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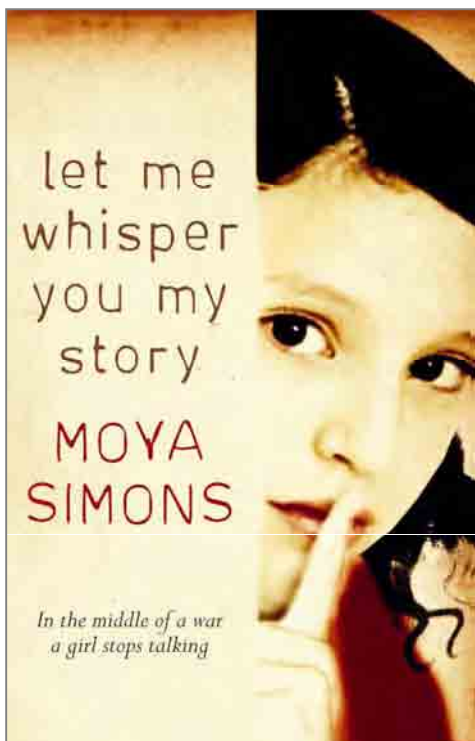
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LET ME WHISPER YOU MY STORY

Moya Simons



LET ME WHISPER YOU MY STORY

June 2010
9780732288587
180 x 128mm PB
160pp
Rights: World

An old evil seen through young eyes – Rachel's moving story

Rachel is German and Jewish. She lives in Leipzig just before the outbreak of World War II with her doctor father, mother and older sister Annie. Life is comfortable, revolving around Sabbath meals shared with uncles, aunts and cousins.

When the Nazis arrive, the family is 'relocated' elsewhere in the city, and then taken away to a labour camp. Rachel's father saves her by making her hide in a kitchen cupboard, forbidding her to speak. The damage is done. Rachel remains mute – for years – as a result.

Rachel is discovered by a neighbour, Gertrude, who conceals her in her own home until Rachel is taken into care by the Red Cross and sent to an orphanage in England. But where is Rachel's family?

From the author of *Hello God*, a beautifully written and moving story that looks at one of the most horrifying episodes in our world's history through the eyes of a young girl.

- A beautifully written novel, that brings this story afresh to a new generation
- Comparisons: *Hitler's Daughter*, *The Boy In The Striped Pyjamas*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Moya Simons has been writing for children for over ten years and has published twenty-five books. She has been shortlisted in the Young Australian Best Book Awards twice and has been published in the USA, UK, Germany, France and Malaysia

BACKLIST TITLE: HELLO GOD

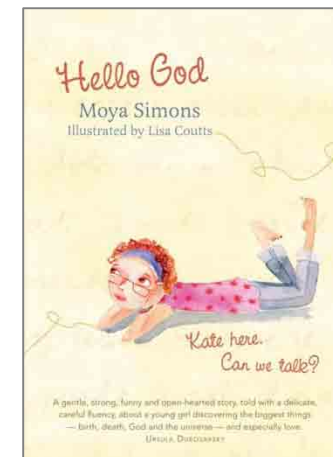
Sometimes in life there are just no answers to the questions we ask ...

'Good food for thought on philosophical issues – as well as an entertaining read' *Australian Bookseller and Publisher*

'Although profound in content, the story is told with a light touch'
Magpies # 22

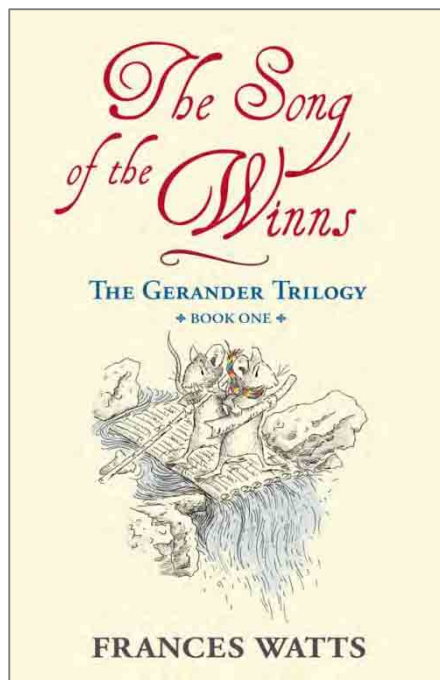
HELLO GOD

July 2007
9780732285340
180 x 128mm PB
144pp, b&w illustrations
Rights: World
Rights sold: Korean (Kookminbooks),
Japanese (Kumon)
Ages: 8+



THE SONG OF THE WINNS

Frances Watts, illustrated by David Francis



SONG OF THE WINNS: BOOK ONE OF THE GERANDER TRILOGY

September 2010
9780733327865
198 x 128mm PB
288 pp / 50,000 words
World Rights
Rights sold: Germany

'Alistair has been kidnapped!'

Alex, Alice and Alistair think they are just three ordinary mice, until Alistair mysteriously vanishes. Then Alex and Alice learn a secret about their family: a secret which means Alistair's life is in danger – unless Alex and Alice can find him first ...

So begins a hair-raising journey as Alex and Alice try to outrun enemy agents in a desperate race against time.

'Spies! ... Rebels!'

Meanwhile, Alistair is astonished to find himself in a far-off land where everyone – except his new friend Tibby Rose – is his enemy. But why? Pursued at every turn, the pair must try to unravel the mystery. And when they do, they discover that it is not only their own lives which are in peril ... the future of an entire country is at stake.

