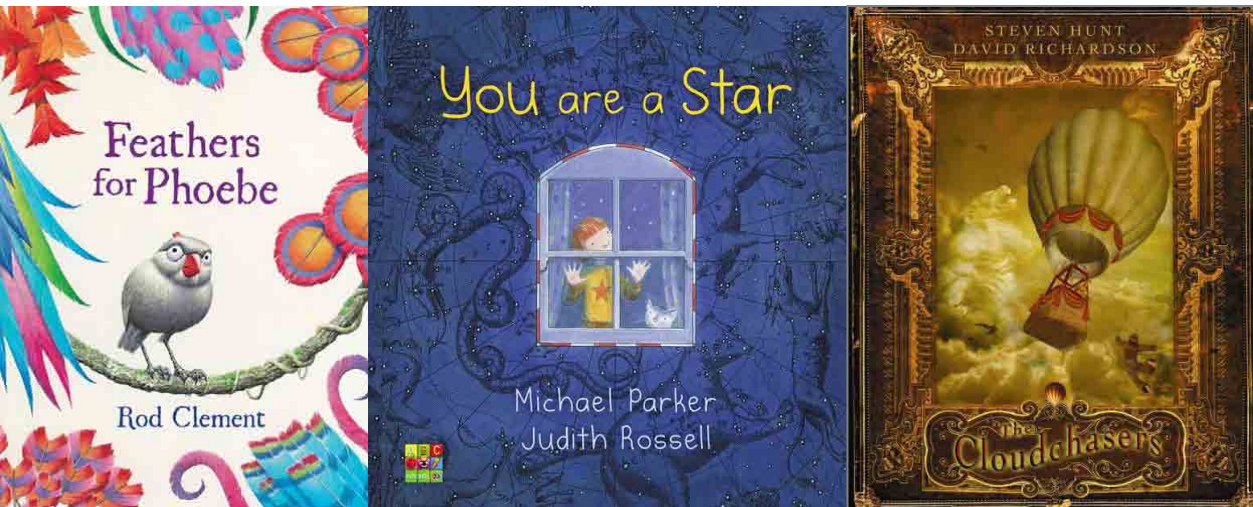



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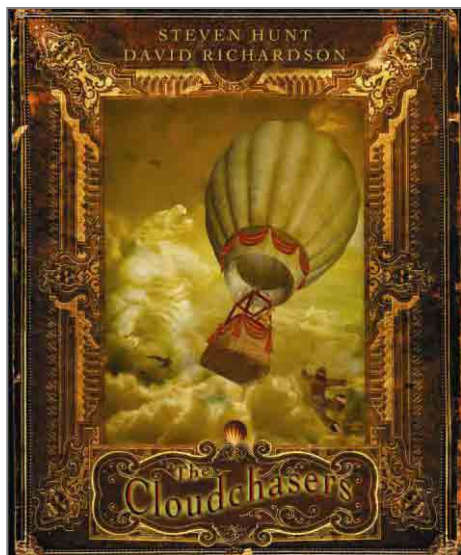
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# THE CLOUDCHASERS

*Steven Hunt and David Richardson*



## THE CLOUDCHASERS

October 2008

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## 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:

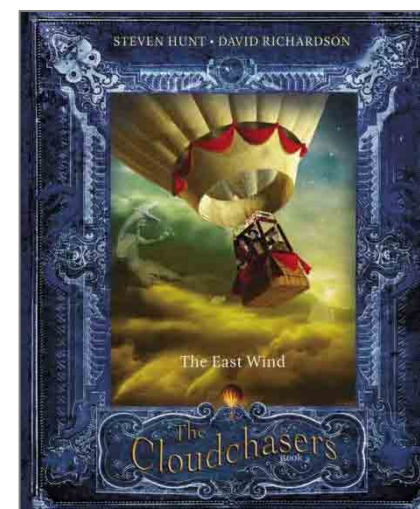
When Alice, Thomas and Spinner discover they must find the Banker's father to complete their quest, their search takes them to terrifying and fantastic worlds. On their travels through the peril of the Lopper's world to the freezing, desolate waste of Tebbit's land of nightmares, they encounter the Wandering Seers, a sand-monster bureaucrat, Mad King George and the daffy Forgetmeknot and his homemade flying craft. Will Alice ever find the Banker's Father? Can she and her companions avoid the relentless Catcher and his minions? And what secret does Spinner hold that will decide the fate of them all?

- A stunning tale of grand adventure in the spirit of Jules Verne, Miyazaki and Lewis Carroll.
- Book One was shortlisted in the 2008 Aurealis Awards
- Film rights under consideration by Tim Burton and 20th Century Fox
- Animated custom book trailer available for retailer/publisher websites
- Great online presence at [www.thecloudchasers.com](http://www.thecloudchasers.com)

### ABOUT THE AUTHORS:

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

**David Richardson** has worked in advertising and film. This is also his first book.



# SHAOLIN BURNING

*Ant Sang*



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## SHAOLIN BURNING

March 2011  
9781869508135  
229 x 165 mm PB  
192pp  
World Rights

The lead designer from *bro'Town* hits the big-time with his new graphic novel.

