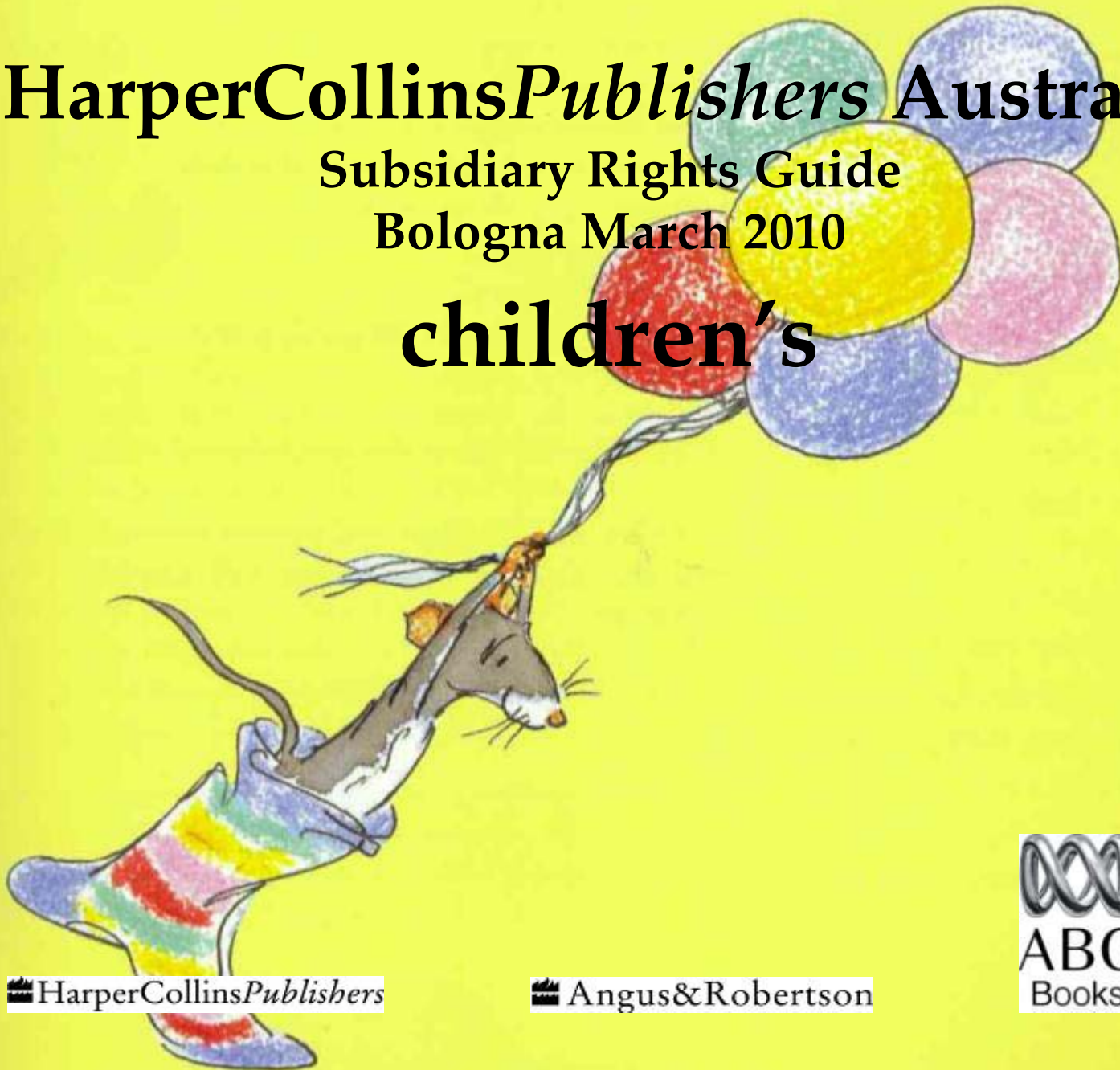



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MERCY

Rebecca Lim

YOUNG ADULT FICTION



I don't know who I am, or how old I am. All I know is that when I wake up, I could be any age and any one ...

A dazzling new series about love, redemption and celestial connection.

Mercy 'wakes' on a school bus bound for Paradise, a small town where everyone knows everyone else's business... or thinks they do. But Mercy has a secret life. She is an angel, doomed to return repeatedly to Earth, taking on a new 'persona' each time she does, in an effort to resolve a cataclysmic rift between heavenly beings.

The first thrilling book sees Mercy meeting Ryan, an eighteen-year-old whose sister was kidnapped two years ago and is presumed dead. When another girl is also kidnapped, Mercy knows she has to act quickly and use extraordinary powers to rescue her, even if it means exposing her true identity.

Ages 13+

- Acquired in major pre-empt, this is a stand-out title in a crowded genre
- Perfect cross-over fiction
- Four book series, to be released six-monthly (*Mercy* November 2010, *Mercy 2: Evensong* May 2011, *Mercy 3: Muse* November 2011, *Mercy 4: End Game* May 2012)
- Strong, sophisticated, witty writing, with a neat twist on the angel theme
- Each book stands alone and features a strong mystery/thriller storyline, but also builds on the compelling and mysterious story of Mercy and Luc and their relationship

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Rebecca Lim was born in Singapore and grew up in Australia. She studied Law and Commerce at the University of Melbourne, and had a successful career as a commercial lawyer before turning to writing.

Apart from the *Earthbound* series, Rebecca is the author of ten books for children and young adults, four of which have been translated into French and one into Turkish.

She lives in Melbourne, Australia with her husband and three young children.

MERCY

Book 1 of the MERCY SERIES

Rebecca Lim

November 2010

9780732291990

210 x 135mm PB

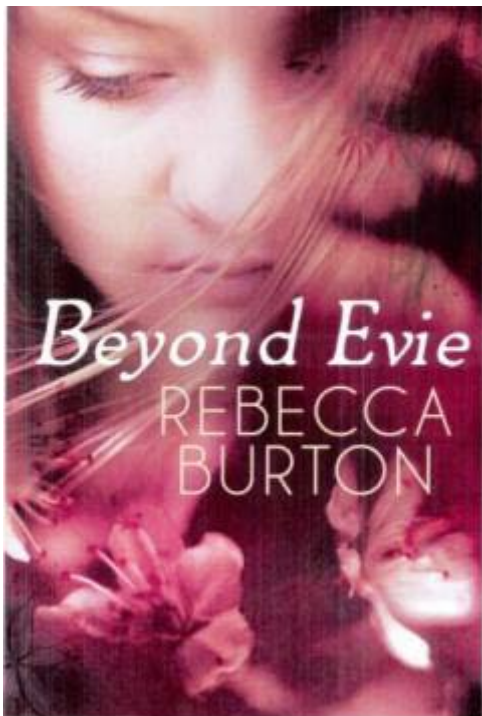
224pp (tbc)/ 50,000 words

Rights available: Translation

BEYOND EVIE

Rebecca Burton

YOUNG ADULT FICTION



A completely enthralling coming-of-age story that takes you the rollercoaster ride that first love - and obsessive love - can be.

Charlotte doesn't talk about herself much. Her sister, Amy, is leaving her to start a whole new life, and since her dad's death Charlotte and her mother don't seem to talk either. Her friends are great, but they've got their own problems, so how can she tell them about what happened last year?

How can she tell them about Evie?

- Deals with themes and topics that confront every teen
- Beautiful contemporary package
- Charlotte is taken on an emotional journey that will be familiar to readers – especially when she finds out how manipulated she has been

BEYOND EVIE

May 2010
9780732291525
198 x 128mm PB
160pp TBC
Rights: World

Ages: 14+



ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Rebecca Burton's previous novel for young adults, *Leaving Jetty Road*, won a Varuna Award for Manuscript Development and was named by the Children's Book Council of Australia as a Notable Australian Children's Book. She lives in South Australia within walking distance of the beach. She loves Adelaide, the colour red, broccoli and (of course) the music of Hank Williams.

Praise for LEAVING JETTY ROAD:

'A perceptive, quietly powerful piece about friendship... Burton paints settings, characters and relationships with a sweet and poignant freshness.' *Kirkus Reviews*

'Burton does an effective job of weaving the symptoms and personality characteristics of anorexia into an absorbing story about the tug and pull of old friendships as a teen's world expands... [a] well-written, never-didactic novel.' *Booklist*

'Burton skilfully captures universal doubts and insecurities that are a part of growing up as both girls struggle with obsessions. . . . Although psychologically intense, the book remains optimistic, hinting in the end that the girls will overcome their obstacles even as they choose different paths.' *Publishers Weekly*

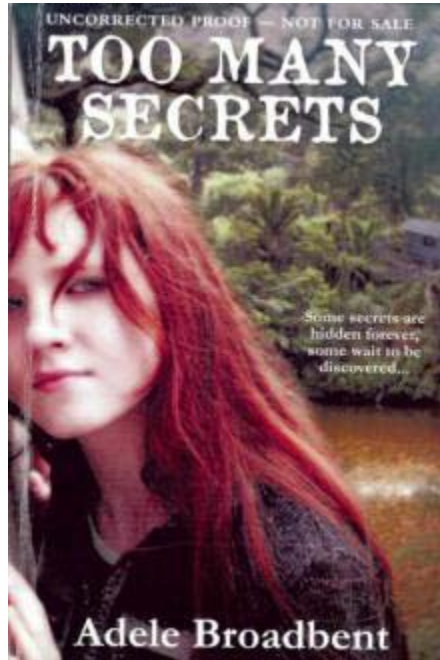
LEAVING JETTY ROAD (2004)

9780207200151
198 x 128mm pb
272pp
Rights: World
Rights sold: US (Knopf), Thai (Piew Co)

TOO MANY SECRETS

Adele Broadbent

JUNIOR FICTION 10+



NOT FINAL COVER

TOO MANY SECRETS

May 2010

9781869508562

198 x 128mm PB

192pp TBC

Rights: World

Ages: 10+

Some secrets are hidden forever, some wait to be discovered....

Becs is a sassy 12-year-old drama queen who strikes a bargain with her mother. She'll spend a few months away from home while her new step-family renovates an elegant old house in the country. When it's sold, some of the money will pay her fees at the same private school that all her friends will be attending.

But as usual, she hasn't listened properly. They aren't going to live in the old mansion - they'll be in a shack in the bush, with a primitive 'long drop' toilet and eight-legged wildlife. Becs is not impressed and makes sure everyone knows it, but she also discovers a secret - a runaway boy living in a tree hut and hunting his food.

What follows is an intriguing, funny, sad and utterly believable story about friendship, while uncovering a tragic secret that's been hidden for far too long.

- An intriguing, funny, sad and utterly believable story about friendship and developing trust ... and the risks involved with keeping secrets
- A wonderful, mysterious tale for junior fiction readers, but also perfect for the educational market

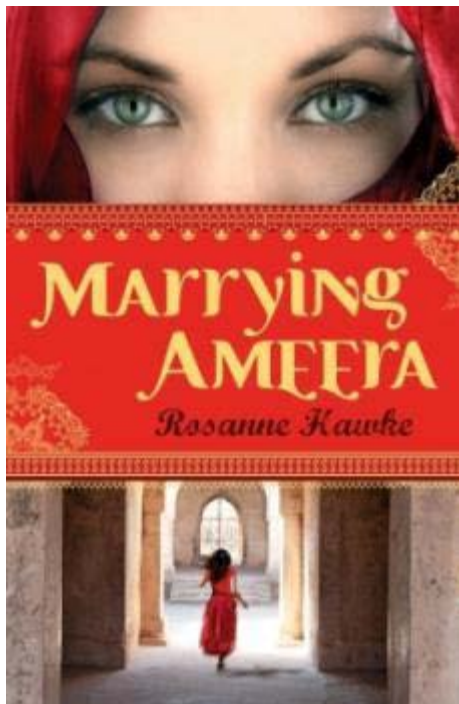
ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Adele Broadbent in Napier with her husband and children. An experienced author for the educational market, this is her first full-length novel.

MARRYING AMEERA

Rosanne Hawke

YOUNG ADULT FICTION



NOT FINAL COVER

A story of forbidden love and the gulf between cultures...

Ameera, 16, is the daughter of an Australian mother and a Pakistani father. She doesn't realize it, but her father has made plans to marry her off to a wealthy cousin in Pakistan. When her uncle takes her passport and return ticket away, and confiscates her mobile phone, Ameera is trapped. She will have to go through with the marriage.

