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## Abstract

Indigenous researchers are knowledge seekers who work in ways of being, knowing and doing in a modern and constantly changing world. This book describes a research paradigm shared by Indigenous researchers in Australia, and demonstrates how this paradigm can be used to build relationships. Relationships don't just shape Indigenous reality, they are shaped by it. As researchers develop relationships with ideas in order to do research, they are also developing relationships with the community. The ceremony that is Indigenous research is a way of maintaining accountability to these relationships. For researchers to be accountable to all our relations, we must make careful choices.



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