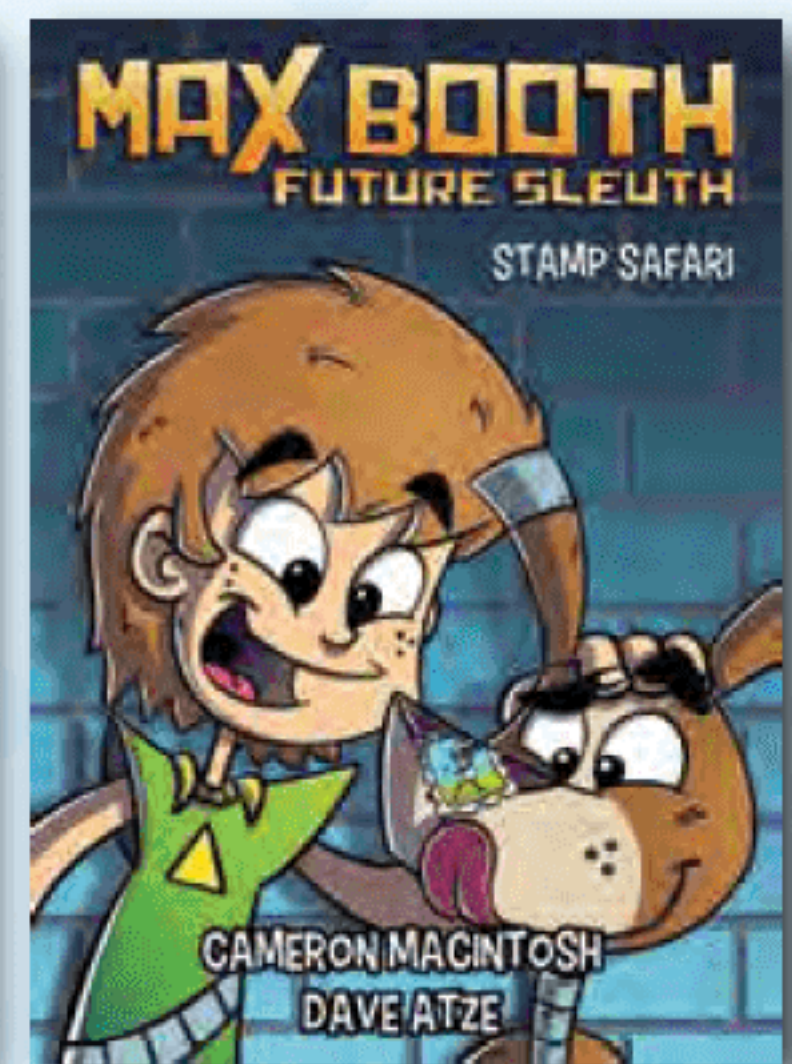
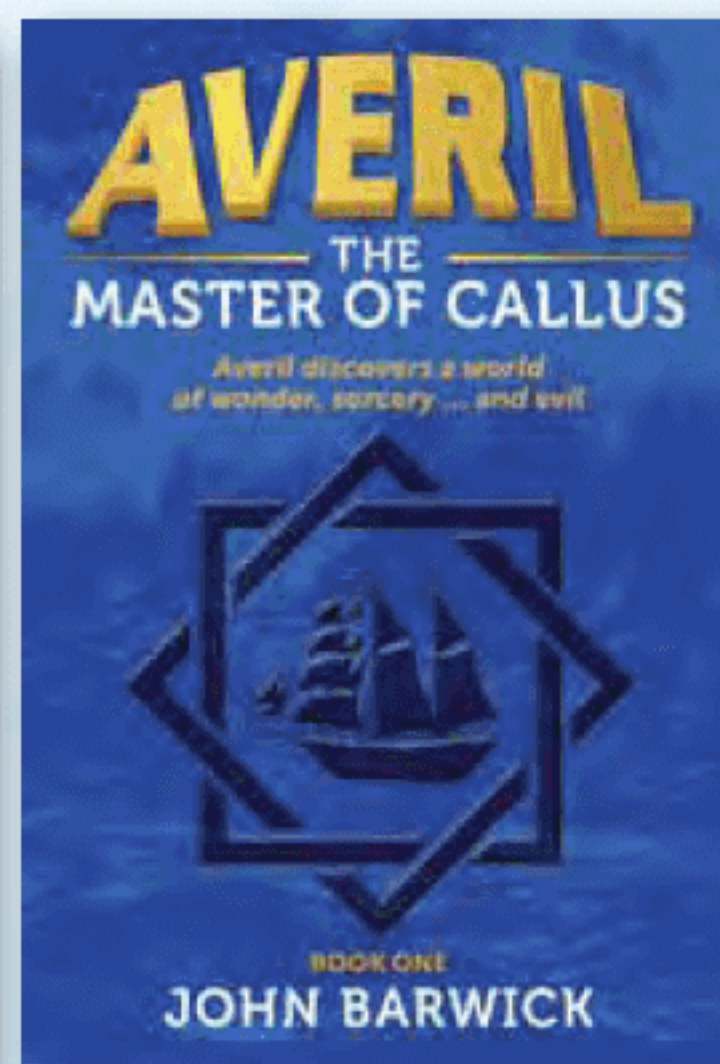
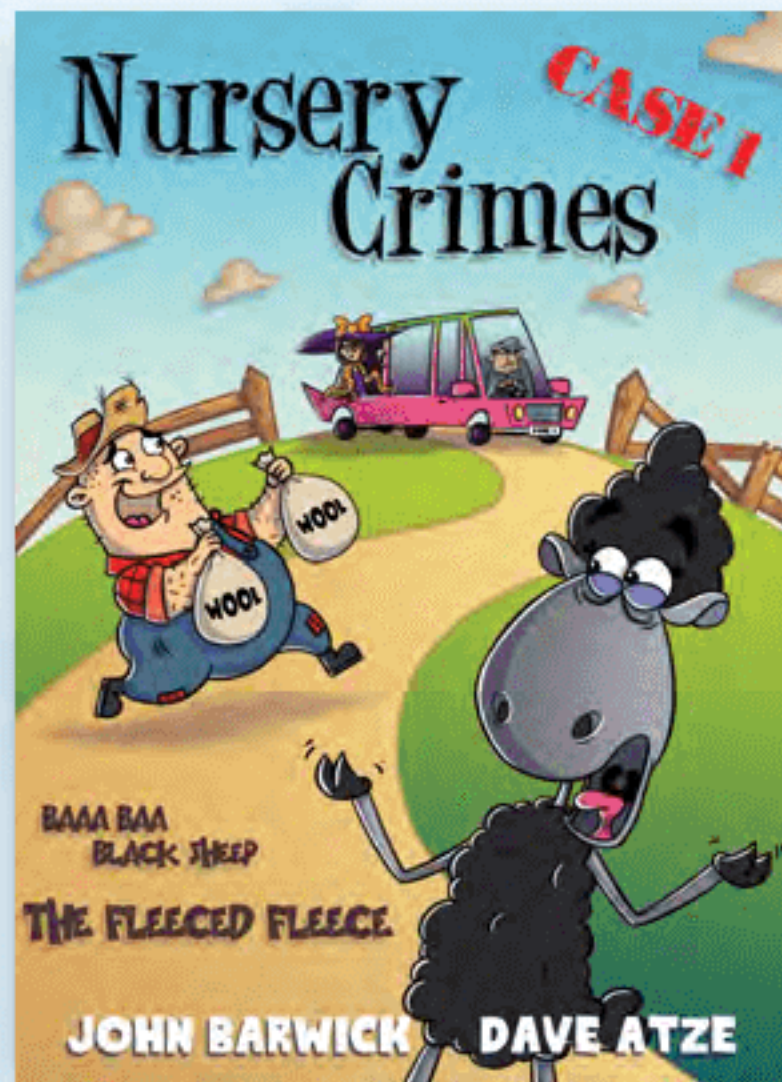
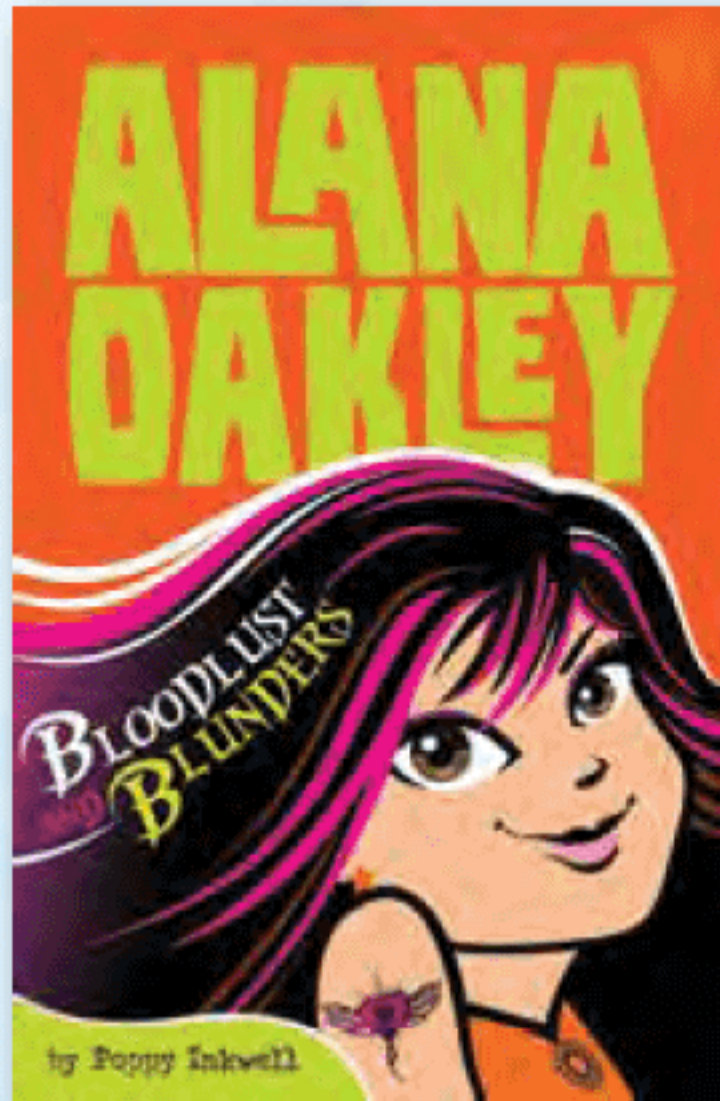