With the help of an organisation that rescues girls in Ameera's situation, she must demonstrate strength beyond her years to escape from Pakistan and win her freedom.

* Award winning author, with strong online presence:

www.rosannehawke.com

- Timely subject handled in a sensitive, evocative way

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Rosanne Hawke is a multi-award winning Australian author. She has written more than ten books, among them *Mustara*, which was shortlisted in the NSW Premier's Literary Awards in 2007, and named a CBCA Notable Book in the same year; and *Soraya the Storyteller*, which appeared in numerous awards in 2005. She was awarded a May Gibbs fellowship in 2004.

MARRYING AMEERA (working title)

August 2010

9780732291440

198 x 128mm PB TBC

290pp TBC

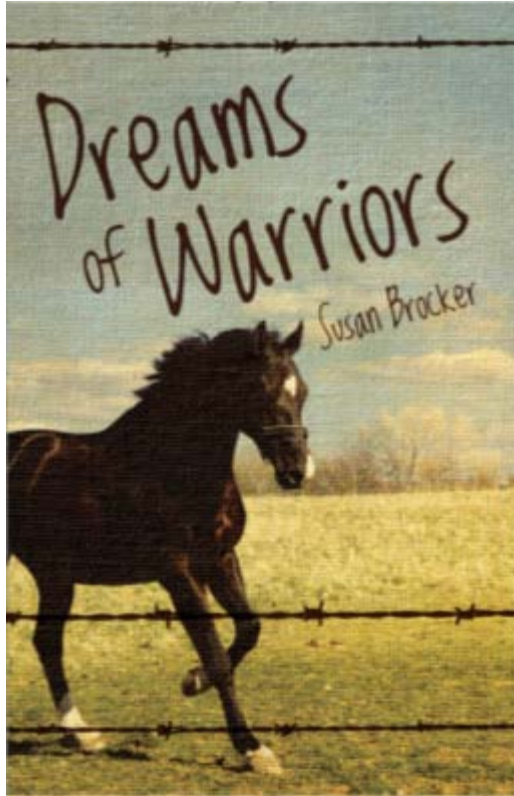
Rights: World

Ages: 14+

DREAMS OF WARRIORS

Susan Brocker

JUNIOR FICTION 10+



NOT FINAL COVER

DREAMS OF WARRIORS

July 2010
9781869508401
198 x 128mm PB TBC
192pp TBC
Rights: World
Ages: 10+

'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

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Susan Brocker lives with her husband and many pets, including horses, on a small farm near Tauranga. She has written over 50 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*.

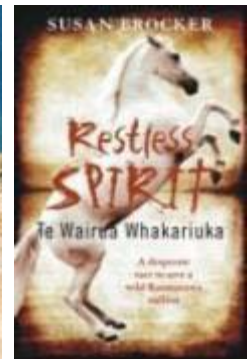


SAVING SAM

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

RESTLESS SPIRIT

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



JADE AND THE STRAY

Amy Brown

JUNIOR FICTION 8+



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PONY TALES BOOK 1: JADE AND THE STRAY

July 2010
9781869508425
198 x 128mm PB TBC
192pp TBC
Rights: World
Ages: 8+

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:

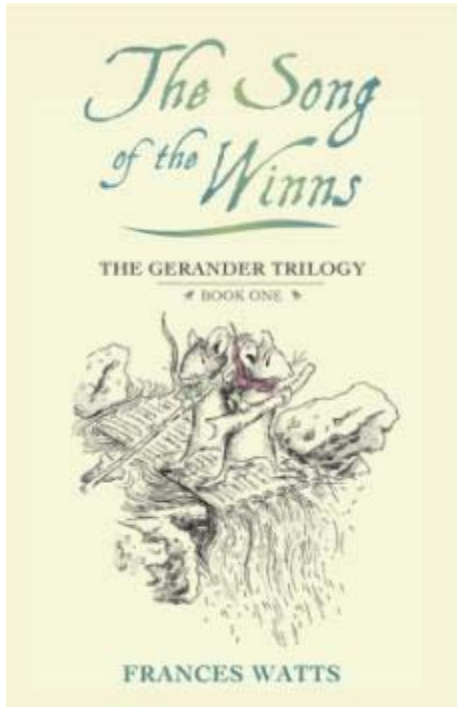
From age five to sixteen, **Amy Brown** belonged to Flaxmere Pony Club and competed in regional and national showjumping events. An avid reader of pony fiction, when she left home she gave up riding and took up writing. This is the first book in an exciting new series called Pony Tales, about Jade and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



THE SONG OF THE WINNS

Frances Watts, illustrated by David Francis

FICTION 9-12 YEARS



SONG OF THE WINNS: BOOK ONE OF THE GERANDER TRILOGY

September 2010
9780733327865
198 x 128mm (pb)
288 pp / 50,000 words
World Rights
Age 9-12 years

'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:

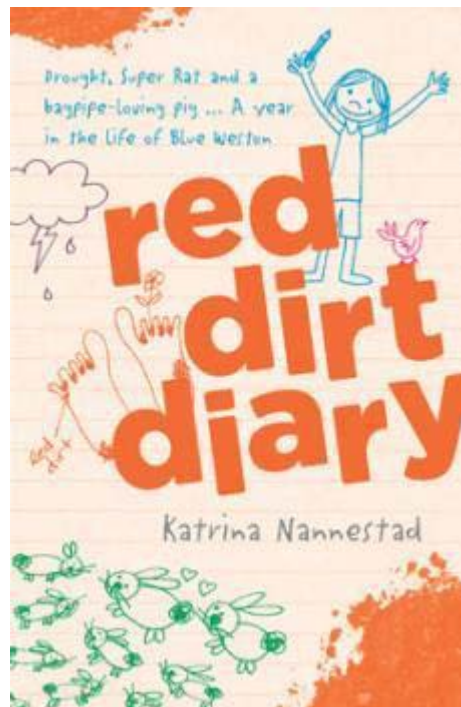
Frances Watts has worked as a bookseller, editor and author. Her first two picture books with David Legge both won accolades in the CBC Awards and have sold thousands of copies around the world. She is also the author of the charming *Extraordinary Ernie* series. Frances lives in Sydney's inner west.



RED DIRT DIARY

Katrina Nannestad

FICTION 9-12 YEARS



RED DIRT DIARY

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

Age 9-12 years

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.

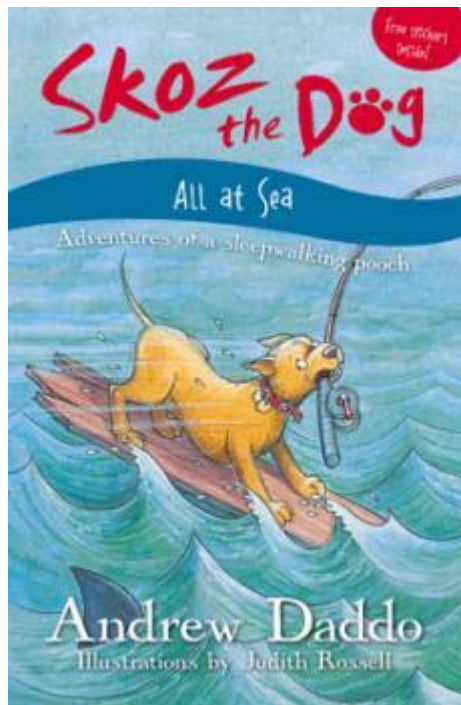
ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

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

SKOZ THE DOG

Andrew Daddo, illustrated by Judith Rossell

YOUNGER READERS 7-10



SKOZ THE DOG: ALL AT SEA

March 2010
9780733327797
198 x 128mm pb
80 pp,
World Rights

Age 7-10 years

A hilarious new series for young readers about Skoz, the sleepwalking dog

The problem with being a sleepwalking dog is you don't have a clue where you are when you wake up!

When Skoz finds himself in a small boat in the middle of the ocean, he's got not one, but two big problems: How's he going to get home? And what's he going to do about THAT SHARK?

'We knew Skoz was special, but we never dreamed he'd be famous. In fact, he was the one who did all the dreaming, usually when he was walking out the front gate!' -- Skoz's mum

- A hilarious new series from the bestselling author of *Goodnight, Me* and *Check on me*.
- Action-packed illustrations throughout by Judith Rossell.
- Skoz activity booklet available for download on HarperCollins and Andrew Daddo website
- Four book series – next three titles *Up In the Air*, *Ready Steady... Kaboom*, and *Escape from AI, Cat and Traz* will be published every three months in 2010

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, *Goodnight, Me*. Andrew lives on Sydney's northern beaches with his wife and three children.

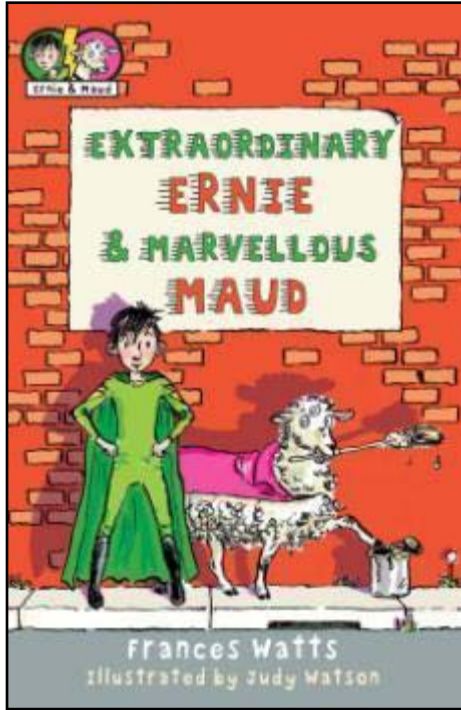
Judith Rossell worked as a CSIRO scientist, for a cotton spinning company, and studied textile design in Scotland before becoming a full-time illustrator. Her books include sumptuous maze adventure books, puzzle books and picture books.



ERNIE AND MAUD

Frances Watts, illustrated by Judy Watson

YOUNG READER FICTION



EXTRAORDINARY ERNIE AND MARVELLOUS MAUD

March 2008

9780733323065

170mm x 120mm pb

(new edition 2010, 198 x 128mm)

80 pp, black and white illustrations,

World Rights

COMPETITION OF THE CENTURY!!!!

Superheroes wanted!

Are you smart?

Are you swift?

Are you bold?

Are you brave?

If you answered yes to all of the above questions, this is the chance of a lifetime! Contest to join the elite Baxter Branch of the world-famous Superheroes Society will be held on Friday afternoon at 4 pm. Winner will receive free sidekick!

Ernie Eggers is thrilled when he wins a superhero contest and becomes The Extraordinary Ernie (after school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and all day Saturday). But his excitement turns to dismay when he discovers that his sidekick is a sheep. It doesn't take him long to realise, though, that there has never been another sheep quite like Marvellous Maud!

Age 7+

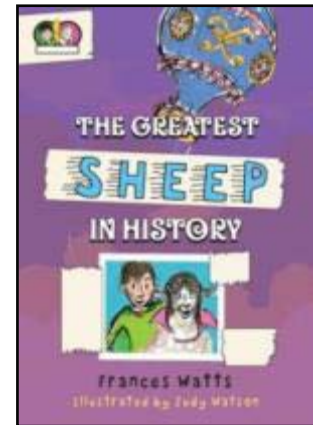
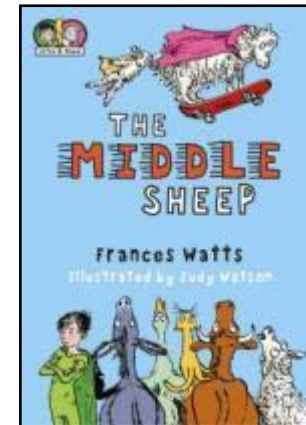
•Rights sold: UK (Ragged Bear), US (Eerdman)

Extraordinary Ernie and Marvellous Maud are back in two new adventures: *The Middle Sheep* and *The Greatest Sheep in History*

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Frances Watts has worked as a bookseller, editor and author. Her first book for children, *Kisses for Daddy*, illustrated by David Legge, was shortlisted in the 2006 CBCA Picture Book of the Year Awards. Her second project with David Legge, *Parsley Rabbit's Book about Books* was the Eve Pownall award winner in the 2008 CBCA Awards.

Judy Watson is an illustrator, designer and researcher, who has illustrated several educational books for children. Judy lives in Melbourne with her husband and two children.



