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BOOK REVIEW:

Sharpe, Margaret: *The Traeger Kid*. Alternative Publishing Co. Ltd, Chippendale, NSW, 1982.

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108 pages, illustrations, black and white photographs.

This delightful story captures the essence of childhood adventures as seen through the eyes of a few Aboriginal children from Central Australia. Their journey to other states, their impressions, their warmth and acceptance of each other are clearly depicted through the authoress's words.

Kinship ties, culture, tradition, personalities, plus cross-cultural comparisons are all handled with pathos.

The sub-themes of kin and country are interwoven throughout the dialogue which emphasises the Aboriginal lifestyle. Language discovery and comparison show the wide diversity of Aboriginal English spoken throughout Australia.

Highly recommended - p/up/S/T[#]

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Mid-primary/Upper primary/Upper secondary/Teacher reference - symbols as per *A Guide to Resources for the Teaching of Studies about Aborigines and Islanders*. R. Bostock, 1982, Department of Education, Queensland.