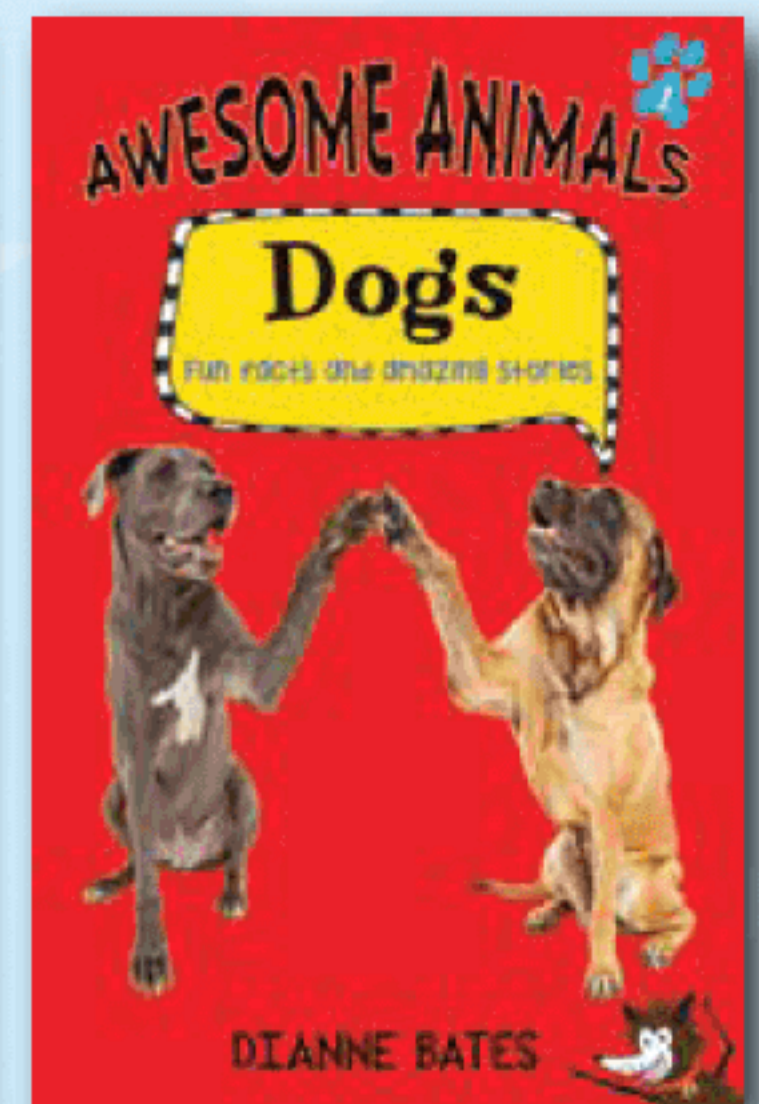
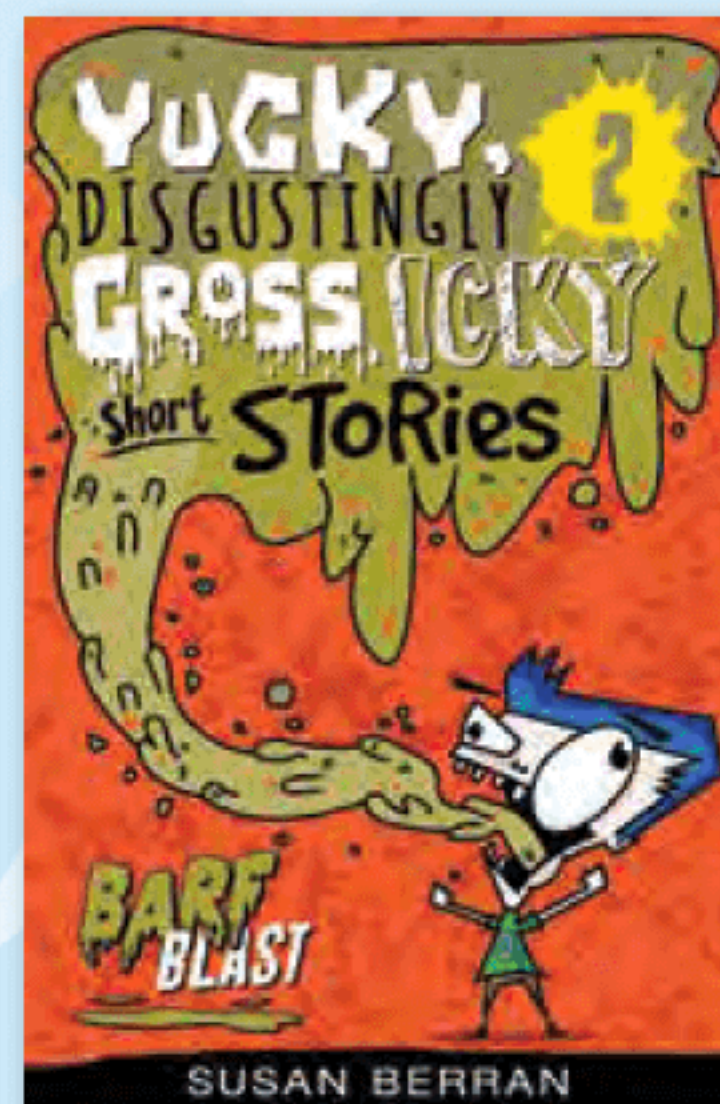
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About the series

A delightful series featuring Ginnie & Pinney and their friends. Their daily social interactions, concerns and decisions pose dilemmas that model positive self-identity and behaviours: selflessness, persistence, sharing, inclusiveness, responsibility, accepting difference and learning to say sorry.

About the Author and Illustrator

Penny Harris is a multi-national and international award-winning animator, author and multi-media developer. She has worked with the Australian Children's Television Foundation, Film Victoria as well as a number of Australian universities and institutions.

Winnie Zhou has a Masters of Multimedia Design from Monash University and is a talented illustrator and multimedia developer. Winnie lives in Melbourne and has worked closely with Penny to develop the series.

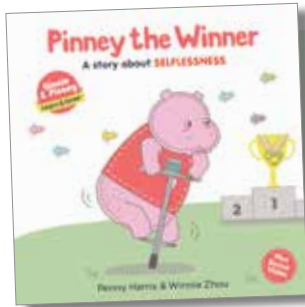


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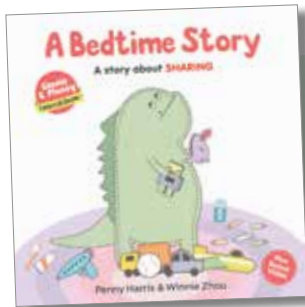
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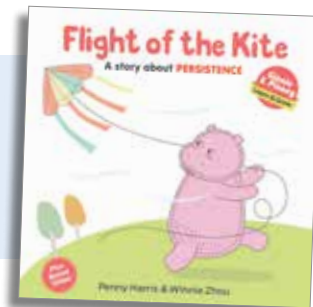
Pinney the Winner - Selflessness - ISBN: 978-1-922265-78-4

It is sports day and Pinney is determined to win a chocolate medal. But when his close friend, Ginnie, has a fall, Pinney has to make a decision. Will he stop and help Ginnie or continue on to win the last race? Is winning that important? What will Pinney do?



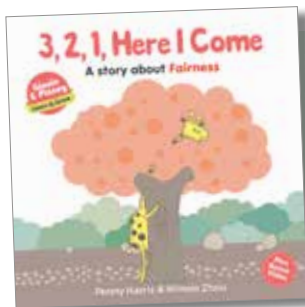
Flight of the Kite - Persistence - ISBN: 978-1-922265-76-0

When Pinney suggests making kites on a windy day, Ginnie is worried about being blown about. Whilst Pinney's enthusiasm encourages Ginnie to join in, it is also the cause of many kite-making problems for Pinney. Does Ginnie overcome her anxiety? Will Pinney finally make a kite that flies?



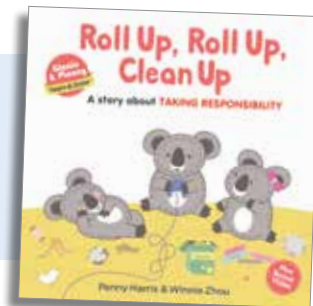
A Bedtime Story - Sharing - ISBN: 978-1-922265-74-6

Ginnie & Pinney are excited. They've invited Dodo to his first sleepover. But Dodo won't share or help. Is Dodo being a bad guest or is there a reason for his behaviour? When Dodo finally tells his friends the truth, they agree to share with Dodo. But has Dodo really learnt to share with them?