LET ME WHISPER YOU MY STORY

Moya Simons

YOUNG READER FICTION

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'
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HELLO GOD

July 2007 9780732285340

180 x 128mm 144pp

b&w illustrations

Rights: World

Rights sold: Korean (Kookminbooks),
Japanese (Kumon)

Ages: 8+

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LET ME WHISPER YOU MY STORY

June 2010

9780732288587

180 x 128mm PB

160pp

Rights: World

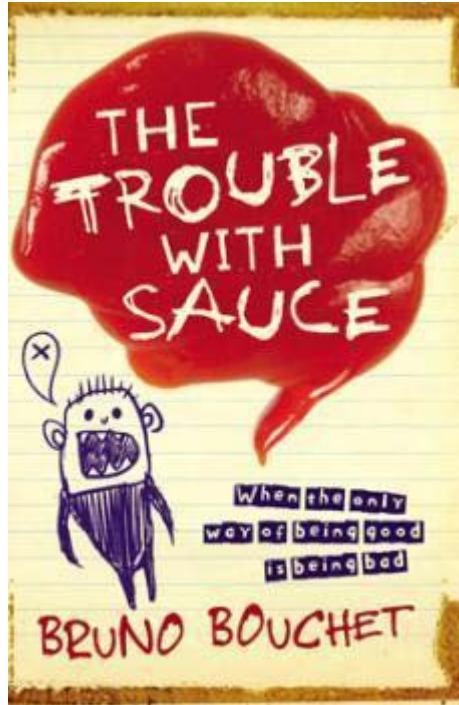
Ages: 8+



THE TROUBLE WITH SAUCE

Bruno Bouchet

YOUNG READER FICTION



THE TROUBLE WITH SAUCE

August 2009
9780733325021
198 x 128mm pb
192 pp
World Rights

Age 8-12

When the only way of being good is being bad.

Jonty thinks he's attending a regular school, but he can't figure out why all his classmates are turning into well-behaved, brilliant students. When the perfect school turns into a perfect nightmare, no one is safe from the world's cleverest students.

With two unlikely friends, Jonty sets about exposing the principal's dastardly plan, but will they just become part of his evil scheme too?

It's a non-stop comedy adventure that makes you think -- how far would you go to be top of the class?

- Particular appeal for boys and reluctant readers
- A great adventure story that explores what being normal is, how we make friends and what it means to change
- Packed with mystery, adventure and fun, it proves beyond doubt there's such a thing as being too well behaved!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

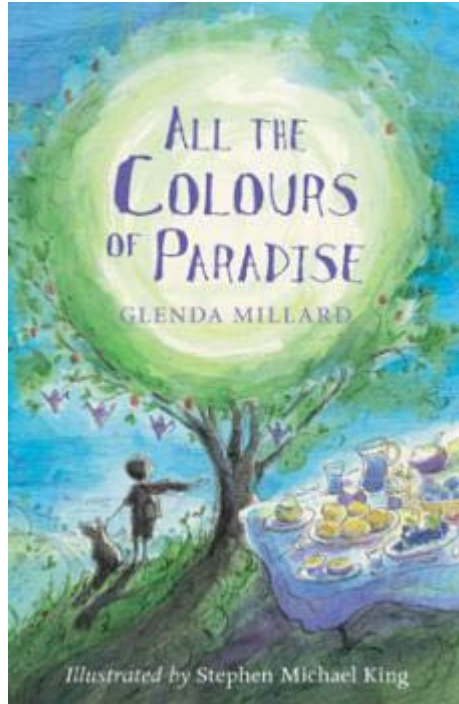
Bruno Bouchet is a novelist for adults and children, copywriter and occasionally funny guy. He runs workshops on writing humour and is currently working on a new novel for adults.



ALL THE COLOURS OF PARADISE

Glenda Millard, illustrated by Stephen Michael King

YOUNG READER FICTION



ALL THE COLOURS OF PARADISE

September 2009

9780733325830

198 x 128mm pb

128 pp

World Rights

Rights sold: US (FSG), Slovenian (Boris Drevensek Triera), Israel, Korea

Ages 10-14.

Since his arrival at the Kingdom of Silk, Perry Angel has learned a lot about love.

Apart from dressing up as Superman, Perry's favourite thing in the entire universe is drawing. But then something happens, and his friends are worried that he might never draw again.

Mr Kadri from the Colour Patch Café understands that sometimes there are no words to describe our feelings. So when he announces a new category at the annual art exhibition, he gives Perry all the colours of Paradise, just in case he needs them ...

- The fourth book in the award-winning Kingdom of Silk series will enchant readers all over again
- Heart-warming, tender junior novels about family, love, loss and home
- 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.

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)

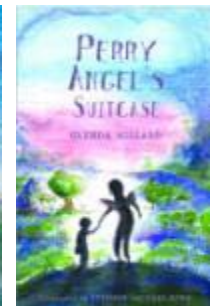
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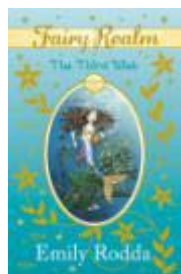
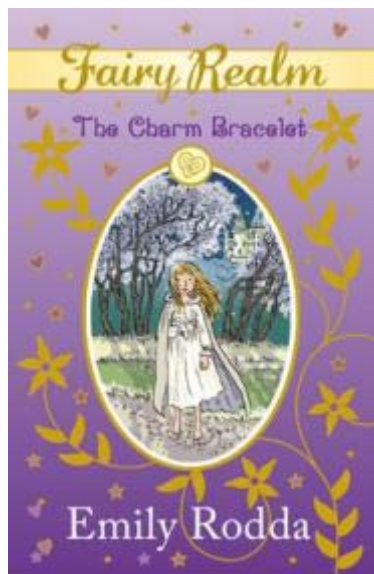
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FAIRY REALM

Emily Rodda

YOUNG READER FICTION



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*

Ages 7-12

- 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

FAIRY REALM books 1-3

New edition Feb 2010

CHARM BRACELET 9780733327995

THE FLOWER FAIRIES 9780733328008

THE THIRD WISH 9780733328015

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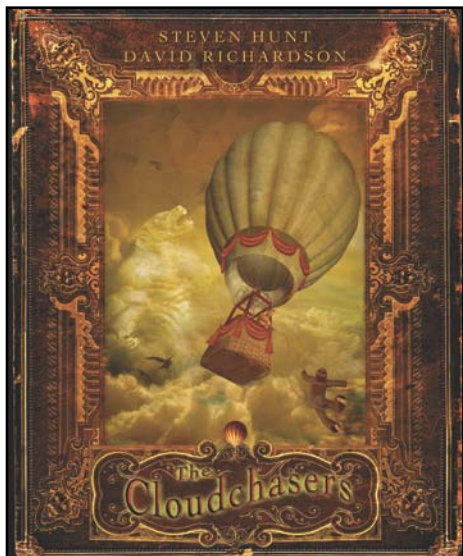
192 pp

World Rights

THE CLOUDCHASERS

Steven Hunt and David Richardson

PICTURE BOOK



THE CLOUDCHASERS

October 2008

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THE CLOUDCHASERS: THE EAST WIND

November 2009

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260 x 210 mm, Hardback

160 pp • Full colour illustrations

Rights: World

Rights sold: Book 1 Denmark/Sweden (Turbine) and Canada (Brouquet – French)

Age: 7–12 years

'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 thecloudchasers.com

ABOUT THE AUTHORS:

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

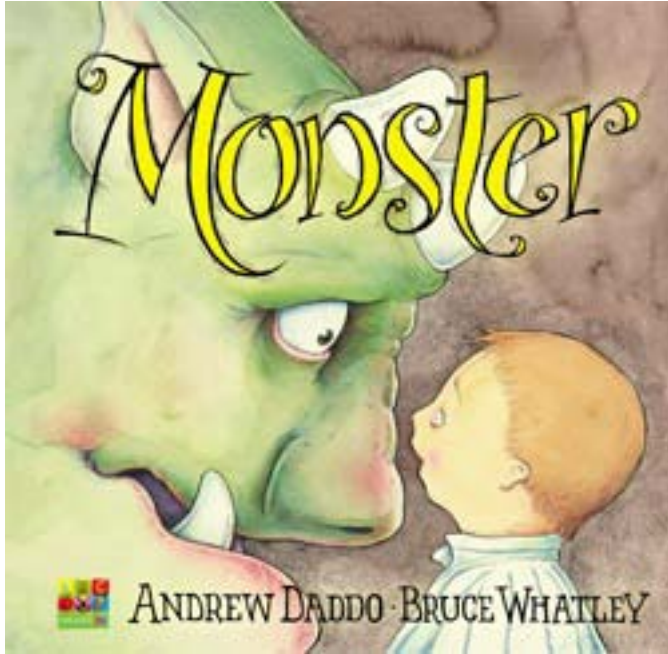
David Richardson has worked in advertising and film. This is also his first book.



MONSTER

Andrew Daddo, illustrated by Bruce Whatley

PICTURE BOOK



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 & Bruce Whatley
- Author has popular website: 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.

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*.

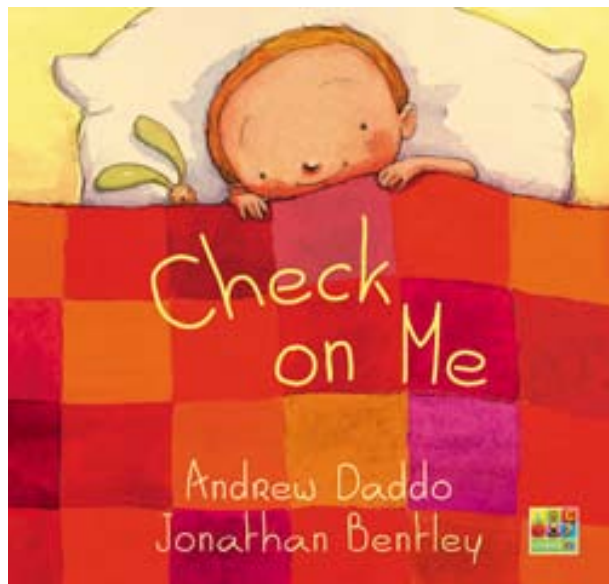
MONSTER

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

CHECK ON ME

Andrew Daddo, illustrated by Jonathan Bentley

PICTURE BOOK

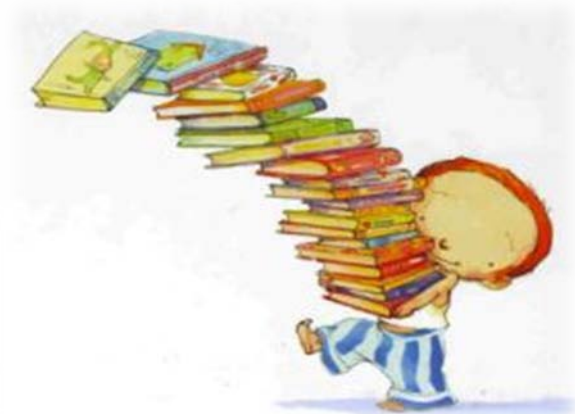


Check On Me will immediately become a family bedtime favourite!

A kiss, a cuddle, a drink.
And a story - but not just one from a book.

From the team who brought you *I Do It*, here's a wonderful way to get your own stories started. *Check On Me* will immediately become one of your family's bedtime favourites!