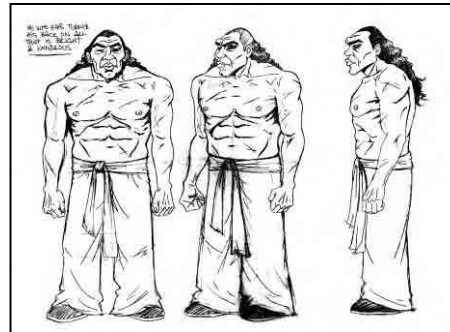
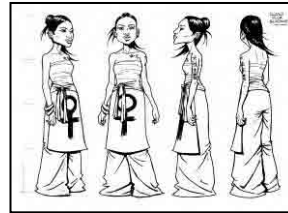
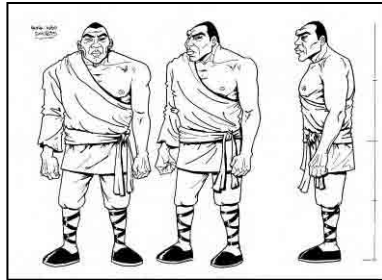
Ant Sang has answered the calls from his growing fan base with the release of *Shaolin Burning*, a graphic novel about two very different kung-fu fighters whose lives intersect, giving them the opportunity of self-discovery through the wisdom of martial arts.

Set in ancient China, it masterfully weaves well-known kung-fu myths and legends throughout the story.

The award-winning *bro'Town* is acclaimed as New Zealand's first local primetime animated series

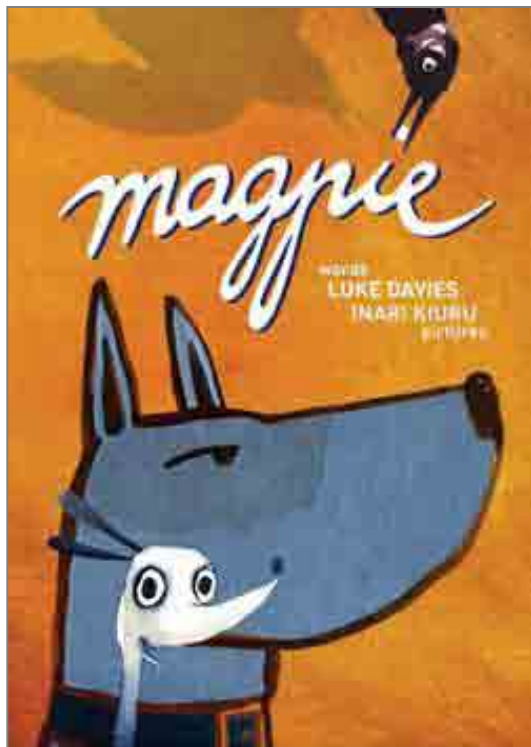
### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

**Ant Sang** was one of the original key creatives on the massively successful *bro'Town* animated series. He has a cult following among readers of graphic novels, who have been clamouring for him to partner with a publisher who can take his art to the world ...



# MAGPIE

*Luke Davies, illustrated by Inari Kiuru*



## MAGPIE

May 2010  
9780733322686  
297 x 210mm HB  
32 pp, full colour  
World Rights

**Tender, funny and courageous, this brilliant visual adaptation of Luke Davies' poem shows the special bond between father and son.**

*My father and I.  
We went to the edge of the falls for revenge,  
To find my attacker the magpie ...*

Luke Davies' poem 'Childhood Terror' describes in 9 lines the fear of a magpie attack and a boy's reaction as his father helps him face that fear.

Together, author and illustrator have created a wonderful picture book that takes this poem and turns into a story of a dog and his pup on a journey to find the magpie.

- Magpie is at once tender, funny and courageous.
- Brilliantly realised, the illustrations bring a whole new level to Davies' poetry.
- Luke Davies is an award-winning Australian writer of fiction and poetry, including the cult bestseller, *Candy*, which was made into a film starring Heath Ledger.
- Inari Kiuru's brilliant illustrations bring to life the story of a dog on a journey with his pup, and the themes of fear, courage, journeys and family.

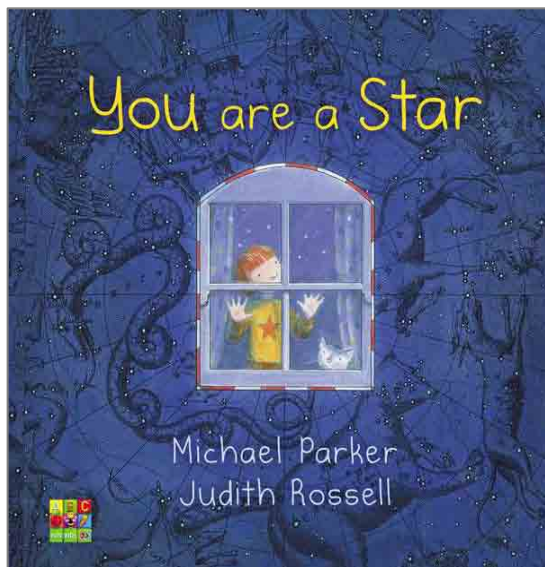
### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

**Luke Davies** is the author of three novels, including the cult bestseller *Candy*, which was shortlisted for the NSW Premier's Literary Awards in 1998 and, most recently, *God of Speed*. A film version of *Candy*, starring Heath Ledger, was released in 2006. Davies was awarded the Philip Hodgins Memorial Medal for Poetry in 2004. He has published five books of poetry, including *Running With Light* which was the winner of the Judith Wright Poetry Prize 2000, and *Totem*, which won the 2004 Age Book of the Year winner.