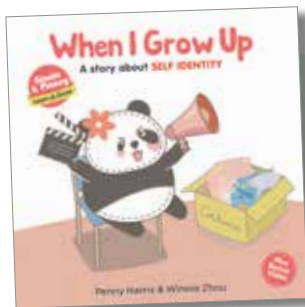
Roll Up, Roll Up, Clean Up - Taking Responsibility - ISBN: 978-1-922265-78-4

Ginnie & Pinney and their friends are discussing spring-cleaning when they notice a bad smell coming from the Koala's house. Ginnie and Pinney decide to intervene. Teaching the koalas to clean their house is a lot of fun, but when the friends leave, have the koalas learnt anything?



3,2,1 Here I Come - Fairness - ISBN: 978-1-922265-73-9

Playing Hide-and-seek is Ginnie's favourite game. But Ginnie has a problem. She is very bad at hiding and is always found first. So when Ginnie disappears and her friends can't find her, they are worried. Where is Ginnie? Is Ginnie being fair to her friends?



A Brand New Band - Inclusiveness - ISBN: 978-1-922265-75-3

Pinney is excited about putting on a concert with his friends. But when Lulu Kangaroo is excluded from joining in and the concert isn't going well, Pinney realises Lulu might have something to offer after all. Will Lulu forgive her friends and save the concert? What will Pinney give up if she does?

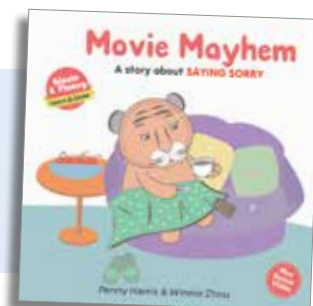


When I Grow Up - Self Identity - ISBN:

Miranda Panda is being very bossy when telling everyone what dress ups to wear to her party. Ginnie is unhappy when given a firefighter's costume. She doesn't feel brave enough to be a firefighter. Will things change when the fire truck arrives and Ginnie is asked to help?

Movie Mayhem - Learning to Say Sorry - ISBN: 978-1-922265-77-7

Tao Tiger is looking forward to a quiet night at home, but when his friends barge in uninvited, Tao is annoyed. Frustrated with their antics, Tao unfairly yells at Ginnie. The friends are shocked. Why is Tao angry? How can Tao make amends and will Ginnie forgive Tao?



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Nursery Crimes

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Pages:	114 pages
Price (incl. GST):	\$12.50

NURSERY RHYME WRITERS LEAVE OUT ALL THE BEST BITS ...THIS SERIES UNCOVERS THE SHOCKING TRUE STORIES BEHIND THE FLUFFY LEGENDS.

VILLIANS, EVIL WITCHES AND MYSTERIES GALORE! JOIN LITTLE MISS MUFFET AS SHE TAKES ON THE BAD GUYS!

KEY SELLING POINTS

- *Nursery Crimes* is a hilarious, cheeky crime mystery series aimed at children aged 6 to 12, particularly reluctant readers.
- Revisit familiar nursery rhymes from a fresh (and slightly rebellious) perspective.
- Loads of humour with a mix of irony, slapstick and word play that kids love.
- Gently deliver the perennial message of niceness triumphing over badness.
- Hilarious illustrations add to the slapstick fun!

SERIES OVERVIEW

Nursery Crimes is a riotous reimagining of seven popular nursery rhymes.

The central character in each story is Little Miss Muffet who is capable, smart, calm and practical. An amateur sleuth, she has many other hidden talents (locksmith, woodcutter, makeup artist) which serendipitously come into play to help solve the crimes.

In each story she teams up with the protagonist (Baaa Baa Black Sheep, Humpty Dumpty etc.) to solve a crime hinted at in the rhyme, but previously concealed. Other familiar nursery rhyme characters also make appearances, as well as some popular fairy story characters (who are often the villains of the piece).

Each book reveals the cover-ups and complex web of crime and corruption in each story and finally unlocks the secrets to these much-loved, but confusingly incomplete, rhymes.



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ABOUT THE AUTHOR

A successful and versatile writer, John Barwick has published about 230 titles. He started off writing funny stories for children, but then turned off to children's non-fiction and text books. His books have been shortlisted in the CBCA Book of the Year Awards and in The Australian Awards for Excellence in Educational Publishing. Recently retired as a Primary School Principal, John now writes full-time.

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A recently shorn black sheep is horrified when the farmer gives away her precious black wool. With the help of an amateur sleuth from another nursery rhyme, she soon discovers that the farmer is being blackmailed by a ruthless gang of criminals - a (Head) Master, a Dame and a very unpleasant little boy.

2. Little Bo Peep - Phone Alone | 978-1-922265-19-7 | 114pgs | RRP \$12.50 | (MARCH 2020)

While a shepherdess chats to her friends on her mobile phone, all her sheep escape. Will she find them again? And why are the butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker hiding in the bushes?

3. Humpty Dumpty - The Scrambled Egg | 978-1-922265-20-3 | 114pgs | RRP \$12.50 | (JUNE 2020)

A badly fractured egg is certain that he was pushed off the wall. But who pushed him? Together with Little Miss Muffet, he sets out to solve the mystery. They discover that his "accident" is all part of a fiendish plot to take over the King's kingdom.

4. Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat - Cat-tastrophe at the Palace | 978-1-922265-21-0 | 114pgs | RRP \$12.50 | (AUGUST 2020)

A pussy cat discovers that the Queen is in danger. The evil Lord Chamberlain is plotting to kidnap her and replace her with a wicked fairy story queen. She rushes to London to warn her. Will she and Little Miss Muffet cracks the case!

5. This Little Piggy - A Wee Bit of Trouble | 978-1-922265-28-9 | 114pgs | RRP \$12.50 | (FEBRUARY 2021)

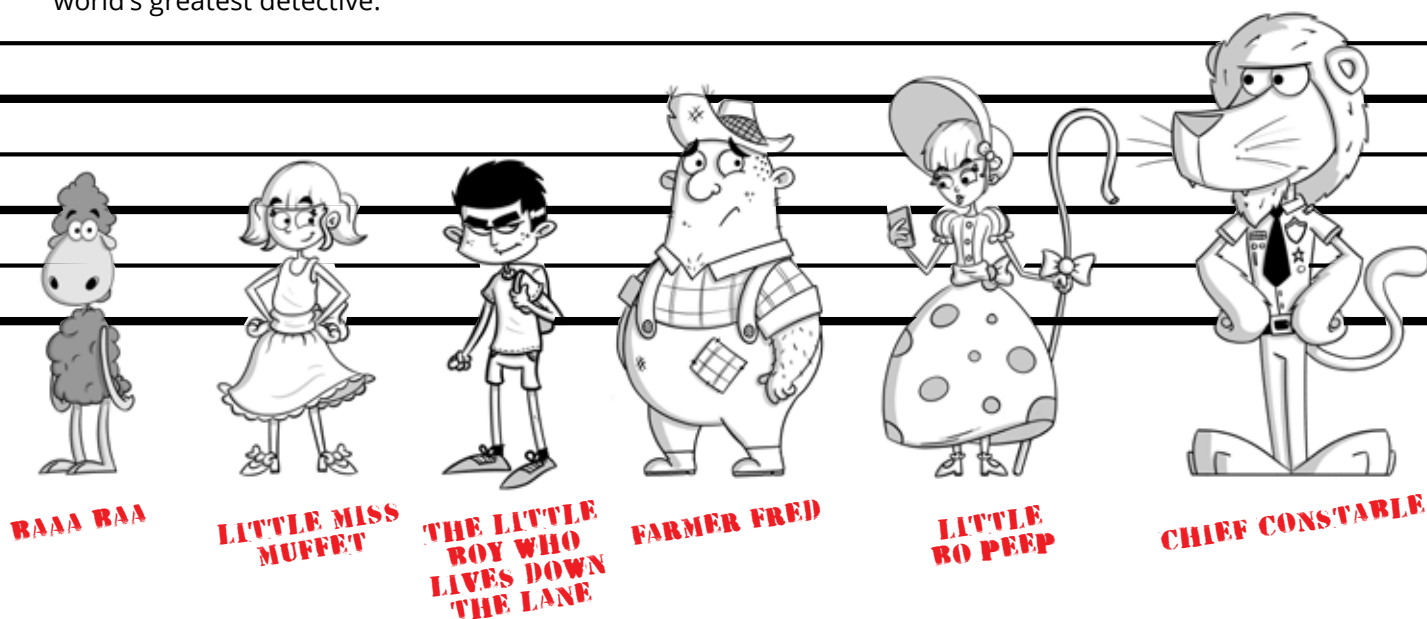
Pinkie Piggy, the smallest piggy, discovers that his four brothers and sisters aren't the innocent little porkers they appear to be. They're all gangsters. Little Miss Muffet joins him in a desperate quest to save his family from their life of crime.

6. Little Jack Horner - Plum Crazy | 978-1-922265-29-6 | 114pgs | RRP \$12.50 | (APRIL 2021)

A plum pie tester discovers that the plum pie factory he works for is really a front for a wool smuggling operation. He sets out to find who is behind the devious plan. Luckily, Little Miss Muffet is also on the case.