- A lovely addition to the night-time ritual for children who like to resist going to sleep.
- Illustrated throughout with gorgeous full-colour artwork by Jonathan Bentley.
- Author has online presence: www.andrewdaddo.com



ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

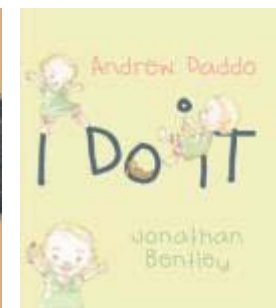
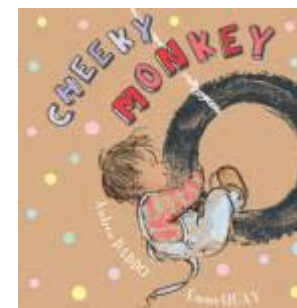
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CHEEKY MONKEY (2008)

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I DO IT (2007)

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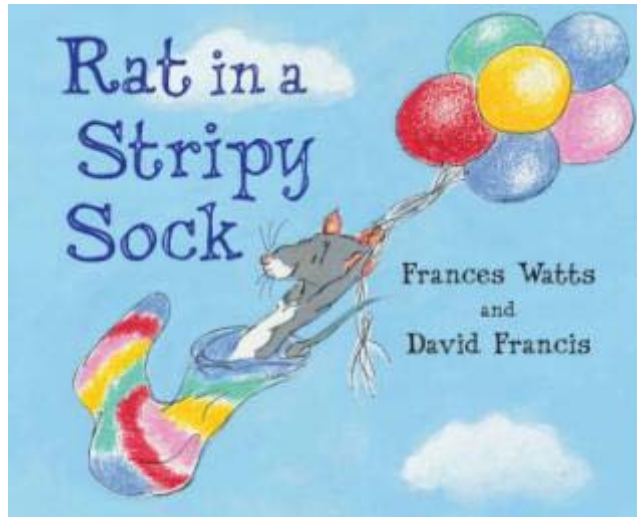
CHECK ON ME

October 2009
9780733324192
250 x 250mm HB
32 pp, full colour
World Rights

RAT IN A STRIPY SOCK

Frances Watts, illustrated by David Francis

PICTURE BOOK



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!

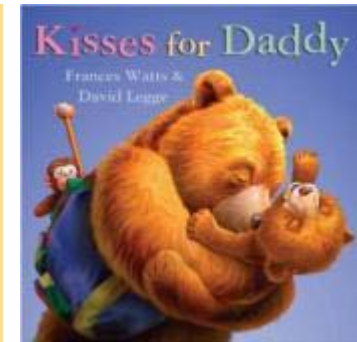
RAT IN A STRIPY SOCK

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

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.

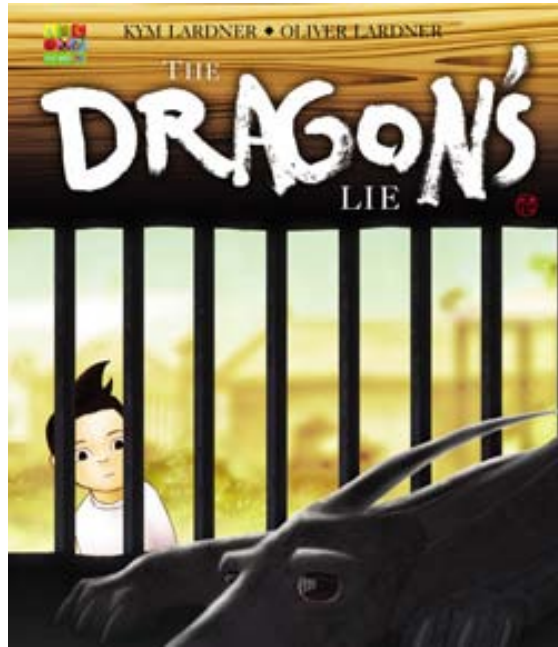
David Francis began his career as an exhibiting artist and his works are held in many collections. He illustrated the CBC Honour Book, *Ten Little Known Facts About Hippopotamuses* and collaborated with author Margaret Wild to create the much-loved *Morris the Reinbear*. This is his first book for ten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



THE DRAGON'S LIE

Kym Lardner, illustrated by Oliver Lardner

PICTURE BOOK



DRAGON'S LIE

March 2010
9780733325229
255 x 215mm HB
32 pp, full colour
World Rights

This simple but beautiful picture book conveys a powerful message about friendship and personal freedom.

In a zoo in ancient China, a young boy visits the dragon's cage to ask why a once-powerful creature is now too lazy to fight for his freedom. What has become of the dragon who soared high above the mountains and whose shadow would strike fear in all who saw it? Where is the creature who could not be held by chains or temple guards? Can it be that even a fire-breathing dragon needs friendship to survive?

- Stunning, simple artwork and a beautifully depicted dragon will hold strong appeal for young children.
- Deceptively simple, *Dragon's Lie* has a vivid message about finding your place in the world, and the importance of a friend to take you there.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

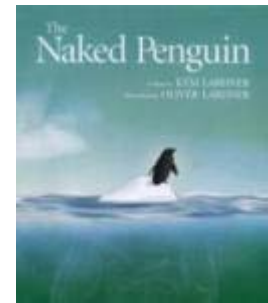
Kym Lardner is a popular Australian storyteller, performing live in Australian schools and festivals. He inspires thousands of children with his original, funny stories, songs and drawings. His previous titles include *Arnold the Prickly Teddy* and *The Coat-hanger Horse*. In 2008, he worked with his son, Oliver, on his first picture book in over 20 years, *The Naked Penguin*.

Oliver Lardner works in multimedia. His interest in illustrating emerged when his dad needed help with *The Naked Penguin*.

Kym and Oliver live in Melbourne.

THE NAKED PENGUIN

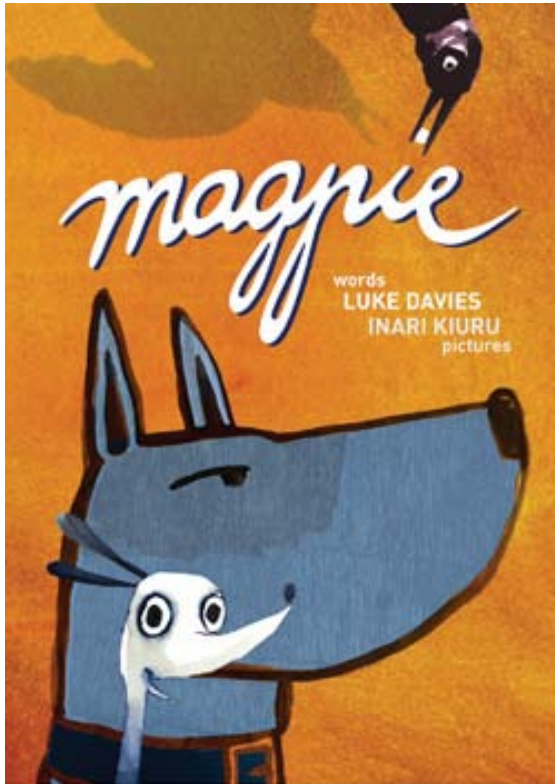
Once there was a little penguin who was different from all the other penguins. All because he has no patch of white on his chest. Nobody will play with him and all the Arctic creatures are too busy to help him. But when the penguin decides to leave his home, he starts to notice that there are other animals who are different too. And the little penguin learns life's most important lesson...



MAGPIE

Luke Davies, illustrated by Inari Kiuru

PICTURE BOOK



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.

For ages 5-7.

- *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:

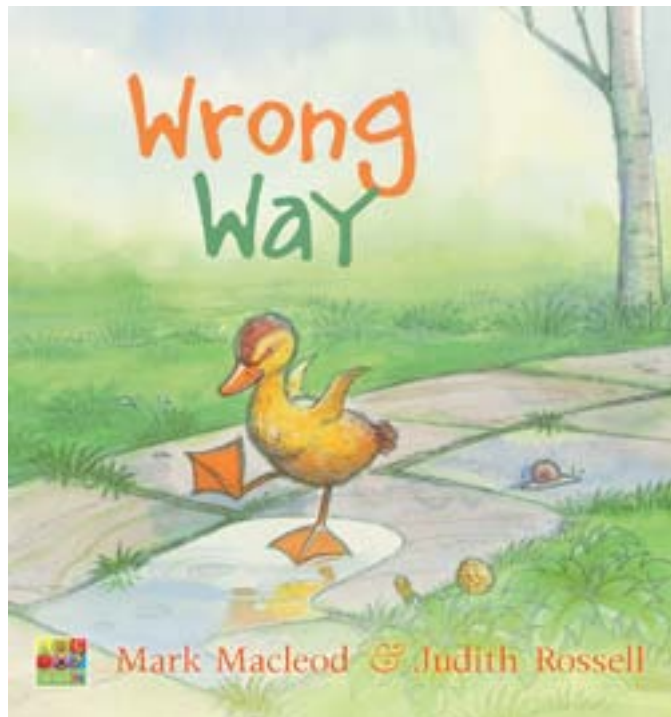
Luke Davies is the author of three novels, including the cult bestseller *Candy*, which was shortlisted for the NSW Premier's Literary Awards in 1998 and, most recently, *God of Speed*. A film version of *Candy*, starring Heath Ledger, was released in 2006. Davies was awarded the Philip Hodgins Memorial 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.

WRONG WAY

Mark Macleod, illustrated by Judith Rossell

PICTURE BOOK



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

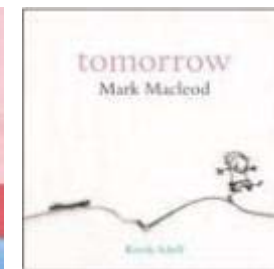
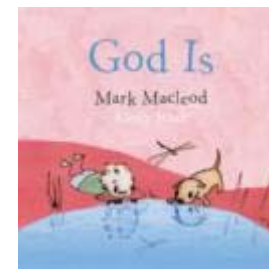
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244 x 244mm hb

32 pp, full colour

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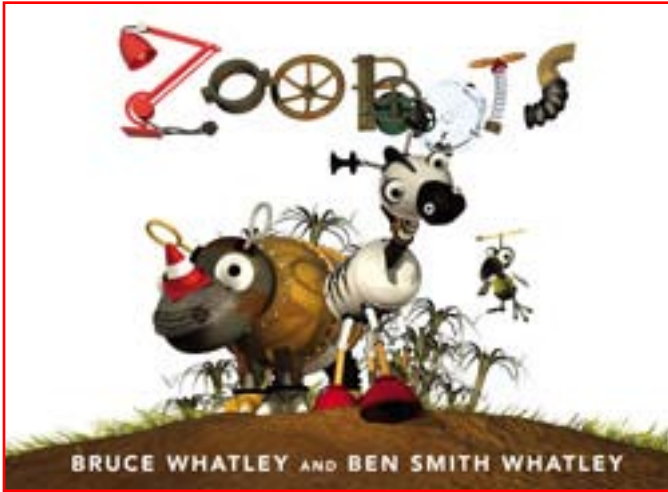
Ages 4-7.



ZOOBOTS

Bruce Whatley with Ben Smith Whatley

PICTURE BOOK



These crazy creatures are not your normal zoo animals!

Zebo and her friends, Hyde and TC, live in Junk Jungle, which is a scrappy kind of place that is filled with things that look like other things! Zebo likes her friends very much, but she longs for another friend - one who isn't as big as her best friend Hyde and one who isn't as small as her other best friend TC. One who is just right. But where can Zebo find such a new friend?

Making new friends can sometimes be hard to do - unless you live in Junk Jungle, which is filled with things that can be turned into other useful things - like a new friend!

Award-winning illustrator Bruce Whatley has created a wonderful picture book that celebrates the joy of friendship and the imaginative fun of recycled art.

- Fresh and intricate computer-generated artwork
- A delightful celebration of the joy of friendship
- Bruce is the illustrator of several bestselling Jackie French picture books including *Diary of a Wombat*
- Timely recycling theme that will fit in with preschool and primary school curricula

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Bruce Whatley is one of Australia's best-loved and most-respected author/illustrators. His books consistently appear on CBCA awards lists, and he has illustrated over twenty books. His collaboration with Jackie French has proved extremely popular. This is the first project he has illustrated with his son Ben.

ZOOBOTS

March 2010

9780732284824

234 x 259mm HB

32pp

World Rights

Age 3-8

MARIELLA AND THE STARS

Selena Hanet-Hutchins, illustrated by Michelle Pike

PICTURE BOOK



MARIELLA AND THE STARS

August 2009
9780733323393
225 x 210mm hb
32 pp, full colour
World Rights

age 4-7 years

A funny and whimsical picture book about a night of starlight and magic.

When the world around Mariella suddenly turns dark, she feels small and lost and alone. But then, in a moment of magic, she starts to dance...

- A quirky, whimsical story with great appeal for children
- Deals with the topic of imagination, which is important for young children
- Encourages children to use their own resources to change their feelings
- Author is a new and exciting voice in children's literature
- Lively, vibrant illustrations

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Selena Hanet-Hutchins has a degree in Creative Writing and a diploma in Book Editing and Publishing. This is her first picture book text.