**Inari Kiuru** is a poet, jewellery maker and illustrator. She lives in WA with her partner, Shaun Tan.

# YOU ARE A STAR

*Michael Parker, illustrated Judith Rossell*



## YOU ARE A STAR

September 2010

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250 mm x 249 mm HB

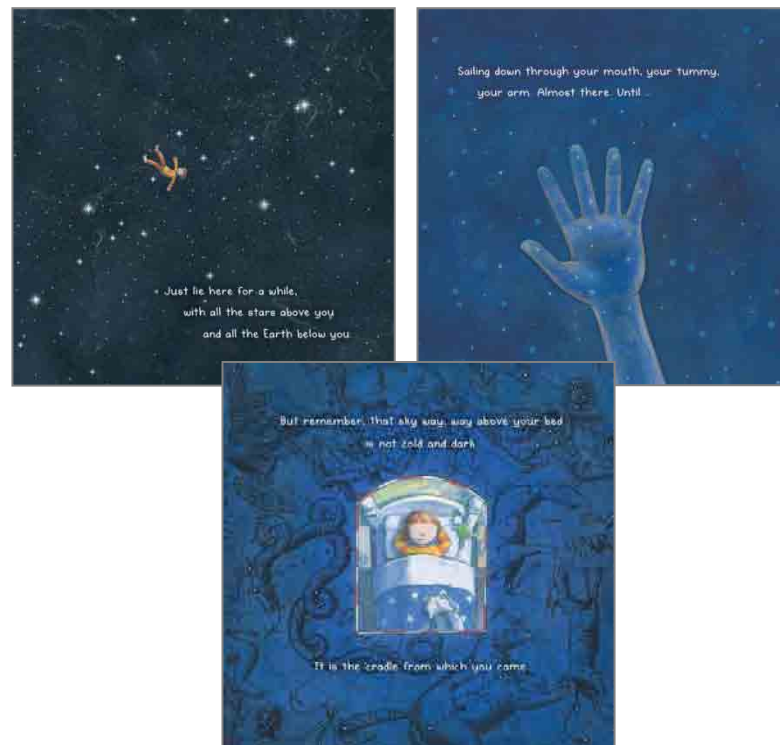
32 pp, full colour

World Rights

**Take a trip out of this world, into the sky, past the moon and through the universe to find out how we are all made of stars. This is science, but not as you know it ... Mesmerising.**

Take a trip out of this world, into the sky, past the moon, through the universe ... and discover how we are all made of stars.

- An uplifting, inspirational picture book highlighting how special each and every one of us are



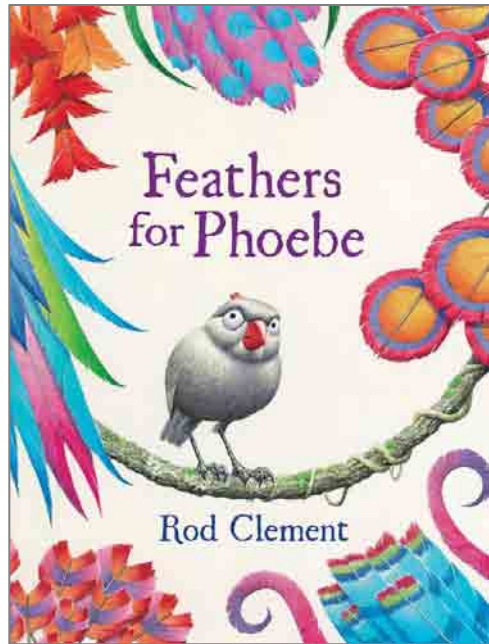
### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

**Michael Parker** studied law and worked (extremely briefly) in corporate litigation before seeing the light and retraining to teach English. He currently co-ordinates English at a school in Sydney. He has lived with the Japanese mafia and climbed to Camp One on Mount Everest in Tibet. His first novel, *Doppelganger*, for young adults, was shortlisted in the NSW Premier's Awards.

**Judith Rossell** worked as a CSIRO scientist, for a cotton spinning company, and studied textile design in Scotland before becoming a full-time illustrator. She lives in Melbourne.

# FEATHERS FOR PHOEBE

*Rod Clement*



## FEATHERS FOR PHOEBE

9780732289195  
November 2010  
295 x 220 mm HB, full colour  
32 pp  
World Rights

**A story about a bird who learns that fine feathers don't necessarily make fine birds.**

Phoebe is small, grey, and ordinary – very ordinary. 'I want to get noticed!' she declares.

Zelda is glamorous, talented and famous – and she runs the most popular beauty salon in the forest. And she's only too happy to help Phoebe become the bird she's always wanted to be. First a little feather headdress, then wing extensions – until Phoebe is transformed into a Diva.

She looks gorgeous – but when she tries to take off, surprises are in store for them both!

**Counting on Frank** (1991) 9780207173226

**Frank in Time** (1991) 9780207196645

**Just Another Ordinary Day** (1997) 9780207188398

**Grandad's Teeth** (2005) 9789512346523

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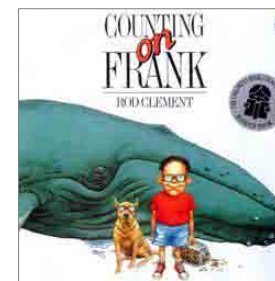
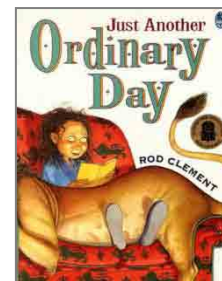
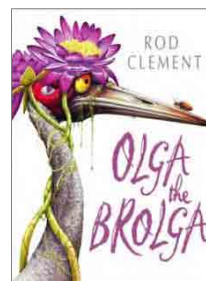
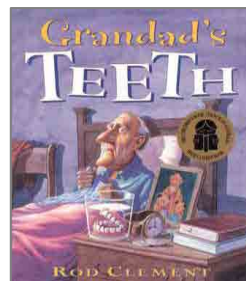
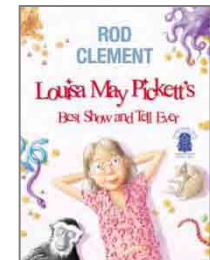
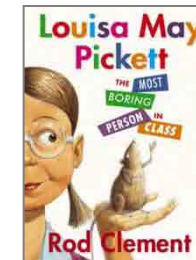
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**Backlist rights sold:** USA, Finland, Sweden, Poland, Indonesia