7. Little Miss Muffet - A Sleuth is Born | 978-1-922265-30-2 | 114pgs | RRP \$12.50 | (JUNE 2021)

Did the spider really frighten Little Miss Muffet? This book supplies the amazing answer. But it does more than that. It tells the inspirational story of a little girl's journey from lowly dairy product taster to the nursery rhyme world's greatest detective.





Author:	Jane Smith
ISBN:	978-1-922265-07-4
Publisher:	Big Sky Publishing
Release date:	A New World - April 2020
Pages:	144 pages
Price (incl. GST):	\$12.50

"This does more than acknowledge our female trailblazers. It teaches our daughters about them in a delightful and entertaining away. Gold!"

*Madonna King
author and journalist.*

An groundbreaking new time-travelling fiction adventure series that celebrates the courage and contribution of some of world's most inspiring pioneering women!

In this empowering new series feisty tween and time-traveller Carly Mills discovers how the female pioneers paved the way to help change the world. Through gutsy determination, integrity and courage, trailblazing women such as Caroline Chisholm, Dr Lilian Cooper, Dame Nellie Melba, Florence Nightingale, Amelia Earhart, Marie Curie and Miles Franklin achieved remarkable things. In each adventure, Carly and her friends learn about the past and discover how to apply their examples of dignity, kindness and courage to modern life.

Book 1 – A New World – April 2020

It's not easy coming to the city all alone when you're a young country girl. It's even harder when a strange discovery sends you back in time to 1841! Carly Mills is about to learn how dangerous Sydney can be for a lonely colonial girl ... and how hard it is to move in a corset! Caroline Chisholm tells her that kindness and friendship can make the world a better place. Could Mrs Chisolm be right?

Book 2 – Emergency! – August 2020

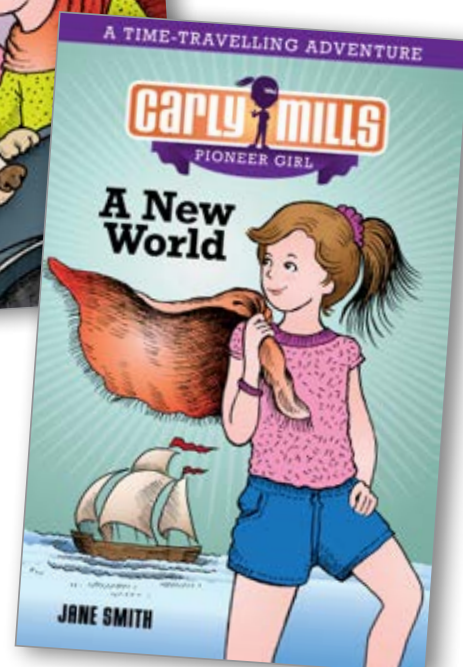
Carly learns just what it means to be strong and brave when her magical shawl takes her back to 1891 and into the path of Queensland's first female doctor, Lilian Cooper

More Books in the Series - 2021 & 2022

Superstar! - Dame Nellie Melba; The Lady with the Lamp - Florence Nightingale; Taking Flight - Amelia Earhart; X-Ray Vision - Marie Curie; Stella's Secret - Miles Franklin.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- The clever blend of fiction and history brings Australia's past to life for younger readers and will appeal to children, including reluctant readers.
- A fast-paced series full of action, adventure and dialogue featuring the true stories of the pioneering women of Australia.
- Using excellent role models depicts that with perseverance gender stereotypes and barriers can be overcome.
- Features inspirational women from all walks of life: social reformers, musicians, writers, doctors, Aboriginal activists, politicians and more.
- Jane Smith is also the author of the ABIA shortlisted *Australian Bushranger series* and the *Tommy Bell Bushranger Boy series* – longlisted in the 2017 ABIA Children's Book of the Year Awards.
- While Carly and her friends are fictional, each adventure in the series is based on a true story.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jane Smith is an award-winning author, who has children's books shortlisted by the ABIA and longlisted by CBCA. Her Australian Bushranger non-fiction series, and the contemporary and original Tommy Bell Bushranger Boy fiction series, have delighted young readers, parents and educators. Jane is a talented author, librarian, editor and historical researcher with a passion for bringing history to young readers in an easily accessible way.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Pat Kan is a talented and versatile artist, illustrator and graphic designer. He has illustrated several children's books including The *Australian Bushranger series* and the *Tommy Bell Bushranger Boy series* as well picture books: *There's a Koala in My Kitchen*, *There's a Magpie in My Soup* and *Paint with Magic*.

Sample pages from A New World

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CHAPTER 2

was so strange! And yet ... she felt more excited than afraid.

She stepped onto the road. No one took any notice of her. She took a deep breath – she was used to the smell of horse poo – and crossed the road. She wandered down the street, gaping at the sights.

'Hello there,' said a posh English voice. 'Are you lost?'

Carly spun around. A lady smiled at her. She was tall and dressed in a long, brown gown with a white lace collar and white frills at her wrists. She had pale skin and grey eyes and reddish-brown hair that hung in ringlets

side of her face. She was carrying a

A NEW WORLD



Carly squealed and sprang to her feet.

Mrs Chisholm was fumbling about in the dark, bumping into boxes and tripping on the mattress. Squeaks and the pattering of dozens of tiny feet echoed from the walls.

'Found it!' Mrs Chisholm sang, and there was a tearing sound and a flare of light. Mrs Chisholm held a match to the candle, and an orange glow lit the room.

Hordes of rats romped about in the shadows.

Carly screamed again. *Gross!* At the farm, rats sometimes got into the chicken

CHAPTER 6

them. She'd never seen them swarming about like this before.

'Aargghh!' Mrs Chisholm yelped. Two rats had dropped from the rafters onto her shoulders! She jumped and clawed at her shoulders. The little bodies fell with a *whump* onto the floor and scuttled away.



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CHAPTER 7

'Get dressed and have some breakfast,' Mrs Chisholm said. 'Then we have work to do.'

Carly picked up her corset glumly. She wondered if she could get away with not wearing it, but decided that Mrs Chisholm was too sharp-eyed to fool. She wrapped it around her middle and tugged on the laces.

'Here, let me help,' Mrs Chisholm said impatiently.

The air whooshed right out of Carly's lungs as Mrs Chisholm yanked on the laces. 'Thank you,' Carly squeaked in a tiny voice. Then she stepped into her dress and Mrs Chisholm helped her do it up, which was a relief, because there were so many buttons to fasten. How she wished she could have just thrown on a t-shirt and pair of shorts!

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Magnificent Mistakes & Fantastic FAILURES

finding the good when things seem bad



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Release date:	March 2020
Format:	PB 200mm x 200mm
Price (incl. GST):	\$14.99

Langley's little books with BIG messages of self-help and self-esteem are a house favourite here. Brilliant! – Good Reading

Key Selling Points

- The third book in a successful kids series, this is the follow up to the ABIA award winning children's book, 'It's OK to Feel The Way You Do'.
- Fun, simple, easy to read direct style of book that's proven to be a hit with both kids and parents.
- Resilience is one the hottest topics for parents.
- Mental Health and emotional well being are two of the biggest focal points for most schools and government initiatives.
- A book that speaks directly to kids and will become essential reading for every child.

About the Book

Josh Langley is the Todd Parr of Australian kids books.

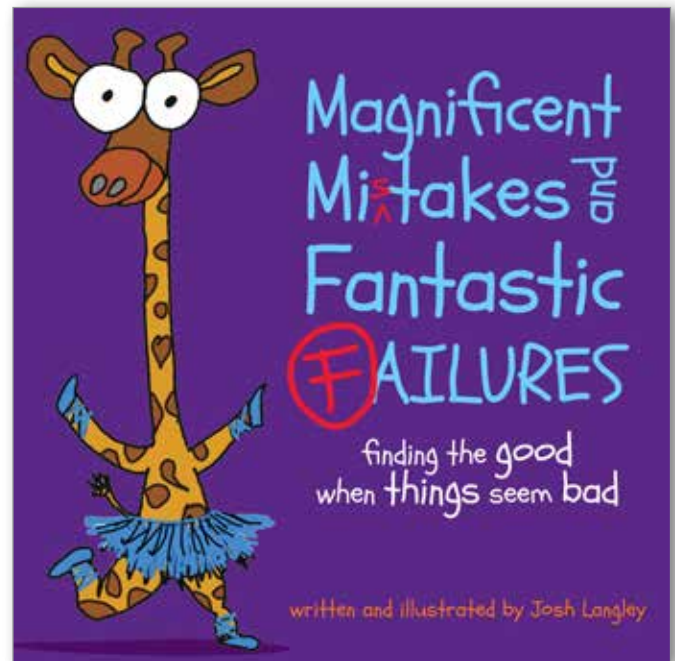
Josh Langley follows up his ABIA awarding book, *It's OK to Feel the Way You Do*, with a ground-breaking book on resilience for kids.

Back with his trademark quirky style that's adored by both kids and parents, Langley tackles the serious subject of building resilience in today's children by showing that mistakes and failures can be opportunities for learning and growth.

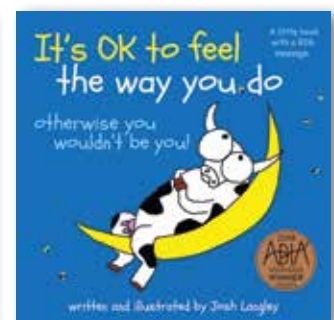
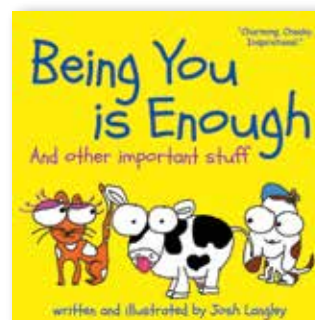
Good friends, positive self-talk, curiosity and wonder also become a perfect mix to give children a confident perspective on life and the foundations to step bravely into the world and try new things.