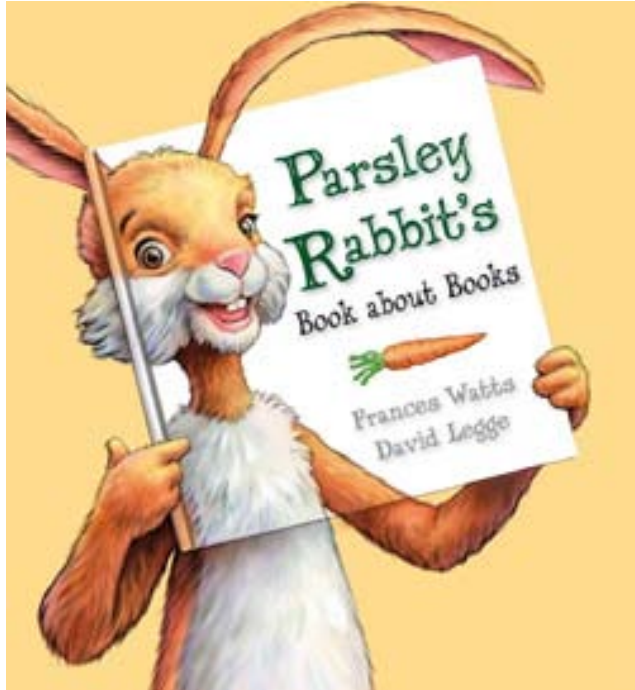
Michelle Pike originates from Western Australia, however now resides on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland. Her artwork is best known for capturing the colour and animation of the Australian lifestyle, landscape and, of course, humour



PARSLEY RABBIT'S BOOK ABOUT BOOKS

Frances Watts, illustrated by David Legge

PICTURE BOOK



PARSLEY RABBIT'S BOOK ABOUT BOOKS

August 2007
9780733321450
233 x 217mm HB
32 pp, full colour
World Rights

Age 3-7 years

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.

- An absolute treasure of a book for children from 3 - 7 years.
- Rights sold: Korea, Denmark, French-Canadian, Argentina

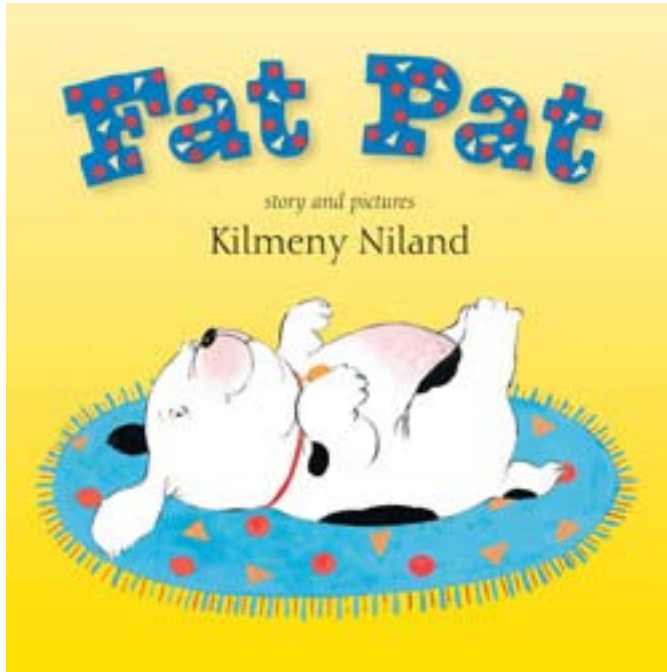
Frances Watts has worked as a bookseller, book reviewer, editor and author. Her first book for children, *Kisses for Daddy*, also illustrated by David Legge, was named as a 2006 Honour Book in the CBCA Awards in the Picture Book category. Ali lives in Sydney's inner west.

David Legge is the illustrator of many innovative picture books, including the award-winning *Bamboozled*, *Baby Boomsticks* and *Kisses for Daddy*. Not only a firm favourite with the CBC, David is a consistent winner of the Children's Choice awards throughout Australia. David lives in Sydney's west.

FAT PAT

Kilmeny Niland

PICTURE BOOK



Everybody loves Fat Pat.

He's cuddly, sweet-natured and fat. But when the vet calls him a pudgy pudden, Fat Pat is put on a diet.

After a week of small dinners, no treats and lots of exercise, Fat Pat decides to run away...

A charming tale of love and acceptance

Rights sold: Korea

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Kilmeny Niland is an award-winning Australian artist and illustrator. She grew up in Sydney and studied art at the Julian Ashton Art School. She has worked in animation, children's books, wildlife art, miniatures, portraits, cards and prints

FAT PAT

July 2008

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250 x 250mm HB

32 pp, full colour

World Rights

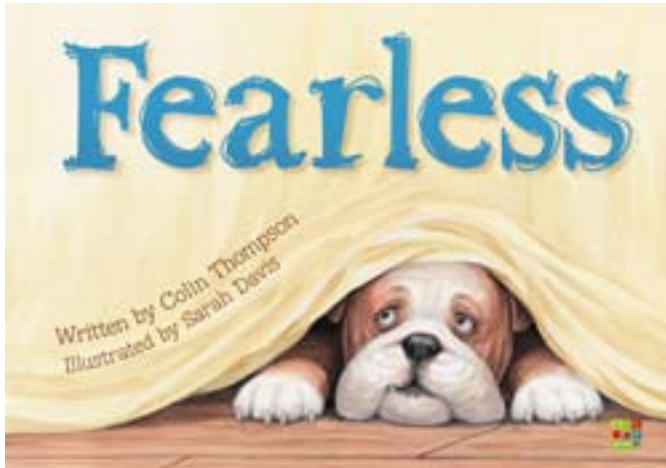
Age 3-7 years



FEARLESS

Colin Thompson, illustrated by Sarah Davis

PICTURE BOOK



The hilarious new picture book from award-winning author Colin Thompson

When a new baby is born it's difficult to tell if it will grow up to be big or small or brave or scared of the dark and spiders. So when a baby gets its name, sometimes it gets the wrong one. There are lots of people called Bruce who should probably be called Julian. There are even some people called Bruce who should be called Susan.

It's the same with dogs.

Fearless was a bulldog. Bulldogs look ferocious, so when the Claybourne-Williams, who should have been called the Smiths, got Fearless as little puppy, it seemed a good name for him.

Except Fearless wasn't.

- A gorgeous and heart-warming story of a bulldog named Fearless ... who is afraid of everything!
- Colin Thompson is an internationally recognised author and illustrator who has won many awards for his words and pictures.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Colin Thompson is an internationally recognised author and illustrator who has won many awards for his words and pictures. Most recently, his title *Dust* was awarded Honour Book in the 2007 Children's Book Council awards.

Sarah Davis is a relative newcomer to Australian children's books, although she has been exhibiting her artwork for some time. She has recently collaborated with Sue Whiting on *Dance Of The Sugar Plum Fairy* (New Frontier) and *Mending Lucille*, written by Jennifer Poulter (Lothian) for which she won the CBC Crichton Award 2009. Sarah lives in Sydney.



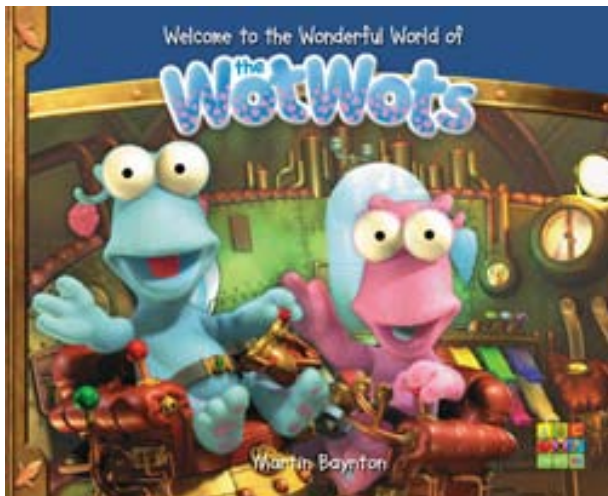
FEARLESS

October 2009
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297 x 210mm HB
32 pp, full colour
World Rights

THE WOTWOTS

Martin Baynton

PICTURE BOOK



The delightful adventures of two soft, puppet-like aliens who come to explore planet Earth in their steam-powered spaceship and land in a local zoo.

This colourful book is an introduction to the world of SpottyWot and DottyWot -- who they are, where they live, their likes and dislikes and some of their favourite stories taken from the TV series. There are also activities, comic-strips and stories for parents to share with their children.

- *The Wotwots* is ABC TV's top ranked children's program watched by children aged 0-4.
- A brilliant new pre-school property for fans of *In The Night Garden* from the creative minds of the Academy Award-winning Weta Workshop (*Lord Of The Rings*, *Jane And The Dragon*).
- Major promotions locked in with both the ABC and commercial networks.
- Great web presence, including information, promotions, games and fun activities at www.wotwots.com

WELCOME TO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF THE WOTWOTS

October 2009
9780733325472
200 x 245mm hb
48 pp, full colour
World Rights

Ages 2-5.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

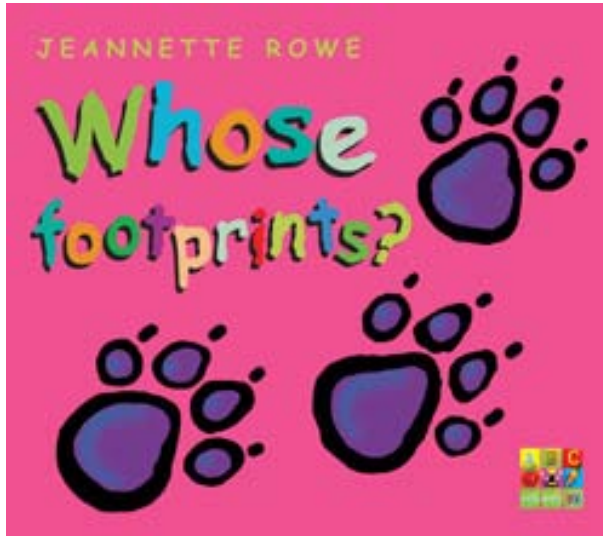
From **Martin Baynton** and the creative minds of the Academy Award-winning Weta Workshop (*Lord Of The Rings*, *Jane And The Dragon*), *The Wotwots* is a series celebrating the joy of discovery and the strange and extraordinary diversity of life on planet Earth, as seen through the innocent eyes of SpottyWot and DottyWot.



WHOSE FOOTPRINTS?

Jeanette Rowe

PICTURE BOOK



WHOSE FOOTPRINTS?

October 2009

9780733322587

185 x 210mm (landscape) pb

16 pp, full colour, with flaps

World Rights

Ages 2-5.

Another wonderful book in the best-selling *Whose* series

Whose footprints can you see?

Whose footprints can they be?

A Flip the Flap book!

- *Whose Footprints?* is a brand new addition to the bestselling *Whose* series.
- A delightful, brightly coloured for babies and preschoolers.
- Lift the flaps to reveal exactly which character has walked across each page!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Jeanette Rowe is the ABC's best-selling Australian pre-school author and illustrator. Her books have sold well over one million copies worldwide, in over 14 countries and in 9 different languages. For more than fifteen years Jeanette has been working from her Melbourne-based studio by the sea. She began her highly successful career with her award-winning book *Scallywag*.

THE OTHER *WHOSE* TITLES:

WHOSE EYES? (coming Mar 2010)

9780733322563

WHOSE DINNER? (2009)

9780733322570

WHOSE EGGS? (2008)

9780733321153

WHOSE WINGS? (2007)

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WHOSE BELLY? (2007)

9780733321467

WHOSE FAMILY? (2006)

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WHOSE POO? (2005)

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WHOSE TEETH? (2004)

9780733314902

WHOSE TAIL? (2001)

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WHOSE BABY? (2000)

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WHOSE FEET? (1998)

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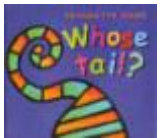
WHOSE EARS? (1998)

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WHOSE NOSE? (1998)

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Backlist rights sold: US (Little Brown), Korea (various), Chinese simplified (East China Normal University Press), Sweden (Opal), Spain (Bruno), UK (Southwood), Ireland (O'Brien), France (Hatier), Japan (Dianippon)



LET'S GO WILD

Sorrel Wilby, illustrated by Michelle Pike

NON-FICTION 7-10



LET'S GO WILD:

#1 GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

9780733328244

#2 SKIN DEEP 9780733328251

#3 JUST FOR THE RECORD 9780733328268

July 2010

198 x 128mm pb

80 pp, black and white illustrations,

World Rights

For 7-10 year olds.