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

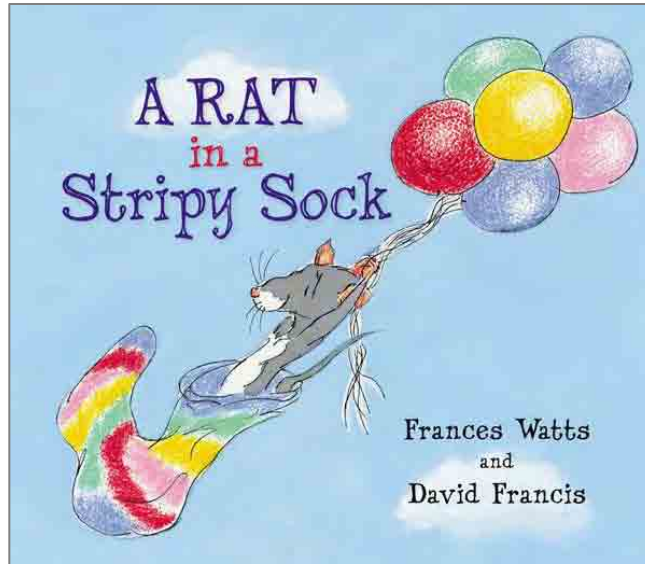
**Rod Clement** is one of Australia's leading picture book author/illustrators and his acclaimed books include *Counting on Frank*, *Just Another Ordinary Day*, *Olga the Brolga*, *Edward the Emu*, and *Edwina the Emu*. *Grandad's Teeth* was shortlisted for the CBC Awards in 1998.

Rod works as a daily cartoonist for the *Australian Financial Review* and lives in Haberfield, Sydney, with his wife and three children.



# RAT IN A STRIPY SOCK

*Frances Watts, illustrated by David Francis*



**The rain poured down like misery, washing the city in grey... Grey bricks, grey street, grey puddles, grey rubbish bin, grey rat. But look – amid the grey, a heart-lifting flash of colour. A stripy sock!**

Happiness can be found in the simplest of things.

A story about the joy to be had in life's simplest pleasures – especially when they are shared – and finding happiness in the most unexpected places.

- One to be enjoyed all ages – from 4 years to 90 years
- Award-winning author Frances Watts
- An uplifting story about happiness, charmingly illustrated
- Rat plush – with stripy sock!

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

**Frances Watts** spent ten years as an editor before she started writing. Her picture book *Kisses for Daddy* (illustrated by David Legge), is a best-selling CBC Honour Book. Her second book, *Parsley Rabbit's Book about Books*, won the CBC Eve Pownall Award. Frances lives in Sydney's inner west.

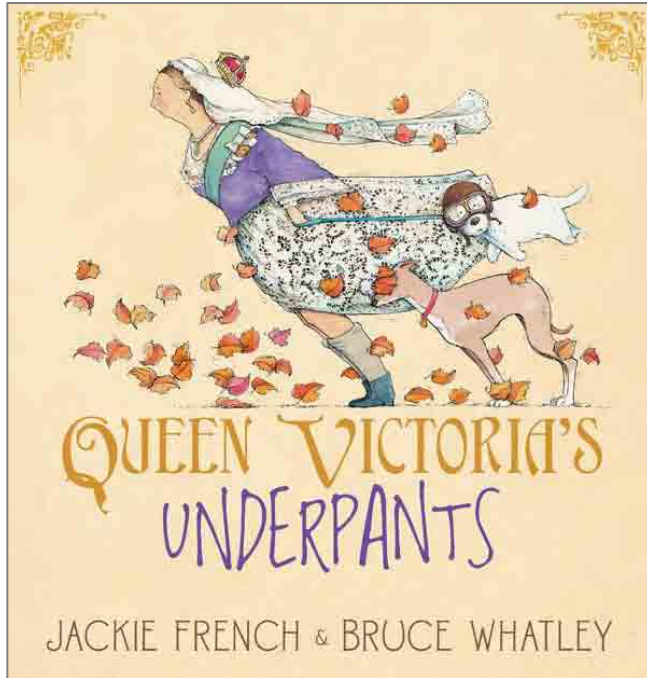
**David Francis** began his career as an exhibiting artist and his works are held in many collections. He illustrated the CBC Honour Book, *Ten Little Known Facts About Hippopotamuses* and collaborated with author Margaret Wild to create the much-loved *Morris the Reinbear*. This is his first book for ten years. He lives in Sydney's inner west.

## RAT IN A STRIPY SOCK

August 2010  
9780733326615  
220 x 275mm HB  
24 pp, full colour  
World Rights

# QUEEN VICTORIA'S UNDERPANTS

*Jackie French, illustrated by Bruce Whatley*



**A very funny story about the most famous underwear in the British Empire.**

Meet Lizzy, whose family are in the clothing industry.