With mental health dominating headlines and front of mind of all parents, Langley's new book offers hope and strategies for kids to find their own inner residence and to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

This is the book on resilience that everybody wished they had as a child.



Other Books in the Series



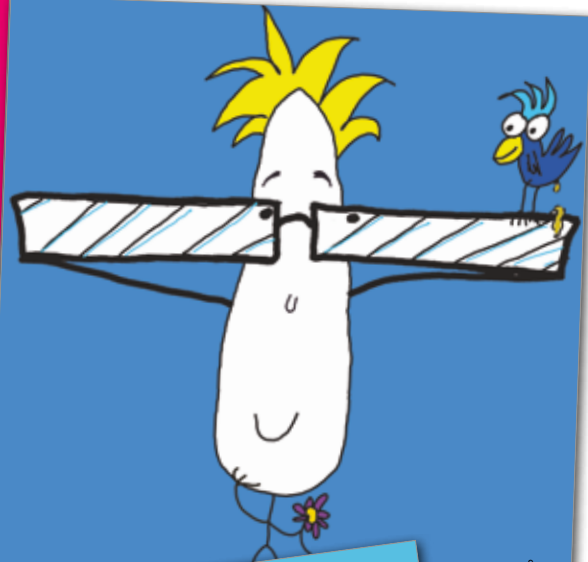
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When we learn from our mistakes, we
become better, smarter and wiser!
And because we're human, we'll always
keep making them, so there's lots
of chances to grow.

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You can learn a lot from making a mistake.
While it might not seem like it at the time,
mistakes can be surprisingly helpful!

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You'll be surprised that you're not the
only one who feels that way.
There are lots of other people who feel the
same and would love to be your friend.

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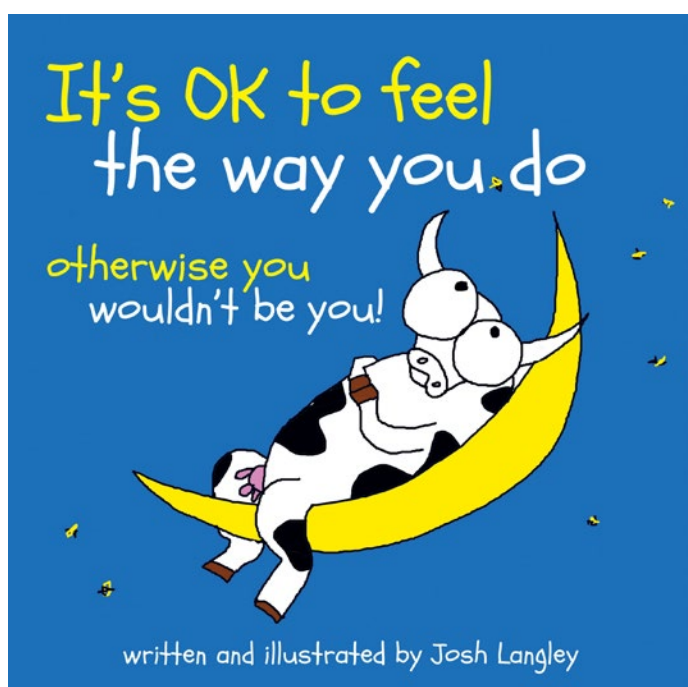
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It's OK to feel the way you do

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**"Josh Langley is the Todd Parr of Australian kids books."
"Josh Langley writes amazing, fresh, inspiring books."**

Following from the success of his groundbreaking kids book *Being You is Enough* which one reviewer called "one of the best self esteem books for kids", Langley now uses his original style to get kids to make friends with their feelings and emotions.



Everyone has feelings ... sometimes we just don't know what to do with them!

Happy, sad, lonely, angry, anxious, proud, scared – they're all feelings and emotions and they're all OK! Yes – every single one of them!

In this bright and heartening book, Josh Langley helps kids get to know and make friends with their feelings.

Bursting with simple and effective ways that kids can notice and handle difficult emotions like anger, anxiety, and loss and also rejoice in the positive feelings such as joy, empathy and happiness, this is a little book with a big message.

It's Ok to Feel the Way You Do empowers kids to understand and share their feelings so they can enjoy life a whole lot more.

About the Author

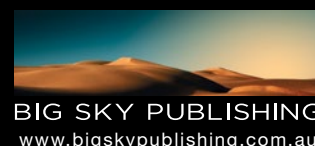
Langley overcame some twists and turns early in life, going on to become an award winning advertising copywriter and inspirational author of four picture books and two non-fiction books. His unique view on the world and story of hope has inspired thousands of people of all ages to find joy in their own lives. Langley is a passionate advocate for suicide prevention and mental health awareness. Josh says his motivation to write kids books is to help kids get to know and talk about their feelings from a young age, so we just might avoid a tragedy later in life.

Key Selling Points

- The ideal book for today's generation of primary aged kids 5 to 12 dealing with emotions, anxiety and the pressure of our modern society.
- Follow up to the groundbreaking book, *Being You is Enough*.
- A unique book for kids to help them with emotions and feelings.
- An uplifting book for kids with anxiety or learning difficulties.
- A great resource for educators to support the health and well-being component of the national curriculum, and pastoral care co-ordinators providing support in schools.

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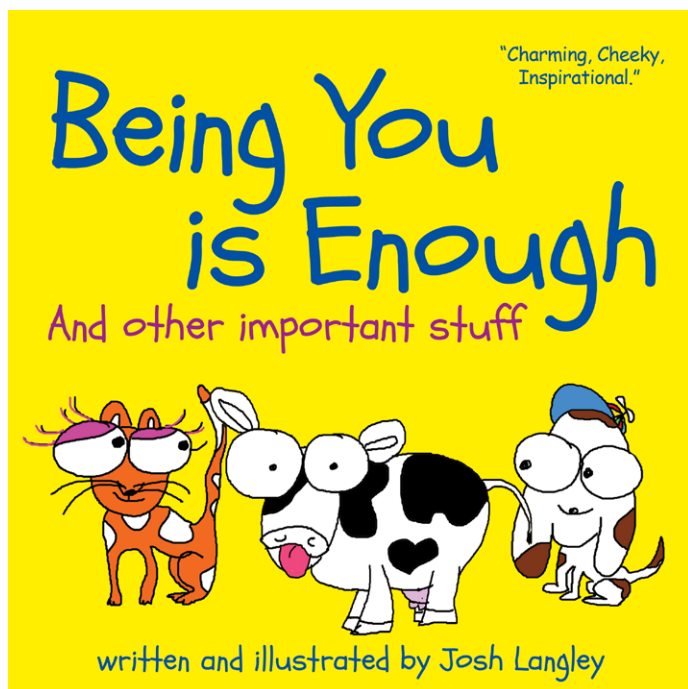
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Being You is Enough

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Key Selling Points

- A unique book for kids about developing self-esteem and being happy with themselves.
- The positive, upbeat style and quirky cartoons will appeal to children and parents alike in a fun and engaging manner.
- The perfect conversation starter for parents, teachers or children on the issues that kids may be facing.
- Suitable for children aged from kindy to middle primary, and all ages beyond!

Being You Is Enough is the perfect antidote for the pressures of being a kid in this day and age. This entertaining and refreshing book will inspire kids be themselves and stand up tall.

Kids will love the easy, upbeat style delivering deeper messages about self-acceptance, positive thinking and friendship.

This is the perfect conversation starter for parents, teachers or children on the issues that kids may be facing or trying really hard to avoid! Josh uses charming, cheeky and humorous drawings and messages to touch on topics such as:

- You don't need to fit in.
- No-one is perfect
- Everyone makes mistakes
- Always dream big.
- You are not alone.
- You are loved.



Within the pages kids will revel in the serious and silly – and – discover the importance of being brave, confident and proud – even if that doesn't fit everyone's idea of perfect. The perfect pick me-up for children.

About the Author

Following on from his fun and inspiring books about happiness, acclaimed author and illustrator Josh Langley has the heart health of his younger audience firmly in his sights.

His profound messages of listening to your heart, following your dreams and being grateful for what you already have, provide children with the assurance they need to get out there and live to their heart's content.

PRAISE FOR JOSH LANGLEY'S BOOKS

Langley reignites inspirational literature – Good Reading Magazine

Feedback from Parents

There is not nearly enough of this types of literature on the market for adults and children alike.

It's great to be able to share these life lessons with my kids.

Thank you for creating a book that is inspiring but also easy to read.

A wonderful collection of quirky, absolutely down-to earth wisdom.

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MAX BOOTH FUTURE SLEUTH



THERE'S A NEW SLEUTH IN
TOWN – HE'S **FUN, FUNNY,**
AND VERY **2424!**

Author:	Cameron MacIntosh
Illustrations:	Dave Atze
Publisher:	Big Sky Publishing
Format:	153mm x 213mm Paperback
Pages:	130 pages
Reading Age	8 to 10 years
RRP:	\$12.99

A fun and fast-moving series packed with action ... something fresh and fun.
(Kids Book Review)

It's 2424. Super Sleuth Max Booth is uncovering the secrets of mysterious 20th Century gadgets. His faithful, but slightly neurotic robodog Oscar is also on the case! But there are sinister characters and challenges along the way. Join the adventure in this fabulous series full of mystery, surprises and suspense. Ideal for reluctant readers!

