has recently completed the postdoctoral fellowship with The University of Western Australia and continues to pursue her work with both the Walpiri and wider Indigenous Australian community. In July 2009, Yasmine will take up the position of Lecturer in the Department of Anthropology at The University of Sydney

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