ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Way back in 1997 I visited Australia and discovered the books of Mudrooroo in the book shops. This made me curious and I wanted to know more about the Aboriginals and their contribution in the literary world. In course of my work I received immense help from my Supervisor Dr. Debnarayan Bandyopadhyay, Department of English, Burdwan University. I owe my gratitude to my respected teachers, Prof. Sanjukta Dasgupta, Prof. Dipendu Chakraborty, Prof. Jharna Sanyal of English Department of Calcutta University for their continuous assistance and co-operation. Dr. Swapan Kumar Pramanick, Vice Chancellor, Vidyasagar University has also extended his valuable ideas during the course of the research work.

I am also grateful to the staff of National Library, British Council, American Centre Library, Central Library, Calcutta University, Seminar Library, English Department, Calcutta University.

Some eminent Australian Professors, Dr. Paul Sharrad of University of Wollongong, Mimi Colligan of Monash University, have helped me with their cordial suggestions and advice whenever I met them. My deepest regards for Prof. David Dunstan, especially who has helped me time and again for improving my arguments during the research work.

Last but not the least my gratitude to Jesuit Fathers of St. Xavier's College, Calcutta particularly Rev. Fr. P.C. Mathew and Rev. Fr. Felix Raj who have been source of inspiration throughout my life.

I pay my regards to my uncle Late Purnendu Bandyopadhyay, Barrister, Privy Council, aunt Myrtle Bandyopadhyay for their immense assurance.

The thesis would remain incomplete if I do not recall Mr. Bratin Sengupta for his analytical ideas.
Lastly, I conclude with my gratitude towards my friends, colleagues well-wishers and relatives - Mihir Ghosh, Samir Chakraborty, Prabir Chakraborty, Debasish Chakraborty, Bharati Bhattacharya, Chandana Das, Manas Bhattacharya and Ramkrishna Halder, Sumit Bose who have been with me throughout the work.

Silent co-operation and support of my parents, Amaresh Ch. Bandyopadhyay, Anjali Bandyopadhyay, Kalidas Bandyopadhyay, father-in-law, my son Kanad and husband Kushal Bandyopadhyay have left me obliged during this ordeal.

Lastly, I pay my homage to my Gurudev for his blessings all along.

Date:

Department of English
University of Calcutta

(ARPITA BANDYOPADHYAY)