Says Frances Watts:

'When I first started writing The Song of the Winns, I set out to write the kind of book that I loved as a child: something fast paced and full of adventure, with characters that I would get to know and love. A book which was funny but could also move me. I wanted it to be a BIG story, too, a story to make the reader think – about power and its exercise, about responsibility, about injustice (the book was fast becoming a trilogy!). As Uncle Ebenezer says, 'All that is necessary for evil to prosper is for good mice to do nothing.'

- A hair-raising journey, exploring far-off lands, and out-running enemy agents in a race against time.
- Launch title in an exciting new fiction trilogy – the Gerander trilogy – with 3 brave mice as the heroes.
- Appealing to girls & boys, aged 9–12 years
- Critically acclaimed author: Watts' *Extraordinary Ernie* series awarded the CBCA Notable Book, 2009

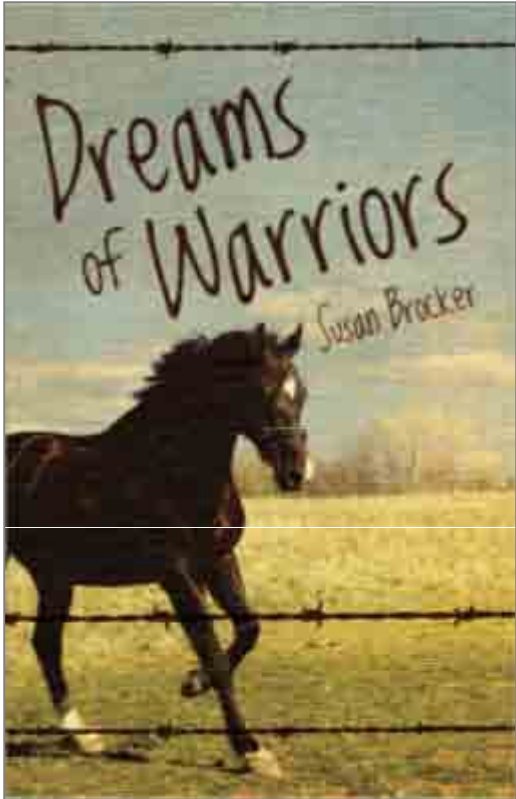
ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Frances Watts has worked as a bookseller, editor and author. Her first two picture books with David Legge both won accolades in the CBC Awards and have sold thousands of copies around the world. She is also the author of the charming *Extraordinary Ernie* series. Frances lives in Sydney's inner west.



DREAMS OF WARRIORS

Susan Brocker



'It's only me — Bella,' she said, as if the mad animal cared. 'I won't hurt you. Please, don't hurt me.'

Featherston in the Second World War is a tough and bleak place for fourteen-year-old Bella. Her father is away fighting overseas, while his family fight to save their farm from ruin and keep his dreams alive.

Bella, her mother and older sister have to cope with a herd of dairy cows, an unscrupulous neighbour who covets the farm, and a crazy, bad-tempered racehorse called Gipsy. Bella is terrified of the horse and doesn't know where to turn.

When help is offered from an unlikely source, will she have the courage to accept it or will Gipsy destroy her father's dreams?

- 'Horse fiction' at its best
- Ideal for boy and girl readers
- Addresses 'real-life' issues facing many young adults, such as trust, family problems and love.
- www.susanbrocker.com

DREAMS OF WARRIORS

July 2010
9781869508401
198 x 128mm PB
256pp
Rights: World
Ages: 10+

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Susan Brocker lives with her husband and many pets, including horses, on a small farm near Tauranga. She has written over fifty books, including *Restless Spirit* and the NZ bestseller *Saving Sam*. She also wrote the true story of the Anzac horses in *Brave Bess and the Anzac Horses*.



SAVING SAM

February 2009
9781869507435
198 x 128mm PB
192pp
Rights: World



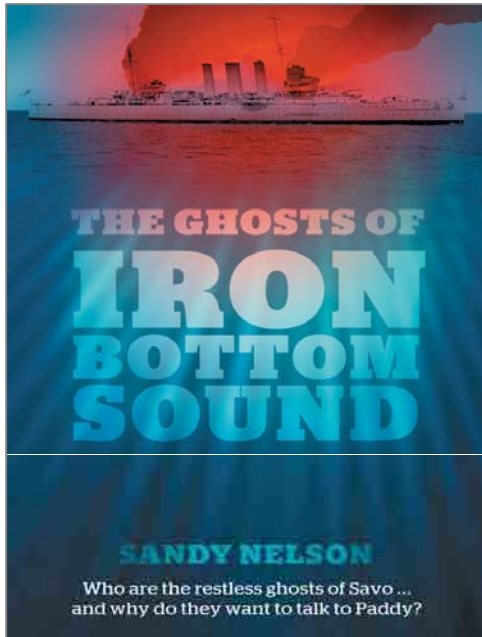
RESTLESS SPIRIT

March 2007
9781869506230
180 x 128mm PB
172pp
Rights: World



THE GHOSTS OF IRON BOTTOM SOUND

Sandy Nelson



THE GHOSTS OF IRON BOTTOM SOUND

September 2010

9781869508678

220 mm x 135 mm

176 pp

World Rights

A moving and exciting insight into the US, Australia and New Zealand's Pacific War at sea

Why is Savo Sound known as Iron Bottom Sound?

