

Cultural Resources: Music, TV & Film, Books & Reports

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A practical approach to supporting Indigenous people is by consuming music, television and film, books and reports. Whilst the list is not exhaustive, it provides a solid foundation!

Music – There is a diverse and vast array of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander musicians. Thelma Plum, Mojo Juju, Jessica Mauboy, Baker Boy, Yothu Yindi, Christine Anu, Deborah Cheetham, Troy Cassar-Daley, Casey Donovan, Isaiah Firebrace, Archie Roach, Xavier Rudd, Dan Sultan, Dr G Yunupingu, Shakaya, A.B Original and Tiddas.

Television and Film – TV shows such as *Total Control*, *Redfern Now*, *Black Comedy*, *Cleverman*, *Wentworth* – in particular, anything featuring Leah Purcell. Also, the channel NITV. Anything by Stephen Oliver (look up his poetry and presentations). Movies such as *The Sapphires*, *Rabbit-Proof Fence*, *Mabo*, *Radiance*, *Samson and Delilah*, and *Top End Wedding*.

Books – *Dark Emu* by Bruce Pascoe, *First Australians* by Rachel Perkins and Marcia Langton, *Jandamarra and the Bunuba Resistance* by Banjo Woorunmurra and Howard Pedersen, *The Quiet Revolution* by Marcia Langton, *Hidden In Plain View* by Paul Irish, *It's Our Country* edited by Megan Davis and Marcia Langton, *Butterfly Song* by Terri Janke and anything by the incredible Anita Heiss.

Reports – We also recommend reading the Report of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody,¹ Closing the Gap reports,² and Indigenous Expenditure reports.³ The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare has also produced the following helpful reports: *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people: a focus report on housing and homelessness*,⁴ and *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Performance Framework (HPF) report 2017*.⁵

¹ See www.humanrights.gov.au/our-work/aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-social-justice/publications/indigenous-deaths.

² See <https://ctgreport.niaa.gov.au/>.

³ See www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/indigenous-expenditure-report.

⁴ See www.aihw.gov.au/reports/housing-assistance/indigenous-people-focus-housing-homelessness/contents/at-a-glance.

⁵ See www.aihw.gov.au/reports/indigenous-health-welfare/health-performance-framework/contents/overview.