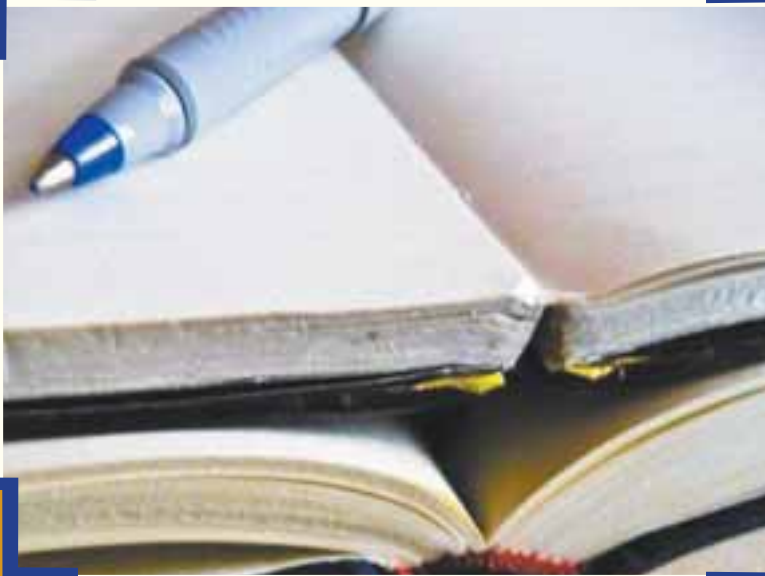


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## Indigenous Cultural and Intellectual Property (ICIP): writers

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### Respect for culture.

Stories are very important to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture. It's an oral tradition so writers have to be very careful to follow protocols when writing it down. Some things writers need to think about:

1. Always try to learn from your old people.
2. Don't take what belongs to other groups.
3. There are cultural protocols to guide writers in all communities.
4. Don't write down other peoples' stories unless you get permission.
5. If someone has let you tell their story how you can share the benefits.

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