Paddy, a young schoolboy, becomes so obsessed with a book about the wrecks of warships sunk in World War Two battles at Guadalcanal that he's lucky not to be killed in a traffic accident. His parents ban him from reading the book.

But Paddy can still hear the voices of men who died during the Battle of Savo Island, one of the battles depicted in the book. He is horrified ... and fascinated. Whose voices are they? Why are they reaching out to him? Are they dangerous? Gradually he realizes that some of voices are Australian, like his grandfather. His grandfather had served in *HMAS Canberra*, an Australian ship sunk in the battle. While Paddy's Grandfather survived, they didn't ... and cannot rest.

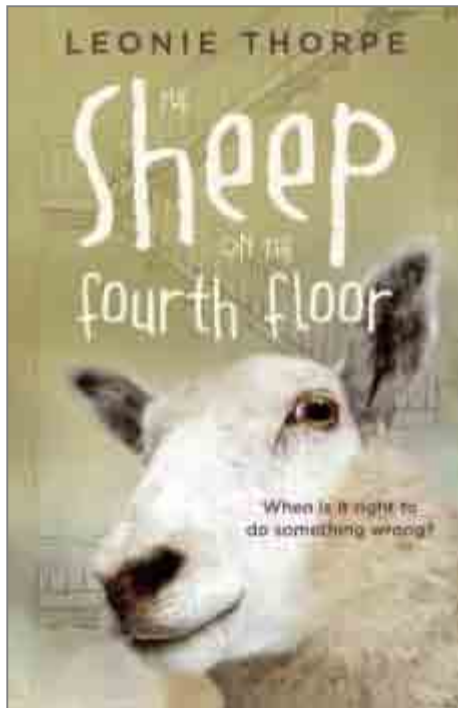
- The Guadalcanal Campaign was a significant strategic combined arms victory by Allied forces (US, Australia and New Zealand) over the Japanese in the Pacific theatre
- The U.S. Navy suffered such high personnel losses during the campaign that it refused to publicly release total casualty figures for years. But as the campaign continued, and the American public became more aware of heroism of the American forces on Guadalcanal, more forces were dispatched to the area
- 'Ironbottom Sound' is the name given by Allied sailors to Savo Sound, the stretch of water between Guadalcanal, Savo Island, and Florida Island of the Solomon Islands because of the huge number of ships and planes that sunk there.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Sandy Nelson lives in Twizel, where she is a busy primary school teacher and mother. With a fascination for the stories of her own family's wartime experiences, she has researched the Battle of Savo Strait and interviewed survivors to bring authenticity to her writing.

SHEEP ON THE FOURTH FLOOR

Leonie Thorpe



Funny and poignant female coming-of-age story about the consequences of conscience.

Anna is the well-behaved and obedient child of professional parents. Her mother Penelope is a leading research scientist and her father a doctor – and she's been raised in a politically correct non-smoking vegetarian home, with a solid foundation of firmly held beliefs she has inherited from her parents.

However, Anna is shaken to the core when she organises a school trip to her mother's work and discovers that she experiments on live animals. A sheep is being held on the fourth floor away from all the things that make life good for a sheep – and he will be killed and dissected when the experiment is finished.

Horrified with what she now knows, she is further rocked to discover that her father is a secret smoker – despite lecturing his patients on the evils of smoking.

What follows is her way of dealing with her own moral dilemma – exciting, funny, poignant and probably illegal.

SHEEP ON THE FOURTH FLOOR

April 2010
9781869508159
198 x 128mm PB
208pp
World Rights

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Leonie Thorpe's inspiration comes from the Port Hills in New Zealand, which are steep enough to get her sweating so she can retire to one of the coffee shops in Lyttelton. Busy raising her three daughters, writing and very involved in the local community, Leonie is the author of the Archie books.

ARCHIE'S ADVENTURES (2007)

9781869506568

ARCHIE SAVES THE DAY (2009)

9781869507220



THE HORSE WHO BIT THE BUSHRANGER

Jackie French

A story of survival, second chances ... and a dance with danger.

Young Billy Marks is a pickpocket, transported to the penal colony of New South Wales. He and his mate reckon they'll become bushrangers – but that's before Billy's had a chance to see the bush up close. And when he buys the big white brumby stallion, covered with scars but refusing to bend to any man's will, he knows he made the right choice.

Billy's daughter Mattie Jane thinks her father can ride any horse who ever lived ... and so can she! But when tragedy strikes, the Marks clan, including Mattie and her beloved horse, Rebel Yell, will need all the courage they can find to keep the family together.

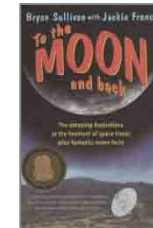
The deeds and disputed stories of Jackie French's own ancestors inspire another novel – a novel of proud and gutsy horses, trailblazing farmers and their resilient wives, and desperate men forced to break the law to survive.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

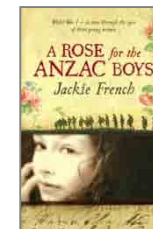
Jackie French is a prolific and award winning full-time writer, whose rights have been sold to Korea, France, Portugal, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, China, the Netherlands, Brazil, Sweden, US and UK.