Welcome to the amazing natural world that surrounds us. A fun, factual, wild and wacky introduction to the animal kingdom.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

A tummy-rumbling look at what's on nature's menu. Learn all about the wild things some animals eat, how much they eat (super-size me!), the extraordinary ways some animals bring home the bacon and some of the wackiest facts you'll ever read about animals and their eating habits.

SKIN DEEP

In the animal kingdom, it's not what's on the inside that counts! Discover everything there is to know about animals and their skin - how they use it to attract, repel, hide and stay cool or warm. Fascinating and fun.

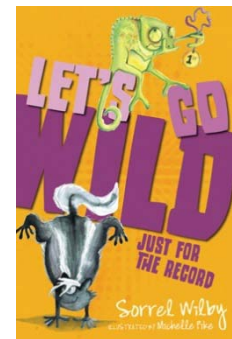
JUST FOR THE RECORD

If you think the Olympics are fantastic, wait till you read about the sporting achievements in the animal kingdom. In this world, though, there are prizes for coming dead last! Nature is truly amazing...

- A wild and wacky introduction to the animal kingdom.
- Sorrel Wilby is an acclaimed adventurer, filmmaker, author, photographer and artist

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

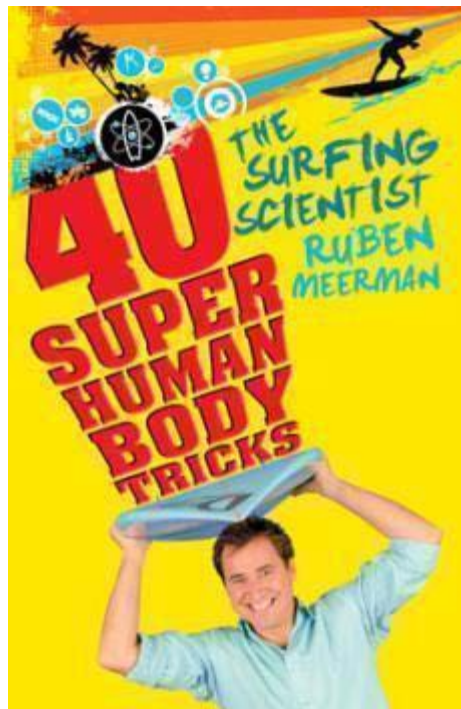
Sorrel Wilby is an acclaimed adventurer, filmmaker, author, photographer and artist. Her career to date includes a long list of achievements including: the world's first complete traverse of the Himalaya, a 17,000km solo bike ride throughout Asia and other extreme feats. Sorrel has published numerous books recounting her journeys and was also a roving reporter for high-profile tv show *Getaway* for over eight years. Sorrel lives on Norfolk Island with her family.



THE SURFING SCIENTIST

Ruben Meerman

NON-FICTION



THE SURFING SCIENTIST: 40 SUPER HUMAN BODY TRICKS

August 2009

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210 x 135mm pb

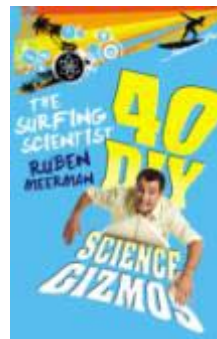
112 pp, black and white illustrations,
World Rights

Amaze your friends and gross out your family!

40 new super scientific, super human body tricks from the Surfing Scientist.

Super cool author and Surfing Scientist Ruben Meerman is back with 40 Super Human Body Tricks that will reveal your inner superhero. All you need is your body, some household items and an appetite for fun science experiments.

- No special equipment needed, step-by-step instructions and photos provided.
- The Surfing Scientist's TV program is ranked #1 for 5-9 year olds across Australia
- Over 600,000 students and teachers have already participated in Ruben's creations in Australia and the UK with more in the pipeline
- A highly illustrated design concept



ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

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

THE SURFING SCIENTIST: 40 COOL SCIENCE TRICKS

new edition Feb 2010
9780733328138

THE SURFING SCIENTIST: 40 DIY GIZMOS

new edition Feb 2010
9780733328145

THE SURFING SCIENTIST: 40 SCIENCE MINDBENDERS

August 2010
9780733325700

KIDS CAN CLEAN

Shannon Lush

PRACTICAL



Kids CAN clean with Shannon Lush, every parent's best friend.

It's true -- kids CAN clean! And if anybody knows how to make it happen, it's the Domestic Guru, Shannon Lush. This illustrated book for children covers everything from removing the squashed banana in your schoolbag, to tidying up your bedroom, personal hygiene (or why you should take your finger OUT OF YOUR NOSE), to cleaning up after your friends.

Cleaning can be fun with Shannon Lush and her simple but effective tips for children of all ages.

- Includes photos and illustrations and written in a lively, bubbly style to appeal to children aged 7 and over.
- Over 10 000 copies in print
- Previous adult cleaning books have sold over 650,000 copies in Australia and New Zealand.
- *Spotless* rights sold to US, UK, Italy, Brazil, Norway, Slovenia

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Never stumped for an answer to a domestic disaster, radio personality, wife, mother and grandmother **Shannon Lush** became a 'surprise' celebrity in late 2005 with the publication of her first book *Spotless*, co-written with Jennifer Fleming. Shannon is now a household name. She appears regularly on tv and radio programs in Australia and New Zealand and she contributes advice columns to several newspapers and magazines.

KIDS CAN CLEAN

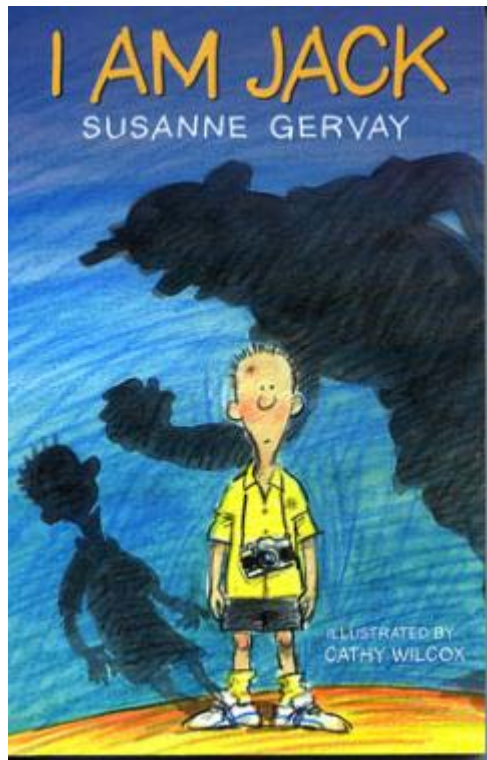
December 2009
9780733324130
178 x 128mm pb
96pp
Rights: World

Age 7+

ALWAYS JACK

Susanne Gervay

YOUNGER READERS



Previous title cover

ALWAYS JACK

October 2010

9780732290207

198 x 128 mm pb TBC

128pp TBC, b&w illustrations

Age 8+

Another of life's complications hits Jack, hero of the classic book on school bullying *I am Jack*

Jack's journey continues.... the long-awaited sequel to *I am Jack* and *Super Jack*.

Jack's life seems to get more complicated as he gets older, and this year's a doozy. His mum and sister wants to call their new house Sunflower, his friendship with Anna might be turning into something more, and his mum and her partner want to get married!

But overshadowing all that, his mum finds out she's sick - and it's going to take all Jack's humour and courage to deal with it.

A funny and touching look at the effect of breast cancer on families.

I AM JACK addresses bullying in schools while remaining accessible and entertaining for younger readers. Jack likes going to school. He enjoys learning new things. George Hamel calls Jack, "Bum Head". All the kids at school call Jack, "Bum Head." Jack's in Big trouble...school is getting dangerous. Nobody seems to want to listen. Until one day.....

SUPER JACK: Instead of having to contend with bullies, Jack must contend with his family in this sequel to the bestselling *I Am Jack*.

Families are made up in all sorts of ways nowadays and it takes a holiday with their new family for Jack and Leo to work out their differences and for Jack to realise just how lucky he is to have such a great family.

- Offers young readers real solution to their problems, as they watch Jack contend with the world – bullying, blended families and now, his mother's breast cancer
- Award-winning author
- Over 20,000 copies of *I Am Jack* sold in Australia
- Rights sold (backlist titles): N America, Korea (Jinsun)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Susanne Gervay is an award-winning Australian author and a specialist in child development. Her much-loved and bestselling *I Am Jack* is becoming a classic on school bullying, reaching adults and children alike. Susanne's books have earned awards ranging from the Children's Book Council of Australia's Notable Books list to the Family Therapy Awards.

Cathy Wilcox has twin careers as cartoonist and illustrator of children's books, and has been shortlisted in the CBCA Awards three times

SUSANNE GERVAY BACKLIST

YOUNG ADULT FICTION



THAT'S WHY I WROTE THIS SONG (2007): A coming-of-age story about an all-girl rock band in search of love, life and independence. The book explores the lives of four very different teenage girls – Pip, Karen, Angie and Irina - and their relationships with their fathers, and how that impacts on their relationships with each other and their lives. All this is set against the music scene and the girls' passion for and involvement with it, from rock concerts, weekend music festivals and the girls' own rock band – Not Perfect. The girls' band will be performing publicly for the first time at the mid-year school concert. As the girls prepare for the concert, they must also deal with boyfriends, family, school and their own friendships.

- An innovative mix of narrative, music and lyrics that sits perfectly with teenage girls.
- A recording of the songs by Tory is downloadable from the web.

'Gervay writes from the heart...This book has fantastic energy to it...Gervay's descriptions...encompass all the senses so evocatively.'

The Sydney Morning Herald

Age 12+ • World Rights Available

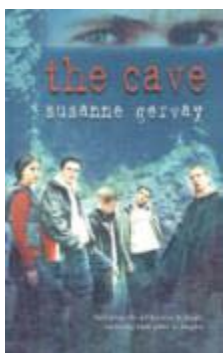


BUTTERFLIES (2001): Coping with severe burns, the hospital and doctors is not easy when all you want to do is be a teenage girl.

Katherine was severely burnt in an accident when she was two years old. Now 17, she lives with her mother and 22 year-old sister. Their father left the family when they were very young. Katherine still needs regular skin grafts. This is a moving and well-written tale of emotional and physical damage and Katherine's need to overcome her fears. It is a positive story of individual strength and family love. Whether a person is physically damaged or 'perfectly normal' life still has to be lived and the story of Katherine and her friends relates to all teenagers.

- Highly Commended for the Older Readers in the Australian Family Therapists' Award for Children's Literature 2002

Age 12+ • World rights available



THE CAVE (2002): A compelling and confronting book that examines what it means to be young and male in the 21st century. An important book that is guaranteed to stimulate debate and discussion.

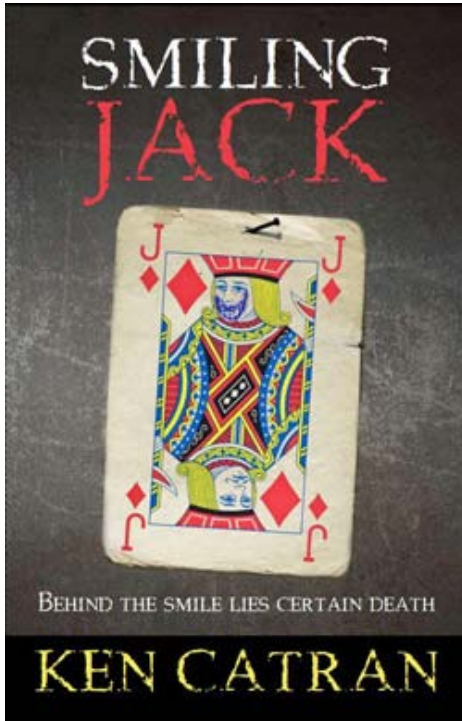
For Sam and his schoolfriends the compulsory school camp is a time of great testing and endurance. Not only do the boys have to struggle with tough mountain climbs and canoeing trips, but there is the final descent into the cave - the ultimate test of all. And all of these physical challenges are accompanied by hot days, freezing cold nights, inadequate and badly cooked food, no washing facilities and plenty of flies. It's no wonder this experience is a living hell for most of the boys, especially since there is a lot of bullying and nastiness to contend with as well. For Sam this particular camp becomes a personal journey of growth as he grieves for his beloved dead grandfather and searches for his own masculine identity. *The Cave* is a young adult novel that questions the traditional forms of masculine rites of passage and challenges the reader to consider alternatives. As the boys endure the seemingly endless hardships of the camp, they question who they are and what they hope to become.