KEY SELLING POINTS

- Subtle environmental themes will encourage kids to appreciate the wonder of their lives and think about the future of the planet.
- A 'light' sci-fi series that will appeal to lovers of science fiction, adventure and mystery.
- Each engaging and fun story is supported by Dave Atze's funny and entertaining illustrations.
- Engaging first-person narrative with accessible language that reluctant or less skilled readers will tackle with confidence.
- An easy to read series full of surprises and suspense.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Cameron Macintosh: was born in Melbourne and has lived there ever since. He studied Psychology and Italian at Melbourne University, and Professional Writing at RMIT. Since then, he has written more than 80 books for primary and early secondary students and edited hundreds of others. In the few minutes per week that he isn't wrestling with words on the laptop, he loves singing and playing the guitar, and reading music biographies.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Dave Atze: professional fun- haver and Illustrator of all things cute and cuddly. Commonly found sketching up a storm with his trusty K9 by his side, Dave has worked in cartoons, comics, games, toys, advertising and children's books. Dave has illustrated many children's picture books with award-winning authors.

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BOOKS IN THE SERIES



#1 TAPE ESCAPE

ISBN 978-1-925520-60-6

Max and his robo-dog sidekick, Oscar, been asked to identify an object that's baffling everyone – a 1980s cassette tape. But there's more to the tape than meets the eye – or the ears! When devious Dr Grizzlowe tries to take credit for the tape's rock-tastic recordings, Max and Oscar know they're going to need all their future sleuthy skills to put things right.



#2 SELFIE SEARCH

ISBN 978-1-925520-88-0

Max and his robo-dog sidekick, Oscar, have been handed an ancient mobile phone. It's from the year 2017, it's more than 400 years old! What's more, it's full of photos – of the same person! The photos hold a secret that could lead them to fame and fortune. Max and Oscar face the fight of their lives to keep their discovery safe from some very greedy hands ...



#3 STAMP SAFARI

ISBN 978-1-925675-36-8

A tiny piece of paper from the year 2019 might not BE very interesting to most people. But Max and Oscar aren't most people! Max has a hunch that this ancient patch of paper might be valuable, and extremely rare. It's a strange, sticky thing called a postage stamp, and it's more than 400 years old! It's an exciting discovery that leads Max and Oscar into some very sticky situations...



#4 FILM FLIP

ISBN 978-1-922265-10-4

Max and Oscar are shocked when they find a 400-year-old roll of film. They're even more shocked to discover that it still contains someone's happy snap! Unfortunately, they're not the only people who realise how rare, and valuable, this photo could be. Max and Oscar will need all their wits to ensure the photo ends up in the museum, where it belongs!

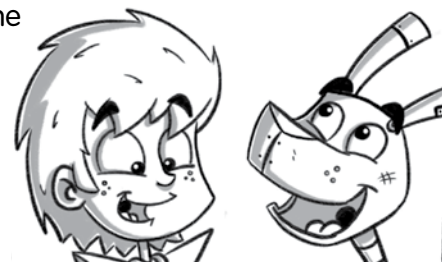


#5 CHIP BLIP (MAY 2020)

ISBN 978-1-922265-10-4

Max and his robo-dog, Oscar, are baffled by the discovery of a tiny device that looks like a grain of rice. Using their future-sleuthy skills, they figure out what it is – an ID chip that should have been implanted into a very special dog ...400 years ago! They unleash the truth of a long-lost treasure. But, Bluggsville's savviest sleuths could be hounded off the treasure trail for good.

#6 THE MAP TRAP - COMING SOON



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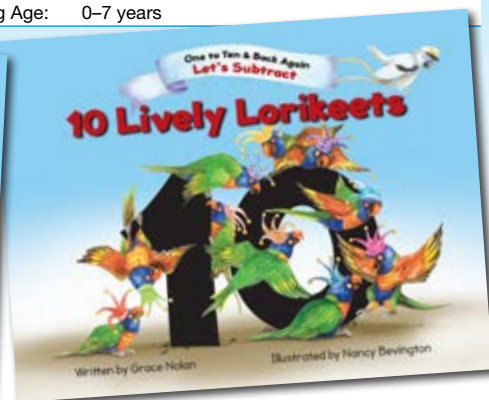
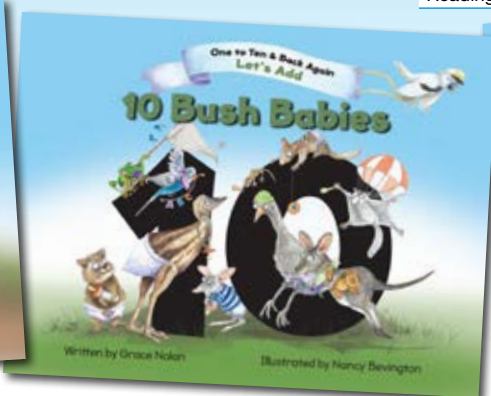
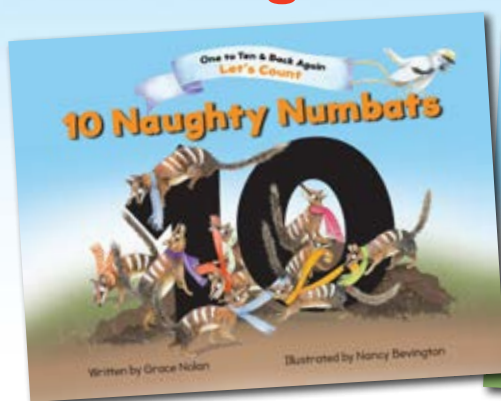
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Author:	Grace Nolan
Illustrator:	Nancy Bevington
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Publisher:	Big Sky Publishing
Release date:	March 2020
Format:	188mm x 247mm
Pages:	32
Price (incl. GST):	\$14.99 (Paperback)
Reading Age:	0-7 years

One to Ten & Back Again

Learning to Count Series



A delightful counting adventure with adorable Aussie animals!

Count! Add! Subtract!

Key Selling Points

- Delightful and engaging illustrations highlight Australian wildlife with loads of laughs and adventure.
- Fun, educational and ideal for young children learning to count to ten, uniquely advancing to simple concepts of addition and subtraction.
- A series of three attractive books that can be used independently.
- Written in rhyming verse to engage the reader and listener, to assist memory and a delight to read-aloud and join in!
- Engaging activity pages are included to reinforce learning.

About the Series

Fun and learning go together in this beautifully presented counting series *One to Ten and Back Again*. Packed with imaginative rhyming text and expressive illustrations full of life and humour to captivate the youngest of readers. Children will learn to count while learning the names of 30 different Australian animals! Books two and three provide a simple introduction to addition and subtraction from birth to age seven. The simple reinforcement activities included at the end of each book add to the fun!

Book 1 – Ten Naughty Numbats: Counting to ten is exciting and fun with ten naughty numbats and their Aussie friends. The entertaining rhyming text and delightful illustrations introduce readers to the amazing world of number.

Book 2 – Ten Bush Babies: Join the cute bush babies as they jump, run and race across the pages of this bright and colourful

picture book. This entertaining counting book introduces the concept of addition through appealing rhyming text and vibrant illustrations.

Book 3 – Ten Lively Lorikeets: Come and learn the first steps in subtraction with the happy, larking lorikeets who are busy doing flying tricks. A vibrant, captivating tale told with the help of ten different native Australian birds.

About the Author

Grace Nolan holds a Graduate Diploma of Education in Children's Literature and a Master of Philosophy. She is an experienced Primary and Secondary teacher and winner of numerous poetry and song writing competitions. Grace was also a script writer, composer and performer as well as being a reviewer for the Children's Book Council of Australia. Grace's love of nature and Australian wildlife have provided the inspiration for the *One to Ten and Back Again* series. Drawing on her extensive educational background and her enthusiasm for children's literature, Grace is now dedicating her time to writing.

About the Illustrator

Nancy Bevington is a talented illustrator and also recognised for her distinctive large-scale paintings. Her artistic career spans over three decades. Nancy has worked extensively in the publishing industry. Illustrating children's books are a real passion. She created the book series 'Mad Dog the Chef' which proved extremely popular with children and adults, both in Australia and overseas. She was also the co-developer of another popular children's book series 'Zen Tails' which has sold worldwide.

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1

One playful platypus swimming in a stream.

2

Two cute koalas having happy dreams.

3

Three cuddly kangaroos hopping up and down.

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YUCKY, DISGUSTINGLY GROSS, ICKY short Stories

A FUN, ACTION-PACKED, SUPER-SIZED, SERIOUSLY GROSS SERIES BY THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE "FREAKY" SERIES – SUSAN BERRAN

The latest book in this hilarious series will have parents running for cover, and kids screaming for more ...