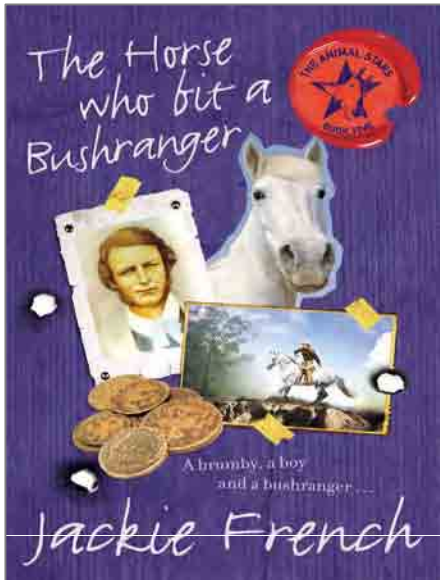
In 2000, **HITLER'S DAUGHTER** (9780207198014) was awarded the CBC Younger Readers' Award.



TO THE MOON AND BACK (9780207200090) won the Eve Pownall Award in 2005.



Most recently, **A ROSE FOR THE ANZAC BOYS** (9780732285401) was named an Honour Book in the 2009 CBCA awards.

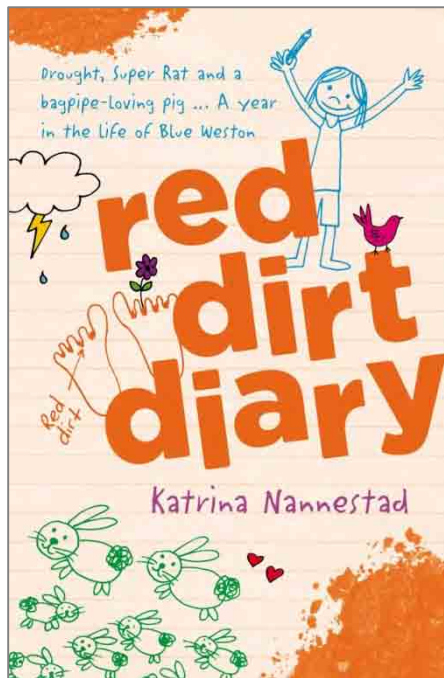


THE HORSE WHO BIT A BUSHRANGER

Jackie French
August 2010
9780732289287
197 x 189 mm PB
288pp
World rights

RED DIRT DIARY

Katrina Nannestad



RED DIRT DIARY

May 2010
9780733328053
198 x 128mm PB
192 pp
World Rights

The hilarious, madcap diary of eleven-year-old Blue Weston, during a year filled with pig chariots, leech attacks, dust storms and drought.

Blue Weston's life is spiralling out of control.

Her parents are sending her to boarding school next year.

Her mad twin brothers are building pig chariots in the back shed.

Her best friend has been abducted by aliens and replaced with a boy-crazy tween.

And then there's the drought that's showing no signs of ending soon ...

It's New Year's Day, and Blue has resolved to keep a diary of the year's events. It will be a year full of madness and fun – with the odd leech attack and bagpipe-loving pig thrown in for good measure. But it will also be yet another hard year of dust storms and drought.

Red Dirt Diary is the hilarious tale of tomboy Blue Weston, who lives with her family on a property outside Dubbo. Illustrated with black-and-white diary doodles throughout, it's the perfect book for fans of Robin Klein's *Penny Pollard* series and of Louise Rennison's *Georgia Nicolson* series.

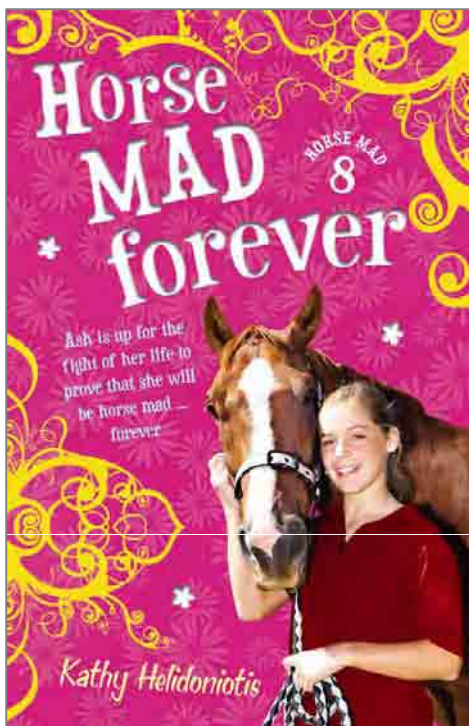
- Funny, easy to read, and provides a child's view of rural life in Australia.
- Fans of Georgia Nicholson will love Blue Weston.
- Illustrated with doodles and graphic elements to make the book look like a child's diary.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Katrina Nannestad grew up in central-western NSW. After studying arts and education at the University of New England in Armidale, she worked as a primary school teacher. Her first teaching job was at a tiny two-teacher school in the bush. Katrina now lives near Bendigo with her husband and two sons. Her first book, *Bungaloo Creek*, was published by ABC Books in 2001.

HORSE MAD FOREVER

Kathy Helidoniotis



HORSE MAD FOREVER

July 2010

9780732290009

198 x128mm PB

336 pp

Rights: World

Rights sold: North America (Whitecap);

Germany (DTV); Norway

(CappelenDamm), Czech (Alpress)

Ashleigh and her horse-mad friends find themselves facing new challenges at school – from a nasty cyber-bully pushing an anti-horse campaign to a redevelopment plan of their favourite Shady Creek Riding Club.

