**Celebrate the Strength of Women This Mother’s Day with *Outback Odyssey***
*A Novel by Paul Rushworth-Brown — A Literary Tribute to Courage, Wisdom, and the Spirit of the Land*

This Mother’s Day, honour the wisdom, resilience, and bravery of women across generations with ***Outback Odyssey***, the critically acclaimed historical fiction novel by **Paul Rushworth-Brown**, now nominated for a major literary award. Set against the breathtaking yet brutal backdrop of 19th-century Australia, this sweeping saga shines a powerful light on the women who guide, endure, and shape the course of history—often in the most quietly heroic ways.

At the heart of the story is **Ngarra**, a revered Elder of the Munarrakalai people. As the bearer of ancestral knowledge, sacred law, and spiritual balance, Ngarra is both guardian and guide. When colonial greed threatens the soul of her land, she must make an impossible choice—whether to lead outsiders into the sacred truths of Country or allow them to be consumed by what they fail to understand. In an unforgettable journey of survival and reckoning, Ngarra’s strength becomes the beacon by which others must find their way—not just across the land, but within themselves.

Equally compelling is **Amanda**, a spirited young woman whose hunger for adventure quickly turns into a fight for understanding, belonging, and survival. When she stumbles upon a dangerous secret buried deep in the Outback, Amanda must shed her assumptions and surrender to the wisdom of the land and its people. What unfolds is a profound inner transformation—one that reveals the quiet power of listening, humility, and love in the face of adversity.

While the novel centres on a young Yorkshireman, **Jimmy**, who learns to walk the land with new eyes under the mentorship of the Munarrakalai, it is the strength of the women—those who nurture stories, challenge ignorance, and protect legacy—that gives *Outback Odyssey* its emotional power.

As a mysterious map linked to the infamous 1877 **SS Avoca gold heist** sets events in motion, the story transcends the genre of historical adventure. It becomes a deeply spiritual odyssey—bridging past and present, myth and memory—guided by women who understand that the real treasure is not gold, but truth, connection, and respect for ancient knowledge.

**“In Ngarra and Amanda, I wanted to reflect the strength, grace, and quiet leadership I’ve seen in women throughout history—especially in First Nations’ cultures. Their voices shape the soul of the novel,”** says author Paul Rushworth-Brown.

Paul Rushworth-Brown delivers a cinematic, emotionally rich, and socially resonant novel that speaks directly to the spirit of Australia and the ongoing importance of reconciliation. It is a stirring call to listen—to the land, to history, and to the women whose voices carry its deepest truths.

**This Mother’s Day, give the gift of story—of strong women, sacred wisdom, and enduring courage.**
***Outback Odyssey*** is more than a novel. It’s a celebration of the women who walk with strength, speak with clarity, and lead with love.

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