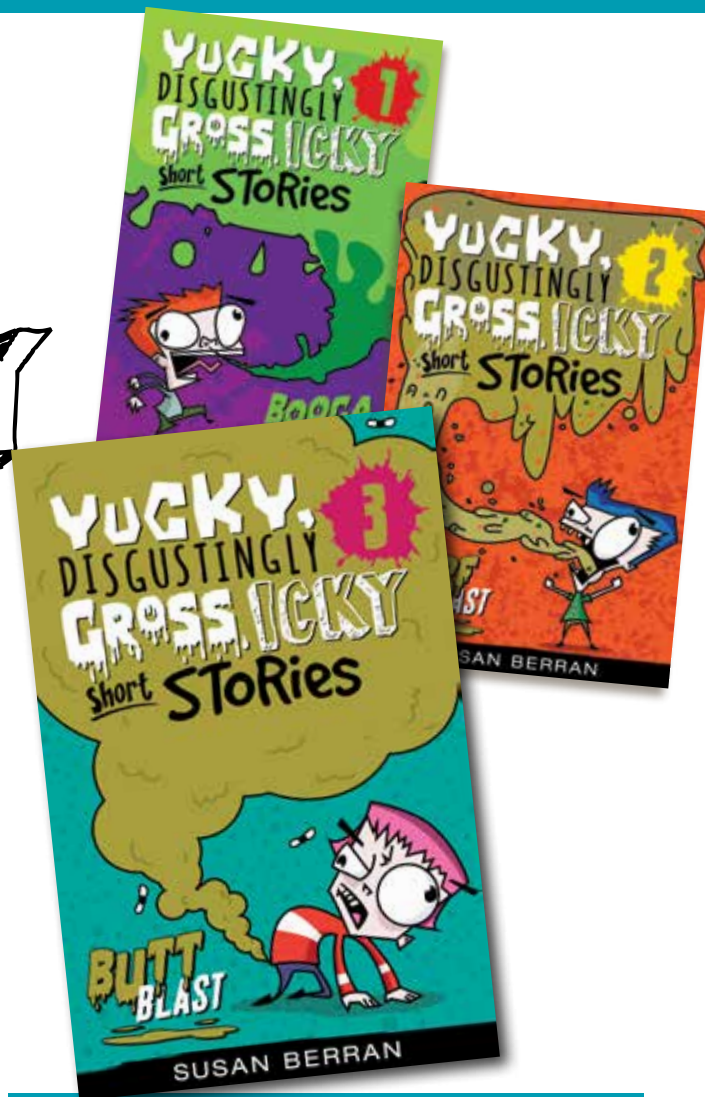
First there was Booga Blast, next we had Barf Blast and now Book number 3 in the Yucky Disgusting series is ready to roll.

Book 3 – Butt Blast – October 2018

Just when you thought it was safe ... out comes Book 3 – *Butt Blast*. Featuring hilarious stories that ponder the big questions such as, *How can my butt smell when it doesn't have a nose?* Full of yucky, gross and totally disgusting encounters, this book have kids screaming with laughter and parents shaking with dread!

About the Author

Susan Berran is a successful children's illustrator and author who loves encouraging kids to read and write. Her books are packed with plenty of fun, action and 'gross stuff' – the perfect formula to get kids laughing and reading. She is a passionate advocate for children's literacy and has a long association with various writer festivals and development programs. Her upbeat and interactive style makes her an extremely popular and in-demand author on the festival and school book promotion circuit.



Key Selling Points

- A humorous, icky, very gross series of short stories that will have kids gagging for more
- Susan Berran's unique style of humorous writing has proved hugely popular with kids; the YDG series of short stories is written specifically for the 8 – 10 year age group
- Strong appeal for even the most reluctant readers
- Susan promotes her books extensively at festivals and schools
- Supported by an extensive online and national PR campaign

Specs

Author:	Susan Berran
ISBN:	978-1-925675-80-1 (Book 3)
Publisher:	Big Sky Publishing
Format:	Paperback (197 x 128)
Pages:	160 plus
Price (incl. GST):	\$14.99

AVERIL SERIES

Author:	John Barwick
ISBN:	Averil - The Master of Callus: 978-1-925675-17-7
Publisher:	Big Sky Publishing
Release date:	April 2018
Format:	130mm x 197mm (PB)
Pages:	300
Price (incl. GST):	RRP \$14.99 (paperback)
Reading Age	10 to 13 years

Award-winning author John Barwick is back, with a captivating new series sure to delight young readers craving fresh new fantasy fiction.

Averil discovers a world of wonder, sorcery... and evil

Fourteen-year-old Averil has never been far from the small desert town of Aum. But all that is about to change.

Chosen as a novice Trader-Diplomat on her first expedition, she finds a world full of surprises. But Evil is stirring, and Averil is drawn into a battle between malevolent powers that threatens to change the world forever.

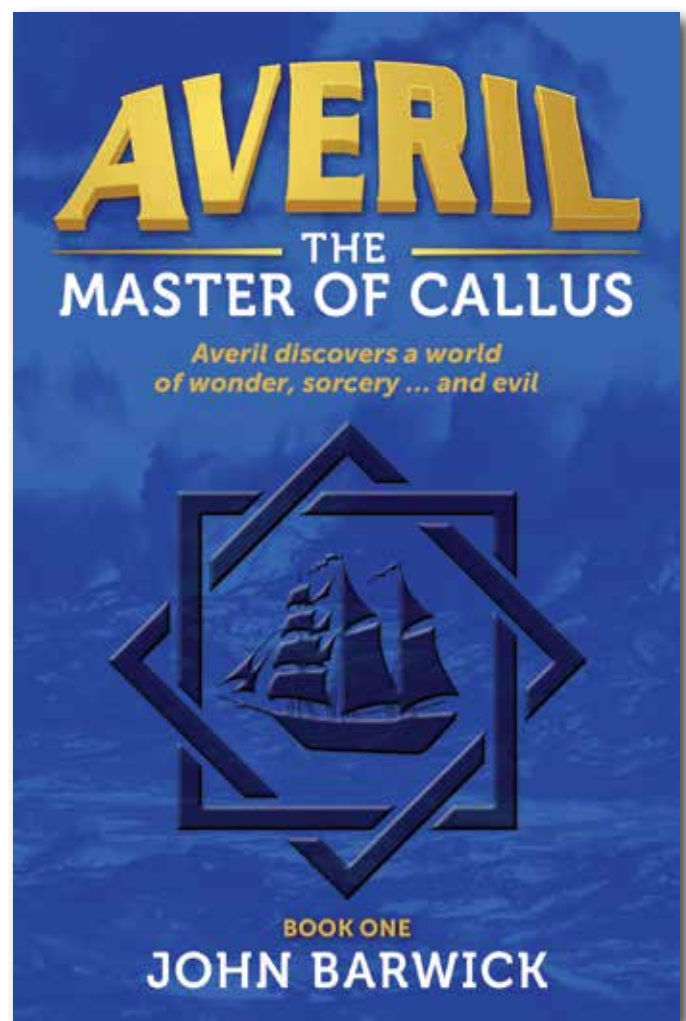
In a world of war and sorcery, Averil finds strengths and qualities she didn't know she possessed.

Key Selling Points

- An appealing new adventure fantasy trilogy set in a world of sorcery and intrigue written for children aged 10 to 13.
- Bridges the gap between middle / upper primary and junior secondary.
- The stories will appeal to both boys and girls, tapping into the strong and recurring enthusiasm for fantasy worlds
- A wonderful literary support for schools when studying global trade and international connections (an element of the Australian Humanities and Social Sciences curriculum).

Author Information

John Barwick is a widely published author of children's fiction, children's non-fiction and text books. He has published over 90 titles, and been shortlisted in the CBC Book of the Year Awards and in The Australian Awards for Excellence in Educational Publishing. Born in Moruya, NSW, he now lives on the Central Coast of NSW. His leisure interests include (unsurprisingly) writing, cycling and staying fit. Recently retired as a Primary School Principal, John now writes full-time. After two decades writing text books and information books, he has now returned to his favourite genre, writing stories to entertain and enthrall young people.



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Averil Book 2: *The Beast of Dreyon* Available October 2018

In the fast-moving second instalment of the stunning *Averil* trilogy. Averil, returning from a trading expedition, is horrified to find that the Wise Woman Warrior Metria and Averil's sister, Ludella, have been kidnapped. Averil and a small band of warriors set out to rescue them.

They find the wider world again thrown into chaos. The evil sorcerer Malidon has emerged stronger than ever, and this time not even the master sorcerer Panay is strong enough to defeat him.

Will Averil be able to convince the reclusive and mysterious Beast of Dreyon to help them?

Author:	John Barwick
ISBN:	Averil - The Beast of Dreyon: 978-1-925675-18-4
Publisher:	Big Sky Publishing
Release date:	October 2018
Format:	130mm x 197mm (PB)
Pages:	300
Price (incl. GST):	RRP \$14.99 (paperback)
Reading Age	10 to 13 years



Averil Book 3: *The Winged Spear of Iraz* Available March 2019

The stirring final book of the *Averil* trilogy finds the Taalian Alliance again threatened by evil.

The sorcerer Malidon has captured the iron forges of Suther, stemming the flow of weapons to the rest of the world. Averil, now Aum's Chief Trader-Diplomat, knows of an ancient magical weapon that might be used to finally defeat Malidon- the Winged Spear of Iraz.

But the spear is lost. Its custodian, the Beast of Dreyon, helped Averil once. Will it help her again? And what will happen in the final dramatic battle?

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*A sparkling new series full of secrets,
mystery and magical new beginnings!*

Welcome back to Mixton Bay and **Plots & Potions** the much awaited third instalment in the sparkling, magical *Little Witch* series from popular children's author, Aleesah Darlison.

"An awesome junior fiction series girls will adore ... highly addictive" - KBR

School camp promises adventure and high jinks for Courtney and her friends!