Ash recovers from her accident and discovers natural horsemanship – or horse whispering. In doing so, she learns to understand not only Lightning, the horse she was so badly injured by, but horses in general.

Meanwhile, Ash is up against a nasty cyber bully, and the anti-horse campaign at Linley is growing. Ash must speak out for Lightning at a meeting to save him from destruction. Overcoming her fear of riding, she finishes the term triumphantly moving to Level A. It looks like her scholarship is finally secure.

But her friend Becky is desperate for help – the land that Shady Creek Riding Club uses has been earmarked for development and lots of the boys have quit horses for football. Ash, Becky and Pree come up with a brilliant plan – starting a polocrosse club and kicking off a regional competition. Will it be enough to save Shady Creek Riding Club?

- The latest instalment in a wonderful series about horses, riding and friendship, perfect for girls aged 9–12.
- Horse series never lose their appeal – particularly with young girls, and *Horse Mad* has the perfect combination of friendship dramas and accurate stories about horses.
- Comparison Titles: *Saddle Club* and *The Silver Brumby*.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Kathy Helidoniotis has had many books for children published, and divides her time between reading, writing, teaching and riding.

Totally Horse Mad, June 2006

Horse Mad Summer, Sept 2006

Horse Mad Academy, Nov 2006

Horse Mad Heroes, March 2007

Horse Mad Western, June 2008

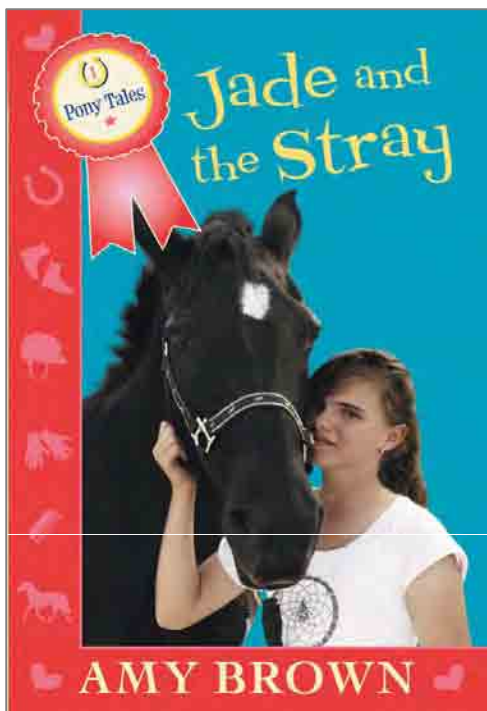
Horse Mad Heights, Feb 2009

Horse Mad Whispers, Feb 2010



JADE AND THE STRAY

Amy Brown



Jade loves reading about beautiful, clever horses and their young riders. It takes her mind off her real-life troubles ...

It must be Fate. After a family tragedy, eleven-year-old Jade Lennox has moved to tiny Flaxton to live with her grandfather. A whole year in the middle of nowhere, and the future looks bleak.

Until, that is, she finds someone else who's lonely and despairing – a pony under a death sentence.

Jade can't let the black pony die. But what can she do? She has no money, no land for grazing, and doesn't know the first thing about looking after horses.

What she does know is that she must save the stray ...

- Book one in the Pony Tales series, a proposed 4-book series
- Engaging, vivid writing for young readers who love reading about horses and ponies
- Exciting, life-or-death situation as Jade befriends and rescues an abandoned pony

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

From age five to sixteen, **Amy Brown** belonged to Flaxmere Pony Club and competed in regional and national showjumping events. An avid reader of pony fiction, when she left home she gave up riding and took up writing. This is the first book in an exciting new series called *Pony Tales*, about Jade and her riding adventures.

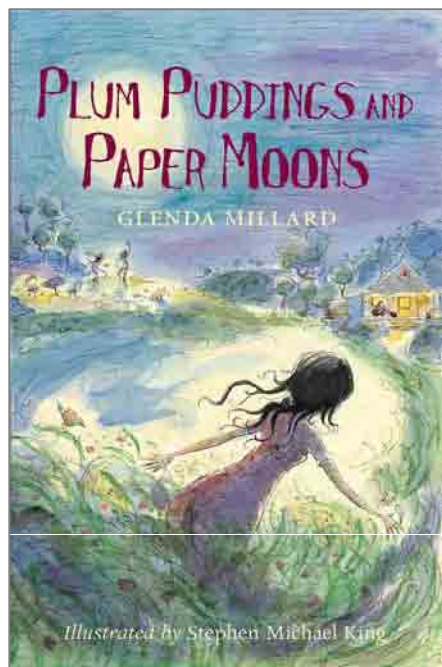


JADE AND THE STRAY BOOK 1 IN THE PONY TALE SERIES

August 2010
9781869508425
198 x 128mm PB
240pp
Rights: World
Ages: 8+

PLUM PUDDINGS AND PAPER MOONS

Glenda Millard, illustrated by Stephen Michael King



PLUM PUDDINGS AND PAPERMOONS

9780733328664
October 2010
198 x 128mm PB
128 pp
World Rights

It's almost Christmas in Cameron's Creek and it's a time for wishes, big and small.