Very few people probably know that Queen Victoria made the wearing of underpants popular. At the beginning of her reign very few women wore them. But Queen Victoria made tartans, perambulators and chloroform fashionable. By the time she died just about every woman in Britain wore underpants like hers.

- A new, irreverent look at the origins of underwear!
- From the bestselling team that gave the world *Diary of a Wombat*
- Great historical hook and stunning artwork accompany a lively story

## **ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**

**Jackie French** is a full-time writer who lives near Braidwood in the Araluen Valley, via Canberra, NSW. Her books for children include *Hitler's Daughter*, *Pharaoh* and *A Rose For The Anzac Boys*, and her books are consistently shortlisted for CBCA Awards.

**Bruce Whatley** is one of Australia's best loved and most respected author/illustrators. He has illustrated over twenty books, and his collaboration with Jackie French has proved extremely popular.



## **QUEEN VICTORIA'S UNDERPANTS**

June 2010

9780732288228

250mm x 250mm HB

32pp, full colour

World Rights

Rights available: translation and English (USA)

Rights sold: English (World Excluding ANZ and USA)

# POPPY WASH

*Kerry Brown & Michelle Pike*



## POPPY WASH

November 2010

9780733325212

244 mm x 244 mm 32pp HB

Rights: World

**A funny, heart-warming story about friendship, family ... and dragons.**

Poppy has the best job in the world – every day she washes all kinds of dragons at her Dragon Wash.

Poppy loves her job, but most of all she loves the dragons themselves. All that's missing is a dragon she can call her own ...

A funny, heart-warming story from Kerry Brown and Michelle Pike about friendship, family ... and dragons.

- Activity sheets available to download from HarperCollins website

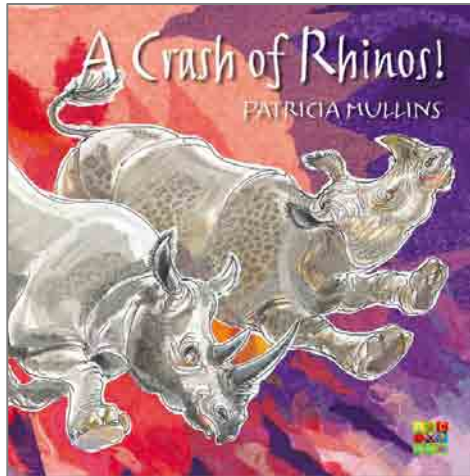
### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

**Kerry Brown** (sister to Michelle Pike) is a children's author, children's magazine journalist and primary school teacher.

**Michelle Pike** grew up in Carnarvon, Western Australia. She now resides on the Sunshine Coast. Represented nationally, Michelle is a self-taught artist drawing inspiration from both her own childhood memories and those currently being formed by her two young sons.

# A CRASH OF RHINOS

Patricia Mullins



Join the fun and discover a whole caboodle of collective nouns!

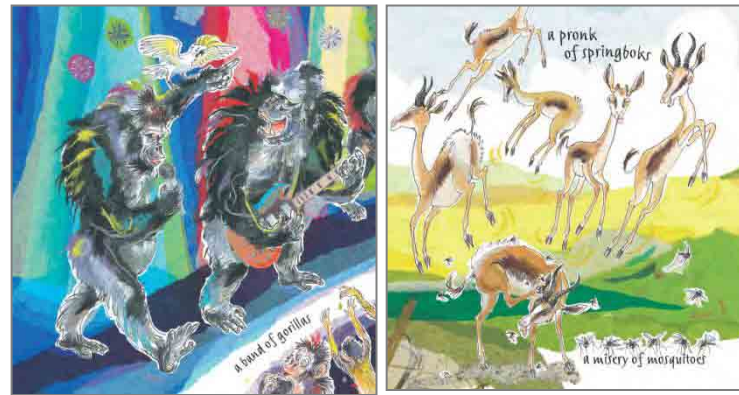
A bother of blowflies, a misery of mosquitoes, a flamboyance of flamingos and a crash of rhinos! A cavalcade of collective nouns, some traditional and others just for fun!

'A Crash of Rhinos! entices the reader to play along and use their imagination ... Patricia Mullins has created a unique and entertaining book that will surprise and amuse' *Bookseller + Publisher*

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Award-winning author/illustrator **Patricia Mullins** remembers drawing constantly at school. She trained at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and became an illustrator and a puppet-maker.

Patricia has illustrated an impressive array of children's books including *Hattie and the Fox*, *Crocodile Beat*, *Dinosaur Encore* and the award-winning *V for Vanishing*.



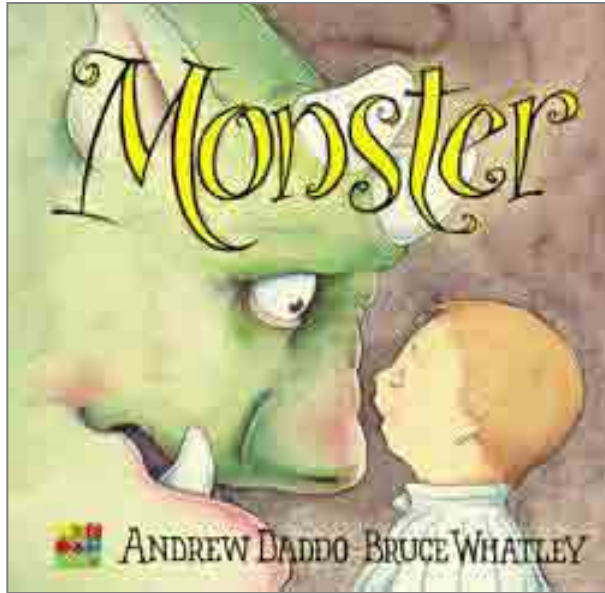
## A CRASH OF RHINOS

August 2010  
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257 mm x 269 mm HB  
40 pp, full colour  
Rights: World