Age 12+ • World rights available

SMILING JACK

Ken Catran

YOUNG ADULT FICTION



SMILING JACK

June 2010
9781869508128
210 x 135mm PB
256pp TBC
World Rights

Behind the smile lies certain death...

There's something wrong with this picture. Robert lives in a small, prosperous rural town where his father is a respected and trusted pillar of the local community and financial advisor to the eccentric but essentially harmless community of Atenists who live nearby.

When Robert's father and uncle are killed in a road accident his comfortable world rapidly begins to unravel. With so much to deal with, he barely thinks about the evil grin on the Smiling Jack, a playing card found at the site of the accident. Until the next death, and the next, when once again Jack's leering malicious grin is found nearby.

As Robert realises he never knew his father, those people his father betrayed turn against him, and he is forced to look deep into the shadows that are closing in if he is to get out alive.

- A classic whodunnit with a startling and unexpected twist
- Accomplished YA author Ken Catran presents a dark and brooding murder mystery - a real page-turner that will have you looking over your shoulder like Robert, desperately trying to second guess Smiling Jack...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Ken Catran has written professionally for 30 years, beginning in television. He now writes YA fiction, and has published close to fifty books: history, war fiction, thrillers and science fiction, published internationally. Winner of nine writing awards, he is the 2007 recipient of the Margaret Mahy Award for services to children's literature. Ken lives in South Canterbury

NINA OF THE DARK

May 2009
9781869506650
210 x 135mm PB , 304pp
World Rights

Against the forces of evil and night, who will stand true?

Slave-born, fated to seek a terrible truth from lost centuries, her only allies are a thief, a giant and an ancient prophecy.

Together, they must seek answers to shrouded mysteries and resolve the fate of their world . . . but first they must survive a haunted landscape of monsters and ruthless lords.

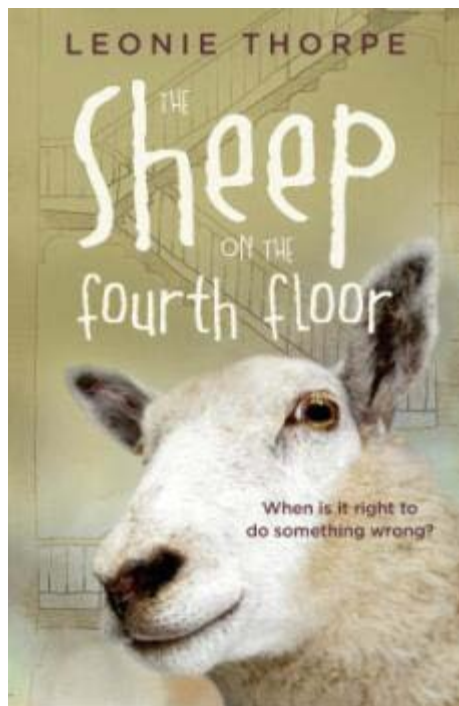
She is Nina of the Dark...



SHEEP ON THE FOURTH FLOOR

Leonie Thorpe

YOUNG ADULT FICTION



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.

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

ARCIE SAVES THE DAY (2009)

9781869507220



SHEEP ON THE FOURTH FLOOR

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

Age 9-12

SHAOLIN BURNING

Ant Sang

GRAPHIC NOVEL

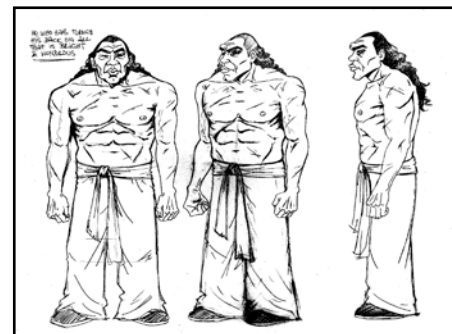
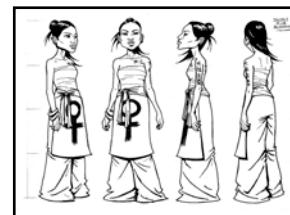


Not final cover

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 *BroTown* 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...



SHAOLIN BURNING

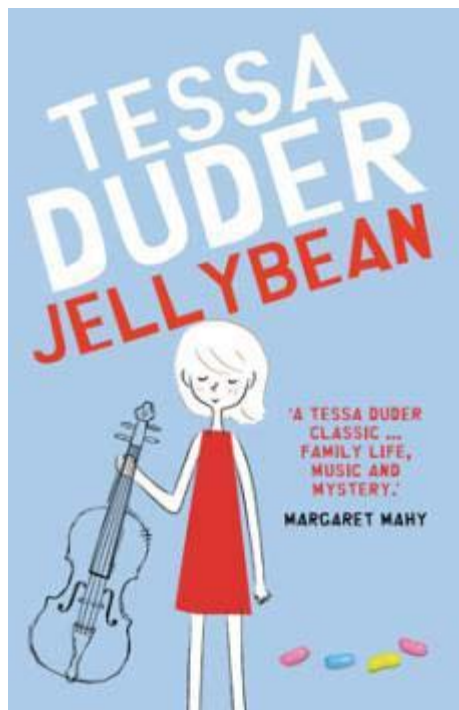
March 2011
9781869508135
229 x 165 mm PB
192pp TBC
World Rights

Age 12+

JELLYBEAN

Tessa Duder

YOUNG ADULT FICTION



JELLYBEAN

February 2010
9781869508395
198 x 128mm PB
120pp tbc
World Rights

The coming of age of a lonely girl who learns to follow her dreams

First published in the United Kingdom in 1985, *Jellybean* is one of Tessa Duder's best loved children's novels, and tells the beguiling story of a lonely girl, Geraldine, whose unconventional single mother is uncomfortably different from all her schoolmates' mothers. Her mother is a professional musician - but not even something cool like a singer or a rock star - she plays in the orchestra and occasionally in a jazz band in clubs.

Jellybean is often left to her own devices, and feels sad and neglected. When a stranger comes into their life and she finds that he is someone from her mother's past, she begins to wonder if he is her mysteriously absent father.

Jellybean also learns what she really wants, and that some things are so important to who you are, you have to make some challenging choices.

And the hardest lesson of all is that sometimes you might want to hide away, but what you need to do is take your courage in your hands and be prepared to stand up and be seen.

"...A commentary on the dedication and single-mindedness that a musician must have in order to succeed. The characters are real people who deal with real problems and who grow and change during the course of the story. This well-written novel ... should appeal not only to those interested in music, but also to children who may sometimes feel that they are not getting enough attention from or spending enough time with their parents.' *School Library Journal*

- A poignant and timeless tale that has been out of print for the last ten years, and now reissued as the author's profile builds
- Published in the US by Viking/Puffin in 1986 and OUP in the UK, 1985
- A finalist in both Adult and Children's premier literary awards in NZ at the time of its release

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Tessa Duder's literary career spans 28 years. Internationally acclaimed for her multi-award-winning *Alex Quartet* and *Tiggie Tompson* trilogy and two picture books, *A Book of Pacific Lullabies* and *Carpet of Dreams*, her awards include the Margaret Mahy Medal, the Meridian Energy Katherine Mansfield Fellowship, the coveted Storylines Gaelyn Gordon Award, Artist to Antarctica in 2007 and an honorary PhD in 2008. Tessa is also a journalist, editor, non-fiction author and biographer, with *Margaret Mahy: a writer's life*.

www.tessaduder.com

THE TOMORROW BOOK

Jackie French, illustrated by Sue deGennaro

PICTURE BOOK



THE TOMORROW BOOK

February 2010
9780732289393
250mm x 250mm hb
32pp, full colour
World Rights

Ages 4-8

From bestselling author, Jackie French comes a book about the possibilities of a greener world of tomorrow.

A timely picture book about a young prince who is determined to rule over a country where the future is filled with environmental hope - and practical solutions, such as common usage of solar and wind power.

Lively, fun and positive, this book serves to give young people information about their world and shows them that a lot of environmental solutions are simple and relatively easy to put in place.

Produced on recycled paper to reflect the message within, this is a beautiful book.

- The illustrator used only recycled materials to produce the artwork for this book - these will all be referenced in the book
- Very topical themes – great publicity angles

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.

Sue deGennaro studied film at university, learnt how to weld and draw at art school and moved to Sydney to become an aerialist/performance artist. She now lives in Melbourne.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S UNDERPANTS

Jackie French, illustrated by Bruce Whatley

PICTURE BOOK



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:

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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
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250mm x 250mm hb
32pp, full colour
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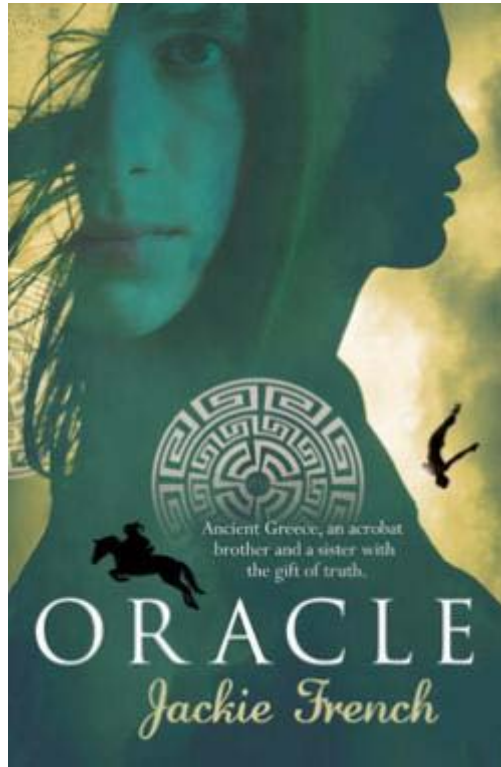
Age 4+



ORACLE

Jackie French

FICTION 10-14 YEARS



A distant and fascinating world, where the future is not always as it seems, and the King's displeasure means death...

Nikko lives in a small farming village in Greece near the stronghold of Mycenae in 1200 BC. When his sister Thetis is born, Nikko rescues her from the hillside where she has been abandoned, setting off an unforeseen chain of events.

Thetis survives the trauma of her birth, but is rendered mute, until the age of five, when the gift of speech is given to her; but she can only tell the truth, which soon proves to be a double-edged sword.

When the villagers try to double-cross the King's tribute gatherers, Nikko and Thetis are sent to the Mycenaean court to be trained as entertainers for the King. There they meet Euridice, a horse dancer from the North, and forge an enduring friendship.

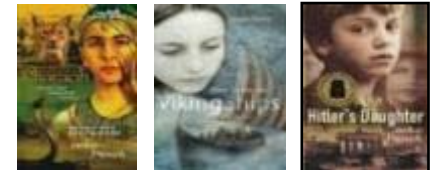
When Thetis' prophecy of disaster comes true, and Mycenae is hit by an earthquake, she disappears. Nikko and Euridice flee in search of her.

Nikko eventually finds Thetis in Delphi, where she is now installed as Oracle, set to fulfil her destiny. But danger still lurks in the shape of the new Mycaenean king, who wants her back at court to foretell his future ...

- These page-turning stories are set against accurate historical backdrops and feature child characters young readers can relate to
- Both fascinating and historically informative.
- Widely respected, award-winning author.
- Notes, information and maps to add value in the back

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Jackie French is a full-time writer who lives in Braidwood in the Araluen Valley, via Canberra, NSW. Her book *Hitler's Daughter* was awarded the CBC Younger Readers' Award in 2000 and the WOW! Award in the UK in 2001. Most recently, her book *Pharaoh* was shortlisted for the CBC Awards in 2008.