But Scarlet, the oldest of the Rainbow Girls, is not so sure if wishes can come true.

The kitchen at the Kingdom of Silk is warm and sweet with the smell of buttery shortbread and steamed plum puddings. And in the kitchen of the Colour Patch Café, Scarlet has made a new friend, Anik.

When Anik tells Scarlet about his home far away and of all the things he has lost, Scarlet is determined to make a difference. And so she decides to declare peace on Cameron's Creek, and maybe even the world ...

In Plum Puddings and Paper Moons, the fifth book in the Kingdom of Silk series, the focus is on Scarlet, the oldest Rainbow girl, who is pondering the biggest question of all – how can she change the world? This is a book about making new friends, finding out if wishes can come true, and discovering that even a small change is still a step in the right direction.

Kingdom of Silk is a wonderful series for young readers who are just discovering the joys of independent reading. It has the power to transport the reader to a land of whimsy and to connect with them on a deeper level. Plum Puddings and Paper Moons will be read and loved by readers who have followed the series from the beginning, and those who have only just discovered it.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Glenda Millard has written picture books, short stories and novels for children and young adults and has won many prestigious awards for the books in the *Kingdom of Silk* series. Glenda lives in country Victoria with her family.

THE NAMING OF TISHKIN SILK (2003)

9780733313141

LAYLA, QUEEN OF HEARTS (2006)

9780733318429

PERRY ANGEL'S SUITCASE (2008)

9780733322556

ALL THE COLOURS OF PARADISE (2009)

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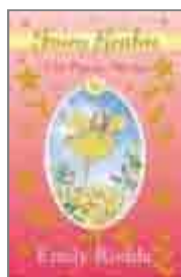
Rights sold: US, Slovenian, Turkey, Israel, Korea



- Book 3 *Perry Angel's Suitcase* was named CBCA Younger Readers Book of the Year 2009 and shortlisted in the NSW Premier's Literary Awards
- *The Naming Of Tishkin Silk* was an Honour Book in the 2004 CBC Awards and shortlisted for the NSW Premier's Literary Awards
- *Layla, Queen Of Hearts* was a winner in the 2007 Queensland Premier's Awards and was shortlisted in the CBC Awards
- *Tishkin Silk* selected as an Outstanding International Book for children in the 2010 USBBY International Books Honour List.

FAIRY REALM

Emily Rodda



A truly enchanting series from award-winning Australian author Emily Rodda – now in stunning new paperback editions

THE CHARM BRACELET

When Jessie visits her grandmother's house, Blue Moon, she discovers an amazing secret and enters the Realm for the first time. Fairies, elves, tiny horses and all kinds of magical beings live in the Realm, and a noble Queen in a great golden palace rules them all.

But the Realm is in terrible danger, and Jessie must outwit an evil enemy to save the land before it is destroyed forever!

THE FLOWER FAIRIES

Jessie's friends from the Realm beg her to return and help them with a problem – the terrifying griffins that guard the Realm's treasure house are out of control!

THE THIRD WISH

Jessie has helped the magic people of the Realm to escape danger twice now. But now her world is in danger ...

'Rodda tells a suspenseful, well-knit tale, enlivened by humour and heroism' *Kirkus Reviews*

FAIRY REALM books 1-3

New edition Feb 2010

CHARM BRACELET 9780733327995

THE FLOWER FAIRIES 9780733328008

THE THIRD WISH 9780733328015

198 x 128mm PB

192 pp

World Rights

- Perfect for fans of the *Rainbow Fairies* and *Magic Ballerina* series
- Emily Rodda is one of Australia's most treasured children's authors, and this enchanting series will delight fans old and new.
- Emily's *Deltora Quest* series has sold nearly 15 million copies worldwide.
- Emily has won the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year (Younger Readers) Award a record five times!
- 10 books in series
- Rights sold: Japan (Doshinsha), Korea (Gipun), Portugal (Fundamento), Sweden (wahlstroms), Germany (Freis Geistesleben & Urachhaus), Russia (Omega), UK (Catnip), Israel (Kinneret), US (HarperCollins), Italy (Piemme)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Emily Rodda is one of the most successful children's authors in Australia and around the world. Her books include the phenomenally successful *Deltora Quest series*, which has sold nearly 15 million copies worldwide, across 25 different languages, and is one of the most popular children's fantasy series ever written. She has won the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year (Younger Readers) Award a record five times. Emily seems to know instinctively what children want to read

THE STRANGEST ADVENTURE TRILOGY

Alexandra Adornetto

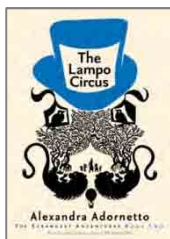


THE SHADOW THIEF (2007)
9780732286187

THE LAMPO CIRCUS (2008)
9780732286194

VON GOBSTOPPER'S ARCADE (2009)
9780732286637

185 x 130 mm NSH
Rights: World
Right sold: Turkey



'Fans of Harry Potter and Lemony Snicket's Series of Unfortunate Events will delight in a new ... series that offers a similar blend of adventure, fantasy and humour.'
Magpies #22

Drabville is a model town, where Milli Klompert lives with her slightly offbeat family and spends her time longing for adventure. Then one day, along with her cautious best friend and amateur geologist, Ernest Perriclof, Milli discovers 'Hog House'. But the afternoon's entertainment takes a different turn when they are held prisoner by the wacky Mr and Mrs Mayor and a cohort of evil magicians, led by the sinister Aldor ...

