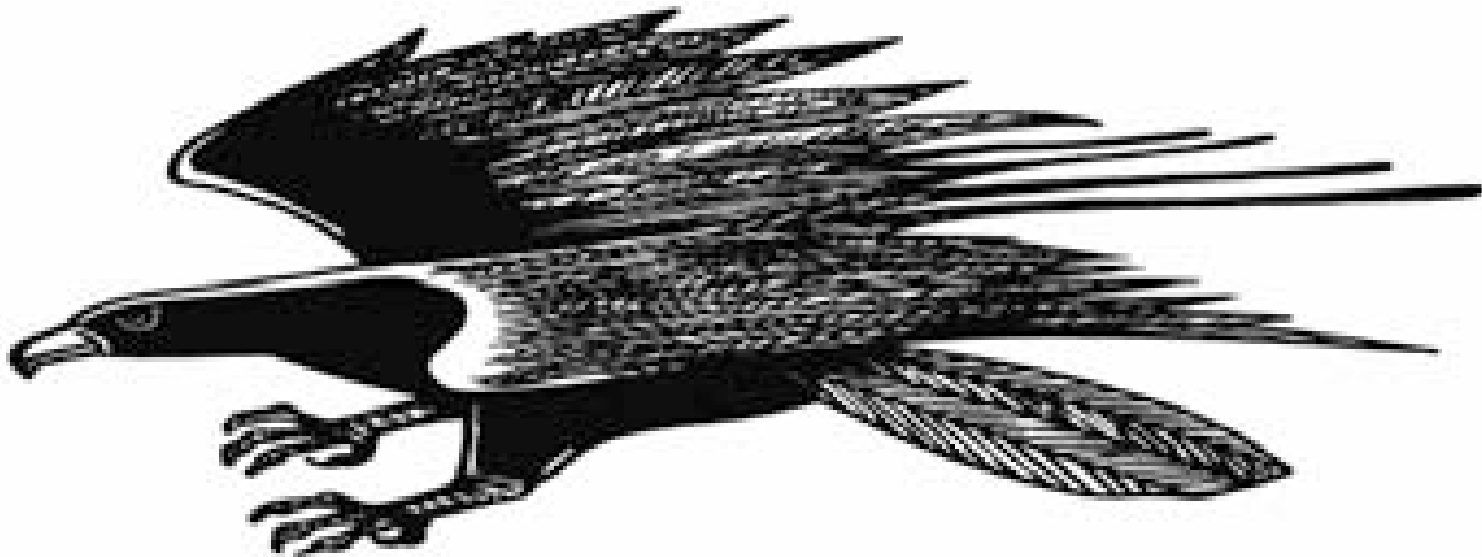


# The Ngambri (Kamberri): National Living Treasures

Welcome to Country  
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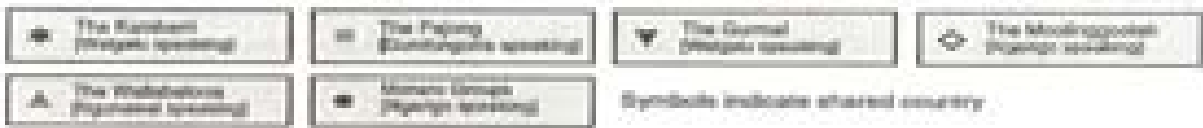
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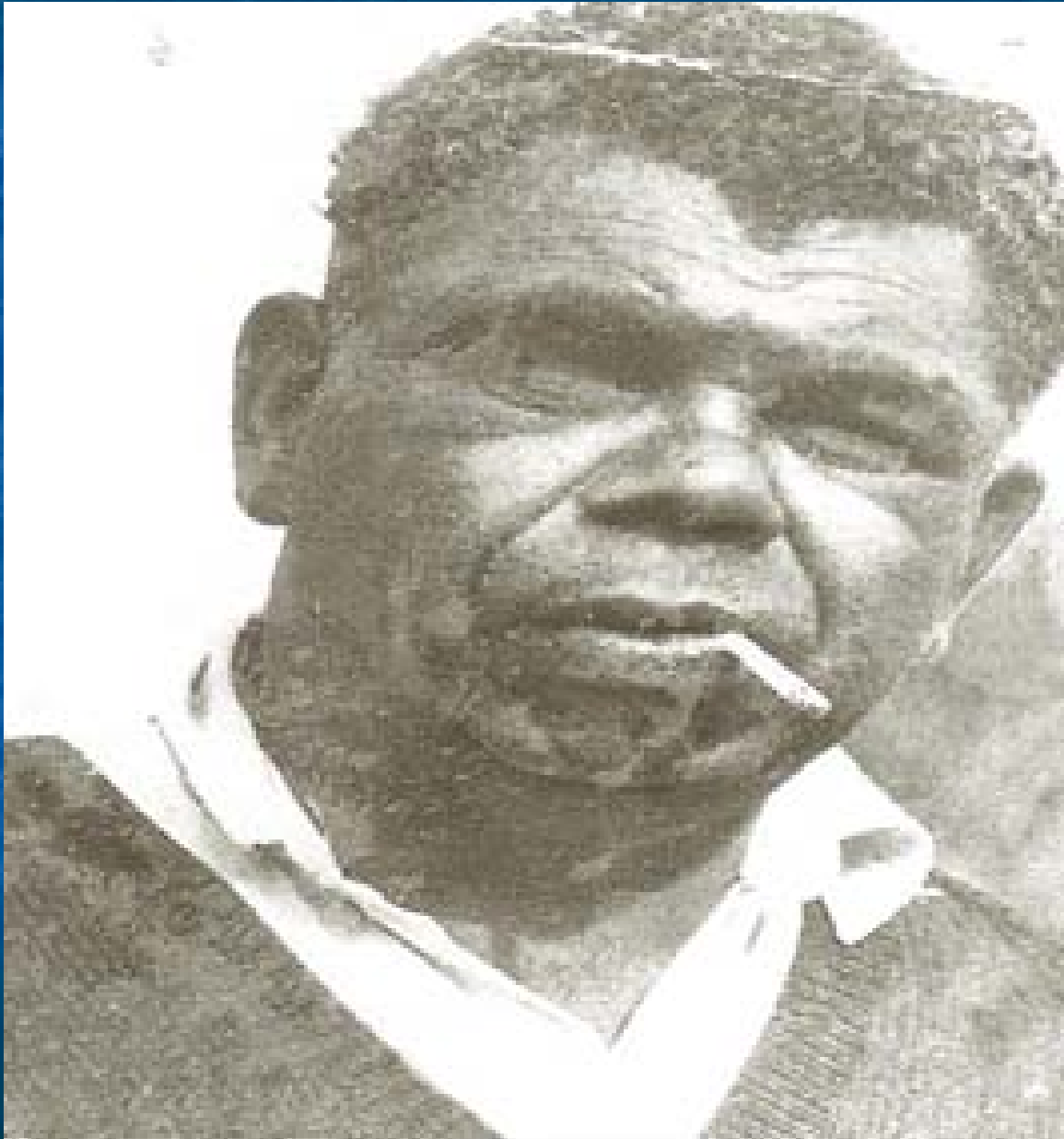
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Harold 'Lightning'  
and May Cissie  
(formerly Hickey,  
nee Freeman)  
Williams

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Aboriginal Reserve,  
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# Who were the Ngambri ancestors?



Harry  
Douglas  
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1923-1979

circa 1960

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# Holding on to country in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century ~ the Ngambri perspective



