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Book Notes

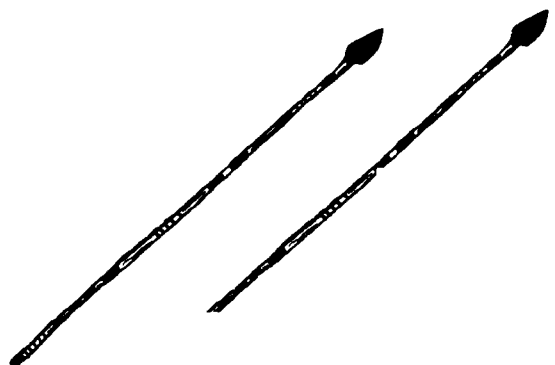
Fighters from the Fringe

Robert A. Hall

Aboriginal Studies Press

The recollections of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander ex-servicemen and women who served during the second World War have been collected for a new book by author Robert A. Hall.

Fighters from the Fringe contains personal accounts of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders about their war-time experiences. Mr Hall conducted widespread research and interviews with the six subjects, including renowned poet, the late Oodgeroo Noonuccal, who served as a wireless operator; noted war hero Reg



Saunders; pearl diver turned soldier Saulo Waia; fighter pilot Leonard Waters; Islander non-commissioned officer Tom Lowah; and war-time machine-gunner Charges Mene. Published by Aboriginal Studies Press, *Fighters from the Fringe* is available from bookstores for \$27.95.

Tammy Damulkurra

Derek Pugh

Aboriginal Studies Press

Another recent release from Aboriginal Studies Press is *Tammy Damulkurra*, a story written by teacher Derek Pugh in conjunction with his students 'the Sunshine Girls' from Eagle Class at Maningrida Community Education Centre in the Northern Territory.

The story of 'discos, dreaming stories and difficult love' follows the life of Tammy, a 15-year-old girl living in the small coastal community of Maningrida.

In an author's note, Mr Pugh said he had searched for reading material that was relevant to the lives of contemporary rural Aboriginal teenagers and upon finding none, he and the students had written the novel.



'The story was very much directed by the girls, and elements of its character and events, though fictional, can be found in Maningrida's teenagers and community today,' he said.

Tammy Damulkurra is available from bookstores for \$8.95.

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