Milli and Ernest must evade the Shadow Keepers and outwit the sinister Aldor before the shadows are swallowed and Drabville loses its soul forever ...

'Clearly [Adornetto] is already an Australian literary phenomenon ...' *The Courier-Mail*

'... an impressive debut ... a wonderful fantasy story, full of adventure and scary, dark shadows.' *The Australian Women's Weekly*

'... a fantastic achievement ...' *The Sunday Age*

'... a comic fantasy full of magic.' *The Sydney Morning Herald*

'A fast-moving plot full of menace and thrills, amply seeded with a magnificently precocious vocabulary' *The Courier Mail*

- In the bestselling tradition of Christopher Paolini, Sonya Hartnett and Flavia Bujor, the first fantastical trilogy from a talented Melbourne student.
- Received an 'honourable mention' in the 2007 Aurealis Awards
- *The Strangest Adventures* series has sold over 40,000 copies in Australia alone
- Rights sold to Spain (Espasa) and Turkey (Pegasus)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Alexandra Adornetto was only thirteen when she wrote her first book, *The Shadow Thief*, followed by two other titles. She has won various awards for her writing and in 2006 won the State Legacy Public Speaking competition. She has since written the highly successful *HALO* series translated into 16 languages



THIS WAY UP

Lindsay Wood

The fat boy strikes back in an exciting and satisfying action adventure.

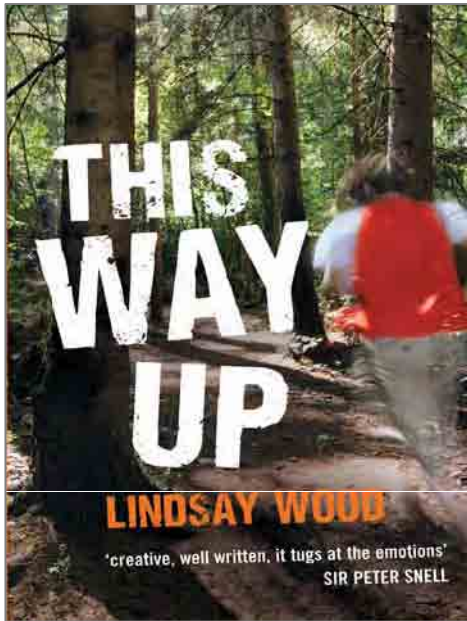
Cory is an overweight, shy young high-school student, who spends all his spare time playing CounterStrike on the computer. Concerned about Cory's weight and his isolation, his mum finally gives him an ultimatum: join a school sports team or broadband will be cancelled.

Realizing that for once he cannot get his own way, Cory surfs the net to research the sports options on offer. Orienteering, he reads, can be 'like a stroll in the park' – Cory's idea of adequate exercise. Match! But when Cory joins the school orienteering club, he finds quite a bit more than strolling is required. Competing alone in the back of beyond, Cory discovers he needs to learn to work with Nature if he is to win ... and indeed survive. So he harnesses all of his CounterStrike experience to become a 'cunning runner' and try to finish the race against the odds.

The title refers to the two vital pieces of information the orienteer needs to know: which way is North, and which way is up, something Cory has to learn in every sense of the word.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

First time novelist **Lindsay Wood** is an architect and orienteer with a grandchild in each island. His business is a mix of commercial and residential architecture, and he divides his time between Nelson and Auckland. A keen observer of human nature and passionate advocate of the outdoors



THIS WAY IS UP

9781869508197

May 2010

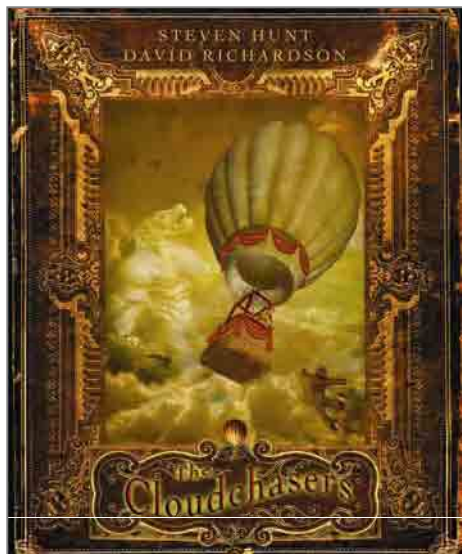
200 x 130 mm PB

160 pp

World Rights

THE CLOUDCHASERS

Steven Hunt and David Richardson



THE CLOUDCHASERS

October 2008

9780733322259

THE CLOUDCHASERS: THE EAST WIND

November 2009

9780733325687

260 x 210 mm, Hardback

160 pp • Full colour illustrations

Rights: World

Rights sold: Book 1 Denmark/Sweden

(Turbine) and Canada (Brouquet – French)

'This is the sort of book that whispers to readers "pick me" ... it promises to deliver something special. A visual feast, the digital illustrations are unsettling, yet compelling, while the story (Tim Burton meets Diana Wynne-Jones) will keep older readers enthralled' Sunday Age

In the streets of Bankertown, where children are threatened with the grey and forbidding walls of The Institution, a young girl called Alice rebels by daring to show imagination. Is she the child destined to save Bankertown and bring colour, light and imagination back into the world? Determined not to take any chances, The Banker sends his vermin-infested lieutenant, the terrifying Catcher, through the clouds to hunt down Alice and her companions.