BACKLIST RIGHTS SOLD:

THEY CAME ON VIKING SHIPS: UK (HarperCollins), USA (HarperCollins) (published as *Rover* and *Slave Girl*), Canada (HarperCollins), Sweden (Wahlstroms), Hungary (Orlandó Stúdió Kft), Germany (Arena)

HITLER'S DAUGHTER: UK (HarperCollins), US (HarperCollins), Sweden (Bonnier Carlsen), Denmark (Forlaget Carlsen), Japan (Suzuki), France (Editions Flammarion), Norway (Cappelens Forlag), Greece (Patakis), Thailand (Good Morning Publishing); Korean (BookBank); Czech (Mlada Fronta)

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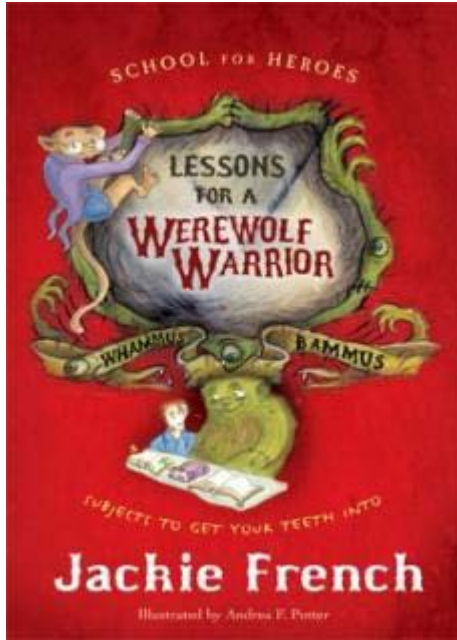
ORACLE

July 2010
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198 x 128mm
352pp
World Rights
Age 10-14 years

SCHOOL FOR HEROES

Jackie French

YOUNG READERS



#1 LESSONS FOR A WEREWOLF WARRIOR

July 2009

9780207200762

#2 DANCE OF THE DEADLY DINOSAURS

March 2010

9780732285425

198 x 128mm, 384pp

B&W line illustrations

World Rights

Ages 8-12

Werewolves, wacky creatures and lots of crazy humour – sounds like another hilarious series from Jackie French!!

Boojum Bark is a werewolf - and a hero. He doesn't really want to be a hero, but it's in the family. Now he has to go to Hero School to learn the Right Way to achieve hero status.

Werewolves are at the bottom of the pecking order when it comes to heroes - especially when they lift their legs on the doorpost and do outrageous things on stage in the middle of school assembly.

But something strange is happening at the School for Heroes. Could the school be under attack? If so, by whom? And who will protect it? Can Boojum sniff out the perpetrators?

Join the funniest assortment of strange (but heroic!) characters ever to attend one school as they try to find out what being a hero really means.

In *Dance of the Deadly Dinosaurs*, Boo, Yesterday and her troupe of dancing dinosaurs, the reluctant but gorgeous Princess Princess Sunbeam Caresse of Pewké, Mug the zombie, and Squeak the warrior mouse, head into the Ghastly Otherwhen to rescue Boo's mum.

But the Ghastly Otherwhen isn't what Boo expects.

Why do the villagers scream in horror every time Boo lifts his leg?

What excuse will Princess Princess give this time for refusing to *Wham! Bam! Pow!* the bogeys?

When will Mug get his mutant zombie spaghetti under control?

And how exactly do you dance with a dinosaur?

•A hilarious new series from Jackie French that will appeal to Terry Pratchett fans and all those who love the ludicrous.

•Excellent for reluctant boy readers.

•Black and white illustrations throughout by talented newcomer Andrea Potter

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Jackie French is a full-time writer who lives in the Araluen Valley in New South Wales. Her book *Hitler's Daughter* won the Children's Book Council's Younger Reader Award in 2000 and her bestselling *Diary of a Wombat*, illustrated by Bruce Whatley, won the Australian Booksellers' Association/Nielsen BookData Book of the Year Award. She has won numerous other awards for her books, both in Australia and overseas, and they have been translated into over twenty-one languages.

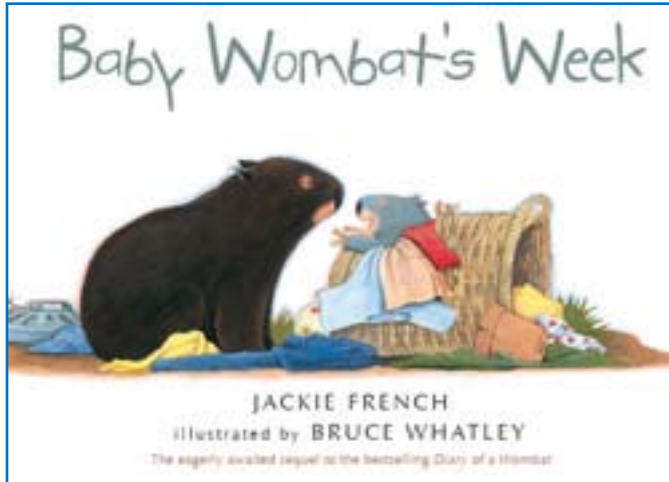
Andrea F Potter is an artist and illustrator who lives in Tasmania. This is her second book.



BABY WOMBAT'S WEEK

Jackie French & Bruce Whatley

PICTURE BOOK



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.

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BABY WOMBAT

October 2009

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203x235mm 32pp HB

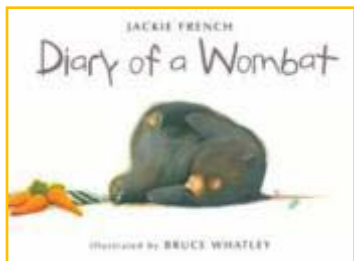
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Ages 3-7



JACKIE FRENCH & BRUCE WHATLEY BACKLIST TITLES

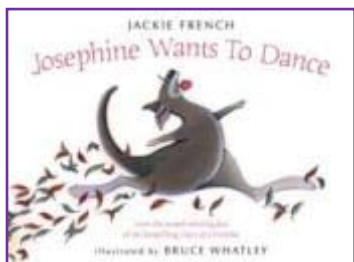
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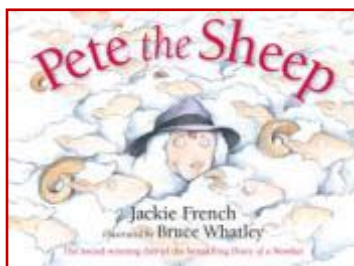
DIARY OF A WOMBAT: Here, in the words of one unusually articulate wombat, is the tongue-in-cheek account of a busy week; eating, sleeping, digging holes . . . and training its new neighbors, a family of humans, to produce treats on demand. This entertaining book, with its brief, humorous text and hilarious 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*



PETE THE SHEEP: Sean is a shearer and instead of a sheepdog to help him, he's got a sheep sheep – Pete. Jackie and Bruce have created the perfect combination of words and illustrations in this irreverent look at the world of sheep shearing. *Also available in a board edition*



PRAISE FOR *DIARY OF A WOMBAT*:

'Hilarious yet realistic...a sublime balance' *School Library Journal*

'Whatley's acrylic vignettes...provide the perfect counterpoint to French's deadpan narration ... Readers ... will laugh out loud at the wombat's antics.' *Kirkus Reviews*

RIGHTS SOLD:

***Diary of a Wombat*:** US (Houghton Mifflin), Canada, UK (HarperCollins), Italy (Salani Editore), Germany (Gerstenberg Buchverlag), France (Albin Michel Jeunesse), Korea (Better Books), Japanese (Hyoronsha), Chinese (simplified) (King In Culture)
***Emily and the Big Bad Bunyip*:** UK (HarperCollins)
***Josephine Wants to Dance*:** North America (Abrams); UK (HarperCollins); Korea (Bookhouse)
***Pete the Sheep*:** US (Houghton Mifflin), UK, Canada (HarperCollins), Indonesian (PT Bhuana Ilmu Populer)

WOMBAT, EMILY, JOSEPHINE, PETE:

220 x 160 mm 32pp HB/PB
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DIARY OF A WOMBAT board book
PETE THE SHEEP board book
JOSEPHINE board book
220 x 159 mm, board, 32pp
Rights: World

MONSTROSITY

Janice Marriott

YOUNG READER FICTION

How can one boy cause so much trouble?

You know life is tough when:

- you've been put up for sale on the internet
- your hair-drier's been sabotaged with a giant bug
- **your brother is called Monster!**

The world's greatest trickster, Brewster (aka Monster) creates havoc wherever he goes.

Brussels sprouts, mohair jumpers, innocent kittens, veggie gardens, sisters - especially sisters . . . nothing and no one is safe from Monster's practical jokes.

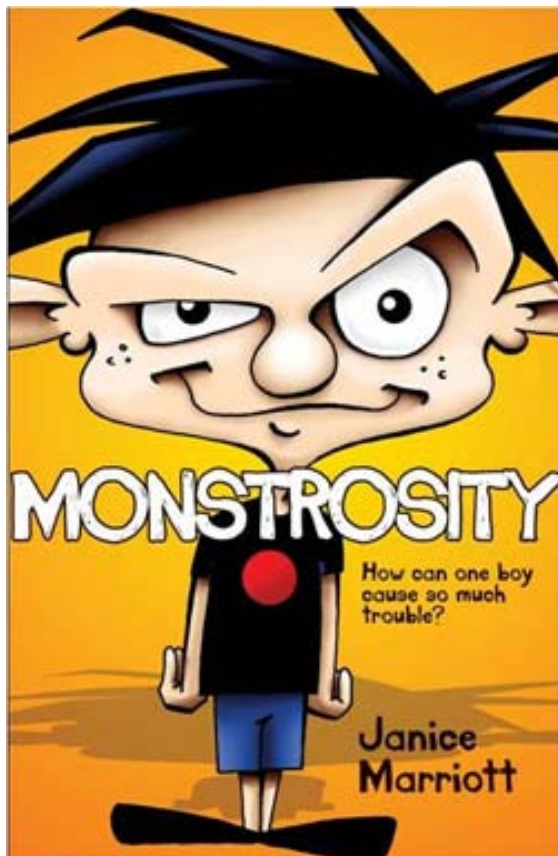
But the time has come to tame the Monster and straighten him out. Are the family, school, tough-love neighbour, and terrifying Aunt Mildew up to it? Or will Monster manage to give them the slip?

By popular demand Monster and his mayhem are back, with a storm of tricks and trouble to delight another generation of naughty children.

- The author has knack for capturing the sense of humour of nine year old boys - her funny and infuriating Monster has them rolling in the aisles
- Ideal for reading aloud or for reluctant readers - especially boys, although any older sister will appreciate 'Sis' and her revenge!
- Originally published as four separate stand-alone books (1997), they are now published for the first time as a single integrated novel - modernised and combined into a single story, retitled and rereleased for the enjoyment of another generation of naughty children.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Janice Marriott is an award-winning children's author, of both fiction and non-fiction, most recently winning the 2007 NZ Post Junior Fiction award for *Thor's Tale*. Janice lives and works in central Wellington.



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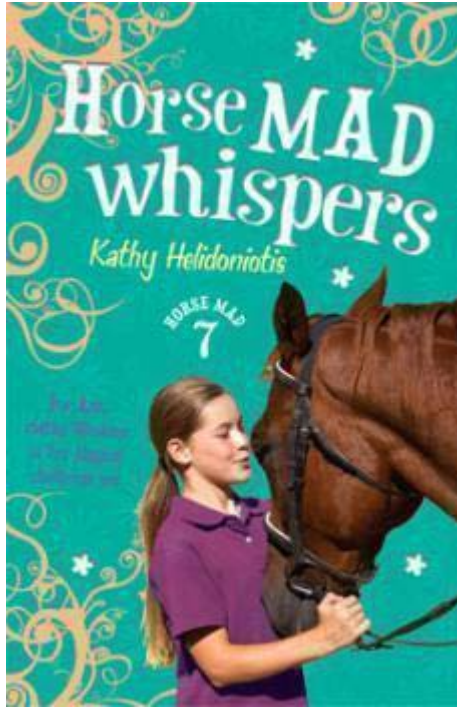
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HORSE MAD WHISPERS

Kathy Helidoniotis

OLDER READER FICTION



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.

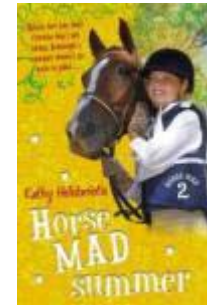
But her friend Becky is desperate for help - the land that Shady Creek Riding Club uses has been earmarked for development and lots of the boys have quit horses for football. Ash, Becky and Pree come up with a brilliant plan - starting a polocrosse club and kicking off a regional competition. Will it 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
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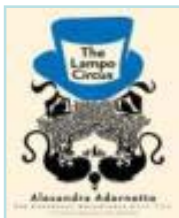
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Alexandra Adornetto was only thirteen when she wrote her first book, *The Shadow Thief*, followed by two other titles. She has won various awards for her writing and in 2006 won the State Legacy Public Speaking competition. Her future aspirations are to work full time writing novels and screenplays, while also pursuing a career as an actor.



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