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Vivienne Cleven, *Bitin' Back* (University of Queensland Press, 2001). Years ago I knew an Aboriginal woman who spoke with an alarmingly precise English accent. This woman went on to tell me that she had been removed from her family when she was very young and went to live with an English couple, who had taught her to "speak properly". She remembered that at one time she had spoken quite differently but believed the lie of the times that she had been taught to speak poorly. She was continually told that if she wanted to get anywhere in life she would have to drop that "appalling" accent and learn the Queen's English. These new parents gave her a new language as well as a quasi-white identity. The woman didn't have an identity of her own; she had lost the one that should have been hers as a birthright. She knew she crossed cultural borders but didn't know on which side she really belonged. All this was years ago before Aboriginal people were "allowed" an existence. Yes, it was post 1967 but it would take many more years until Aboriginal people would be able to re/forged their identity. There is no mistaking Vivienne Cleven's confidence of identity as her David Unaipon Award

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