# MONSTER

*Andrew Daddo, illustrated by Bruce Whatley*



## MONSTER

July 2010  
9780733322754  
280 x 215mm HB  
32 pp, full colour  
World Rights

**Discover who is the real monster in this hilarious picture book with a twist.**

*'Mum. Dad. Monster's back!'*

Some monsters are scary – with pointy teeth and snuffly grunts – and they stink. You'd never invite them to sleep over!

But there are other monsters that are cute and full of surprises.

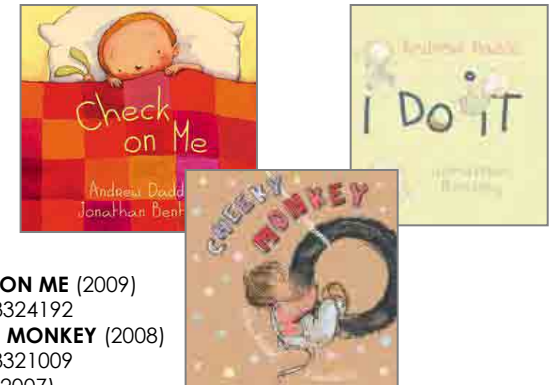
Andrew Daddo and Bruce Whatley know a scary, funny story about a really lovable monster – but you might want to keep the light on.

For anyone who's ever feared the monster under their bed, a frighteningly good picture book from the incomparable Andrew Daddo and Bruce Whatley.

- Author has popular website:  
[www.andrewdaddo.com](http://www.andrewdaddo.com)

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

**Andrew Daddo** is one of Australia's most popular television personalities. He started writing for children in 2001, when his first collection of stories, *Sprung!* was published. Since then, Andrew has written 18 best-selling books, including the hugely successful picture book collaboration with Emma Quay, *Good Night, Me*. Andrew lives on Sydney's northern beaches with his wife and three children.



## CHECK ON ME (2009)

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## CHEEKY MONKEY (2008)

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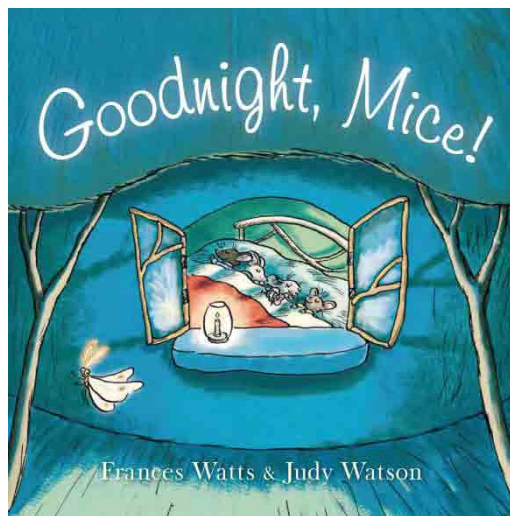
## I DO IT (2007)

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**Bruce Whatley** has been writing and illustrating award winning children's books for over twenty years. Best known are *Little White Dogs Can't Jump*, and *Diary of a Wombat*.

# GOODNIGHT, MICE!

*Frances Watts, illustrated by Judy Watson*



**Celebrate the rituals of bedtime with Mitzi, Billy, Clementine and Oliver. The perfect bedtime book!**

*Kiss Dad once...*

*Cuddle Mum twice...*

*'Goodnight, Mum and Dad.'*

*'Goodnight, mice.'*

This warm, affectionate story is the perfect bedtime book for the whole family to share.

- A beautiful bedtime story with perennial appeal

## **GOODNIGHT, MICE!**

April 2011

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244 mm x 244 HB

24 pp, full colour

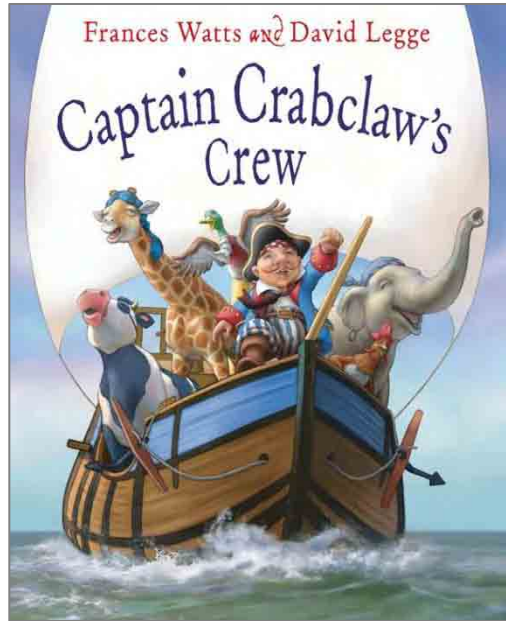
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## **ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**

**Frances Watts** spent ten years as an editor before she started writing. Her picture book *Kisses for Daddy* (illustrated by David Legge), is a best-selling CBC Honour Book. Her second book, *Parsley Rabbit's Book about Books*, won the CBC Eve Pownall Award. Frances lives in Sydney's inner west.

