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## Profile: Tyson Yunkaporta

Tyson Yunkaporta is an academic, an arts critic, and a researcher who belongs to the Apalech Clan in far north Queensland. He carves traditional tools and weapons and also works as a senior lecturer in Indigenous Knowledges at Deakin University in Melbourne.

Dr Yunkaporta is the author of **Sand Talk: How Indigenous Thinking Can Save the World** and **Right Story, Wrong Story**.

**Sand Talk** is about everything from echidnas to evolution, cosmology to cooking, sex and science and spirits to Schrödinger's cat.

Tyson Yunkaporta looks at global systems from an Indigenous perspective. He asks how contemporary life diverges from the pattern of creation. How does this affect us? How can we do things differently?

**Sand Talk** provides a template for living. It's about how lines and symbols and shapes can help us make sense of the world; how we learn and how we remember; it's about talking to everybody and listening carefully. It's about Indigenous thinking, and how it can save the world.

Tyson's most recent book, **Right Story, Wrong Story** extends Yunkaporta's explorations of how we can learn from Indigenous thinking and describes how our relationship with land is inseparable from how we relate to each other.