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Harold (Harry) 'Crow'  
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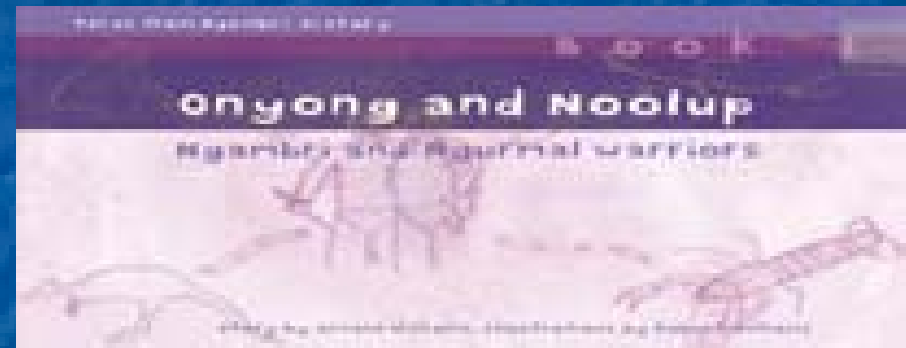
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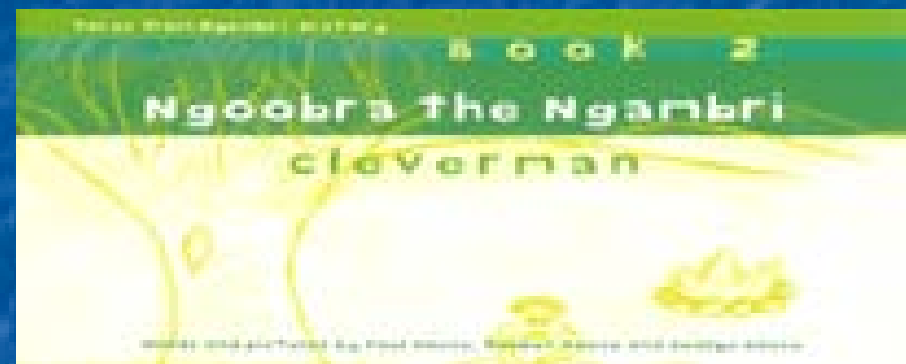
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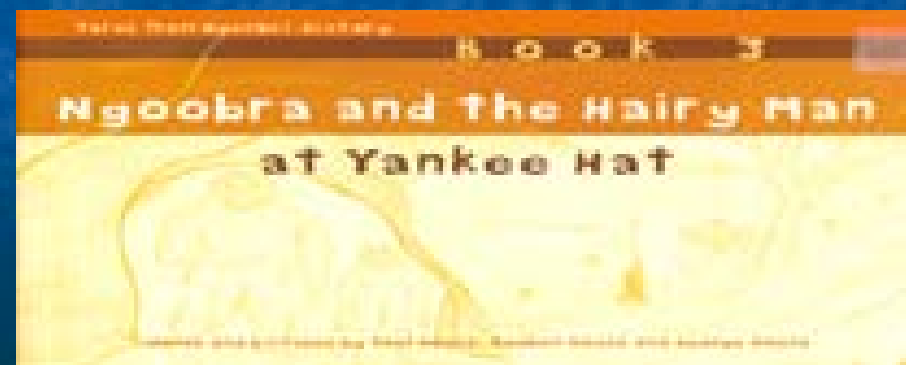
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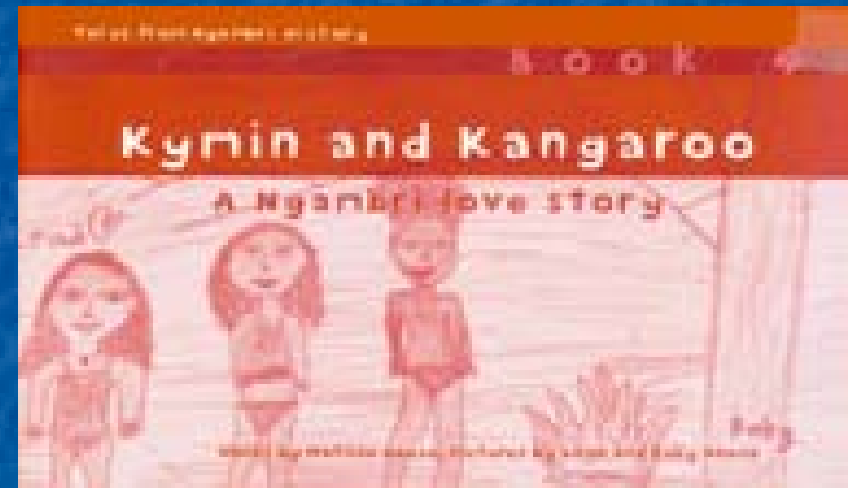


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