**Judy Watson** is the talented illustrator of the *Extraordinary Ernie* and *Marvellous Maud* series (written by Frances Watts) and several books in the *Aussie Bites* series. Judy lives in a seaside town in Victoria, with her husband and two children.

# FRANCES WATTS' BACKLIST



## **CAPTAIN CRABCLAW'S CREW (2009)**

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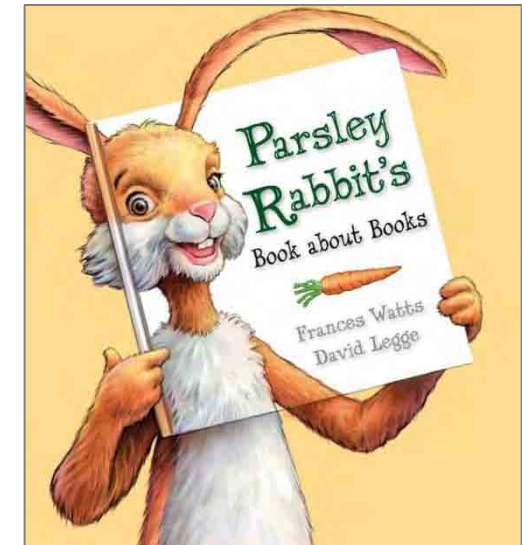
When Captain Crabclaw advertises for a crew for his new ship, the Speedy Squid, he doesn't expect to get a duck, a cow, an elephant and a giraffe! It's hoist the mainsail and anchors aweigh with the most unusual pirate crew the high seas have ever seen! This rollicking tale of swashbuckling and scrambled eggs will delight landlubbers young and old.

## **PARSLEY RABBITS BOOK ABOUT BOOKS (2007)**

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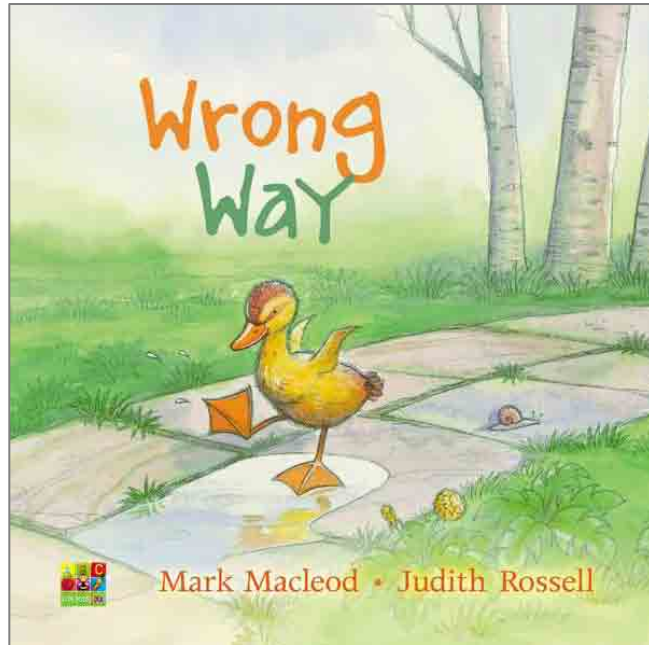
Celebrate the joy of reading and begin a lifelong love of books with the delightful Parsley Rabbit and his pesky little brother, Basil. Lively and entertaining, it features a remarkably clever and handsome rabbit and is full of fun, flaps to flip and questions to share. Parsley introduces children to books - from the cover, to the imprint page to the title page, formats, style and more - and takes the reader on a hilarious and stimulating journey through the world of books.

- Eve Pownall award winner in this year's CBC Awards



# WRONG WAY

*Mark Macleod, illustrated by Judith Rossell*



**Sometimes a day out doesn't go according to plan.**

When one little duck wants to make a big splash all by himself, the wrong way to do things turns out to be just right!

- A charming book about spreading your wings and finding your own way in the world.
- Mark Macleod is a well-known author and publishing industry figure.
- Judith Rossell's illustrations lend a classic (and adorable) feel to the book.

**PREVIOUS TITLES:  
TOMORROW (2008)**

9780733320743

A journey of discovery from the safety of home, out into the big wide world, and back again. A beautifully illustrated and touching search for tomorrow, which we all know is really today.

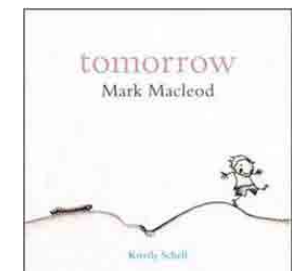
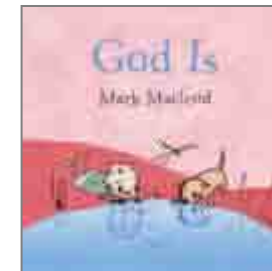
**GOD IS (2009)**

A charming, whimsical picture book that explores the many places God can be found in a young person's life – a deeply spiritual book that can be appreciated and enjoyed by everyone, no matter what their personal beliefs.

**ABOUT THE AUTHOR:**

**Mark Macleod** has been involved with children's publishing for over twenty-five years, as a lecturer, publisher, freelance editor, President of the Children's Book Council, and now as an author. He lives in the Blue Mountains.

**Judith Rossell** worked as a CSIRO scientist, for a cotton spinning company, and studied textile design in Scotland before becoming a full-time illustrator. Her books include several sumptuously illustrated maze adventure books, puzzle books and picture books. Judith lives in Melbourne.



