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### About the Author

Ali Cobby Eckermann is a celebrated poet of the Yankunytjatjara and Kokatha people. Born on Kurna land in 1963, she was one of the "Stolen Generations," children of Aboriginal Australian descent who were removed from their families by government agencies and church missions. After more than thirty years in the Northern Territory, she now lives in the village of Koolunga, South Australia, where she has renovated the old general store as an Aboriginal writers' retreat. Since the publication of *Little Bit Long Time* in 2009, she has published and performed her work widely.

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