The story continues in **THE CLOUDCHASERS: THE EAST WIND:**

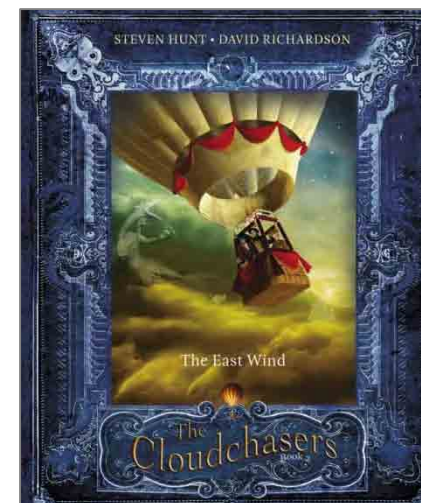
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ABOUT THE AUTHORS:

Steve Hunt is an award-winning designer, illustrator and animator. This is his first picture book for children.

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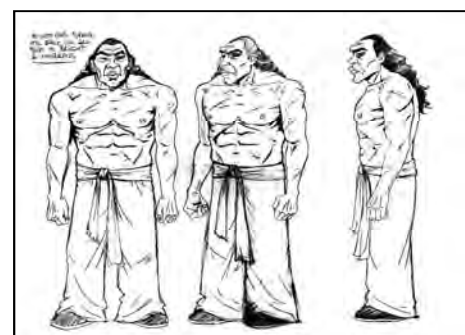
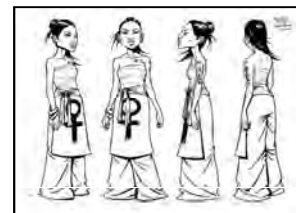
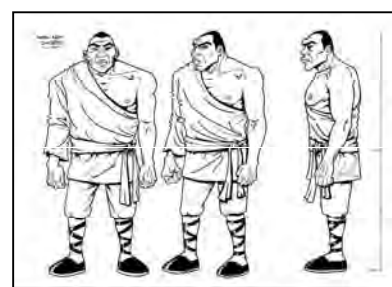
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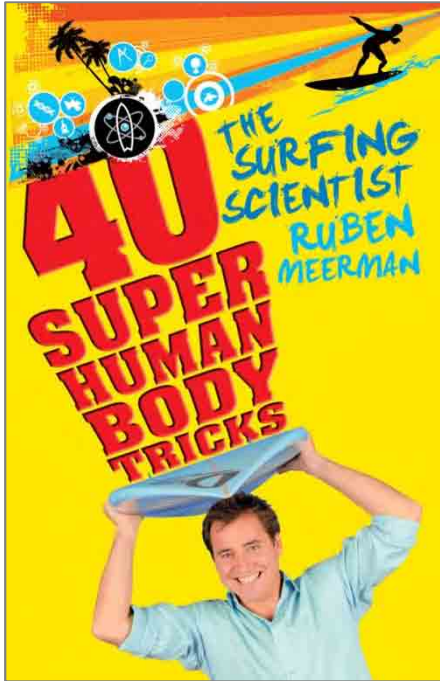
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Ruben Meerman decided to study physics at school in an attempt to sit next to a hot girl. Sadly, this didn't work, but it was the beginning of another beautiful relationship ... with science! Ruben did a Bachelor of Applied Science in Physics at Queensland University of Technology and worked for a while in an optical lab. Things started to head in a different direction when he was accepted into the Graduate Diploma in Science Communication at the Australian National University. Ruben is a regular on Australian television

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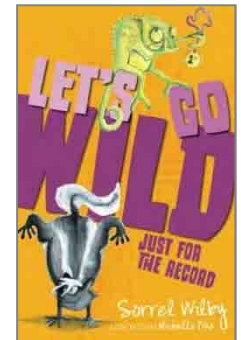
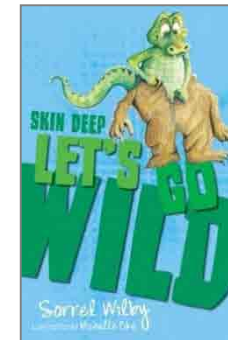
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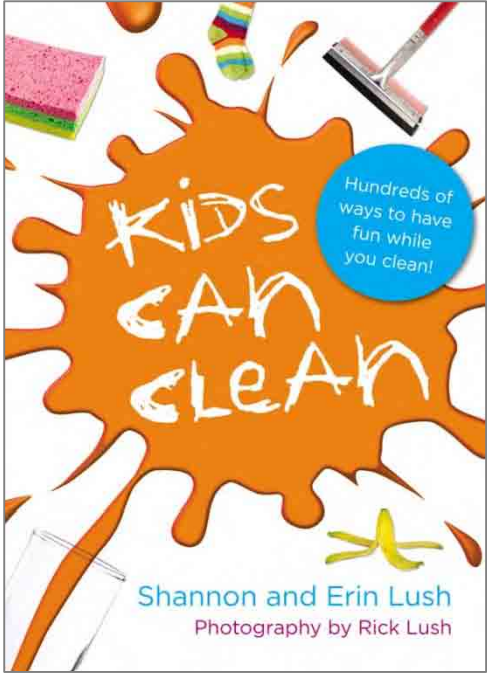


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