

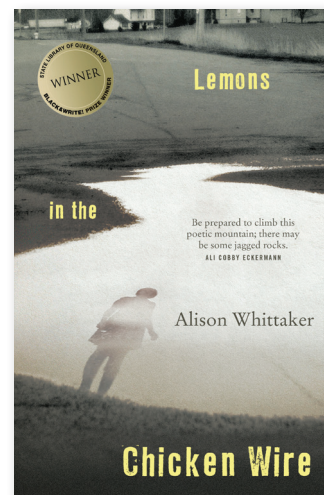
## LEMONS IN THE CHICKEN WIRE

A powerful collection of poetry about family, displacement and love from emerging writer and 2015 black&write! Fellowship winner, Alison Whittaker

*my father imagined me like all sunsets  
dyed red and yellow and distant and going soon*

From a remarkable new voice in Indigenous writing comes this highly original collection of poems bristling with stunning imagery and gritty textures. At times sensual, always potent, *Lemons in the Chicken Wire* delivers a collage of work that reflects rural identity through a rich medley of techniques and forms.

It is an audacious, lyrical and linguistically lemon flavoured poetry debut that stimulates the reader both visually and aurally, and possesses a rare edginess that seeks to challenge our imagination beyond the ordinary. Alison Whittaker demonstrates that borders, whether physical or imagined, are no match for our capacity for love.



*... truly an astounding, proudly experimental, innovative, daring, disjunctive, playful and unique poetry debut. –*  
Dr AJ Curruthers, Rabbit Poetry Journal



### About the author

**Alison Whittaker** is a Gomeri poet, life writer and essayist from Gunnedah and Tamworth, north-western New South Wales. She now lives in Sydney on Wangal land, where she studies a combined Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws at the University of Technology Sydney. Her work has been published in *Meanjin*, *Vertigo* and *Colouring the Rainbow: Blak Queer and Trans Perspectives*.

In 2015, Alison was awarded one of two Indigenous Writing Fellowships by the State Library of Queensland's black&write! project. Written over four years and inspired by small fragments of her own life, *Lemons in the Chicken Wire* is Alison's first published collection.

*This debut collection of poetry introduces her as a force to be reckoned with. The writing resonates with wordplay, subversion and innuendo. –*  
Hilary Simmons, Books+Publishing reviewer

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