**WRONG WAY**

April 2010

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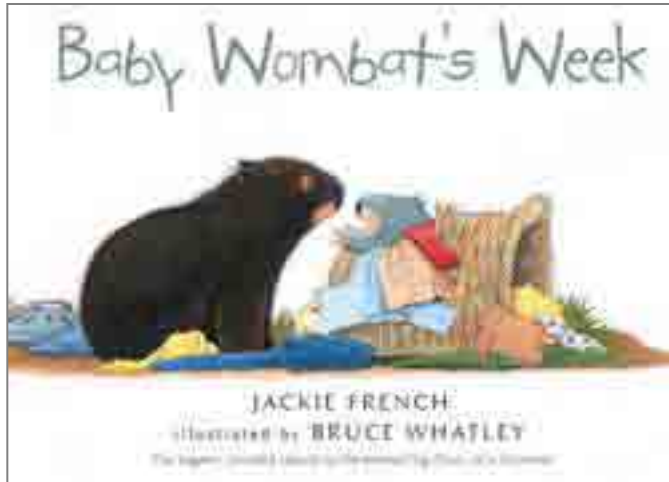
244 x 244mm HB

32 pp, full colour

World Rights

# BABY WOMBAT'S WEEK

*Jackie French & Bruce Whatley*



## BABY WOMBAT'S WEEK

October 2009

9780732286941

203x235mm 32pp HB

Rights: Translation

Rights Sold: English language rights (World), Germany and France

**A week can be a long time when you have two babies on the loose!**

The star of the international bestseller *Diary of a Wombat* is back – with a new mouth to feed! Cuter, stropplier and even more determined than her mother ... meet Mothball's baby.

Like any growing family, this baby wombat and her mum are finding it hard to fit into their home.

When setting out to dig a new, bigger hole with room for them both, Shaggy Gully's newest resident gets some help from a friend, causes more mayhem than Mothball ever did, and sorts things out in hilarious style.

A charming new picture book from the team who created the bestselling *Diary of a Wombat* and *Josephine Wants to Dance*.



## KEY POINTS:

- This surprise sequel to *Diary of a Wombat* is destined to become an instant bestseller
- Retains all the charm, humour and fantastic illustrations that made the first book a bestseller
- *Diary of a Wombat* has been published internationally in the US, Canada, UK, Italy, Germany, France, Korea, Japan, China (simplified characters)

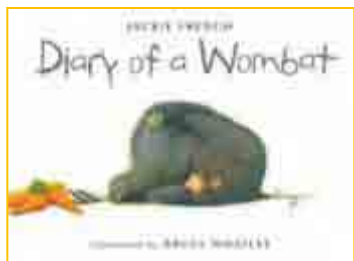
## ABOUT THE AUTHORS:

**Jackie French** is a full-time writer, who lives in the Araluen Valley, near Canberra. Her book, *Hitler's Daughter*, was awarded the CBC Younger Readers' Award in 2000 and the WOW! Award in the UK in 2001. Two of her books, *Macbeth and Son*, and *Josephine Wants to Dance*, were made CBC Notable Books.

**Bruce Whatley** is one of Australia's best loved and most respected author/illustrators. He has illustrated over twenty books, and his collaboration with Jackie French has proved extremely popular.



## JACKIE FRENCH & BRUCE WHATLEY BACKLIST TITLES



**DIARY OF A WOMBAT:** Here, in the words of one unusually articulate wombat, is the tongue-in-cheek account of a busy week; eating, sleeping, digging holes ... and training its new neighbors, a family of humans, to produce treats on demand. This entertaining book, with its brief, humorous text and hilarious illustrations, will endear the wombat to young children, who may recognize in this determined furry creature some qualities that they share. *Also available in a board edition.*



**EMILY AND THE BIG BAD BUNYIP (PB edition titled *Emily's Christmas Smile*)** It's Christmas Day in Shaggy Gully. The kangaroos are feeling bouncy, the echidnas are being prickly, the emus are feeling peckish and the possums are just hanging around. Only the Bunyip is gloomy. Can Emily Emu and her friends possibly make the Bunyip smile this Christmas?



**JOSEPHINE WANTS TO DANCE:** Josephine is a kangaroo – who loves to dance. Her little brother, Joey, tells her that kangaroos don't dance, they hop, but Josephine continues to point her toes and leap through the air. A very funny picture book that looks at the importance of believing in yourself and realising your dreams. *Also available in a board edition.*



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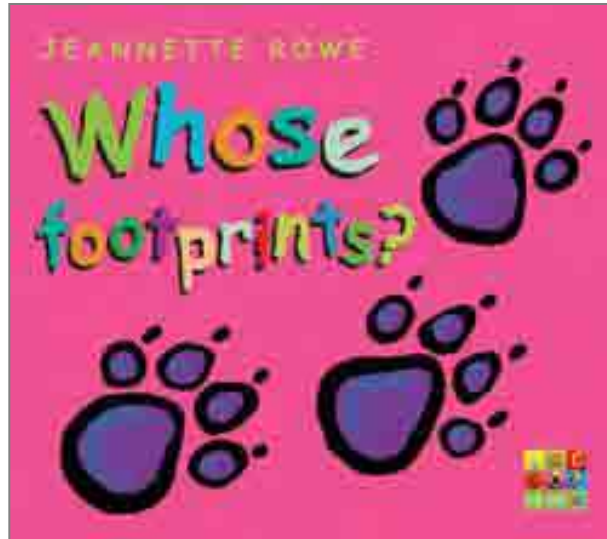
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