When Courtney first learns about an upcoming school trip to Bromlow Forest Adventure Camp, she's far from impressed. After all, day-long hikes, challenging rock climbs and stomach-churning white-water rafting aren't usually her go-to activities. When Courtney stumbles across the devious plans of some important people at the camp, however, she must call on some powerful potions and spells to help rescue those in danger. Drama, magic – and a miniature cat – abound in this latest *Little Witch* adventure.

Key Selling Points

- ★ Two previous titles in the *Little Witch* series have received acclaim across publications such as CBCA *Reading Time*, News Limited *Funday* Section, *Magpies* Magazine, *Oz_Lit* and more.
- ★ Fun, adventure-packed storyline with loads of laughs and quirky characters.
- ★ Accessible and engaging language and themes for young readers. Shorter chapters and easy to read language. Great for reluctant readers!
- ★ Strong, independent and unique female lead character.
- ★ Wholesome magic story with gentle elements of sweet tween/early-teen romance.
- ★ Aleesah has a strong following of young female readers just waiting for her next book.
- ★ Utterly enticing for the tween market. Young girls will love Courtney Little and will totally relate to her.
- ★ Author Aleesah Darlison travels extensively nationally across school, library, writers festivals and speaking events promoting her titles to children, parents and education leaders



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About the Author



Aleesah Darlison is a multi-published, award-winning Australian author. She has written nearly forty books for boys and girls of all ages. Her much-loved stories promote the concepts of sustainability, environmental awareness, courage, understanding, anti-bullying, love, self-belief, friendship and teamwork. Aleesah's book, *Our Class Tiger*, was joint winner of the 2015 Environment Award for Children's Literature (Non-Fiction).

Aleesah's other series for children include the *Unicorn Riders* series and the *Totally Twins* series.

Praise for the *Little Witch* Series

Mystery, adventure and spells, these fast-paced reads that are highly addictive. - Kids Book Review

"Contains a wonderful concoction of magical delight; a pinch of mystery, a splash of humour and a dash of young romance, entrancing its audience from start to finish. I'm looking forward to discovering how Courtney's self-image and identity further develop, in the next instalment of Little Witch." - Reading Time

The Little Witch series, with its themes of magic, friendship and adventure is sure to appeal to the tween crowd. Hopefully Aleesah Darlison will magic up a few more installments in this fun new series. - Buzz Words

Courtney is a fabulous role model for young girls and very relatable. A very cool new series. - KBR



Courtney Little never knew her grandmother. But with the help of a special cat and a magical book, she's going to learn more than she ever imagined.



Secrets & Spells – Book 1

ISBN: 9781925520101 **RRP:** \$14.99

Twelve-year old Courtney never met her grandmother but it seems like Delia wants to make her presence felt. Courtney's Dad isn't saying why he left Mixton Bay years ago, and the strange things that are happening in her grandmother's old house, well, they're just adding to the mystery!

When Courtney finds a mystical 'Book of Spells' with her name on the box, you could say that Courtney's boring holiday starts to get a whole lot more interesting. Add in to the mix Ink the talking cat, and her new friend, Justice, a surfer boy with a secret of his own, and this new little witch is just getting started with hilarious consequences.

Will Courtney discover what lies behind all the secrets and bring her family closer together or will she explode trying?

Hauntings & Hexes - Book 2

ISBN: 9781925520576 **RRP:** \$14.99

New home. New school. New friends. And new enemies...

The summer holidays are over. It's time for Courtney to start at her new school and settle into life in Mixton Bay. No problem. Right?

Except for the fact that Courtney is a witch-in-training so 'fitting in' isn't the easiest thing to do.

When a malevolent spirit bent on revenge is released into the world, things get dangerous for Courtney and those closest to her. Will she be able to save the day and keep her growing powers a secret?

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NO Baths Week

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Format:	230mm x 260mm
Pages:	32
Price (incl. GST):	\$14.99 (paperback) \$24.99 (hardback)
Reading Age	3-7 years

Ben and his dog, Bandit know how to avoid having baths for a whole week - or do they?
A fun story full of chaos, mess, noise and adventure as Ben and his beloved pet, Bandit avoid having baths for an entire week.

Key Selling Points

- This story uses onomatopoeia which makes it noisy and fun to read aloud.
- It incorporates a new way to explore the days of the week.
- The main character learns through creative and sensory play using hands-on indoor and outdoor activities such as finger painting, hide-and-seek games, cooking, sand-play, mud-play, water-play, and planting/growing.
- A wonderful catalyst to discuss issues such as problem solving and persistence.
- Fosters curiosity and critical & creative thinking.
- A perfect school resource with linkages to many topics in the Australian National Curriculum.
- This story incorporates an adult who steps back and lets the child solve things on their own.

About the Book

Ben and his best friend, Bandit have decided it's 'NO BATHS' week. Mum plays along but challenges them to find other ways to get clean.

Will Ben and Bandit come up with a clever plan? And will they rediscover their love of having a bath?

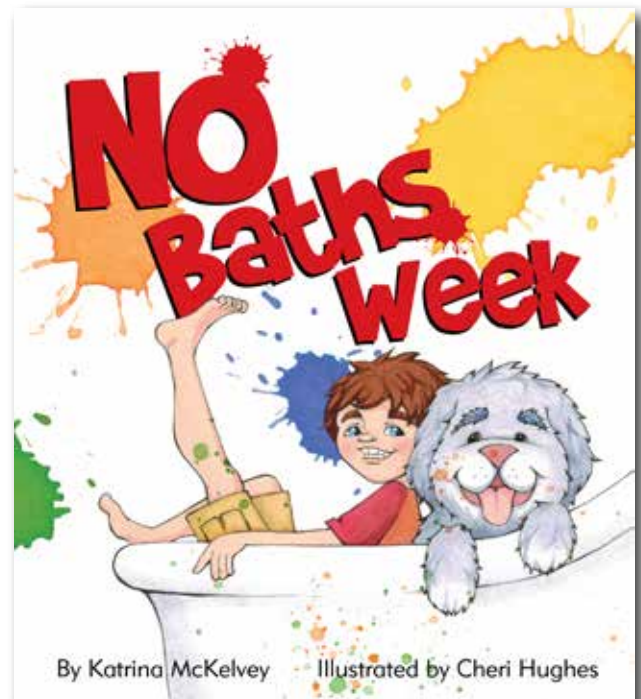
This humorous story is bursting with mess, noise, and adventure. A perfect balance of fun and chaos for anyone involved in this often loved, but sometimes dreaded, daily bath routine.

About the Author

Katrina McKelvey is a children's author, mother of two, and a former primary school teacher. She can be found on most social media platforms - just ask Google! She loves chocolate, but doesn't like chocolate cake. She's left-handed but plays sport right-handed. She loves tea, but dislikes coffee. She loves cats, but now owns a puppy!

About the Illustrator

Cheri Hughes was born in Japan and raised in both the U.S. and Japan. She studied design in Japan and specialises in illustration. Cheri has illustrated a number of gorgeous, soulful picture books including *The Forever Kid* by Elizabeth Cummings (October 2018) and *Ella Saw the Tree* and *Barnaby*. She has also worked on theatre and TV set designs.



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Kisses in your Heart

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Reading Age:	4-8 years

A bright, beautiful and empowering story to inspire little people to use the strength of love within.

I close my eyes, and always know, Mum's kisses follow where I go.

A tender and simple bedtime blessing carries all Mum's heartfelt love inside.

Her kisses rest in the heart - always there to help heal hurts, overcome fears and unlock inner courage. A beautiful and bright story for bedtime and beyond.

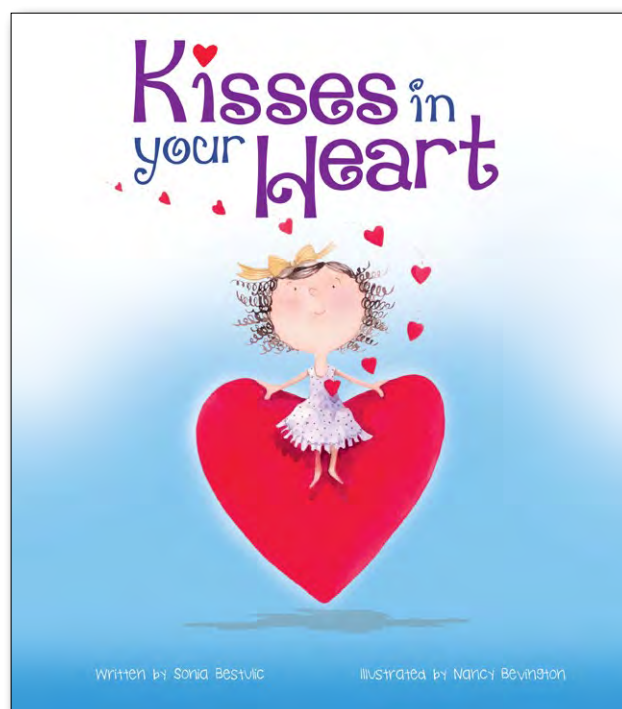
About the Book

Inspired by the heart-warming bedtime routine with her own three young children, Sonia Bestulic not only honours the love between a parent and child; her book encourages the beautifully simple, yet strongly symbolic act of placing kisses in our children's heart, to inspire bravery, courage and self-empowerment.

This delightful story is a gift for parents and children alike.

Key Selling Points

- A wonderful tool to help children manage their emotions.
- Delightful rhyming text ideal for reading aloud, reader participation and prediction.
- Ideal for Foundation to Year Two curriculum resources—Being healthy, safe and active:
 - identifying relationships that make the child feel loved, safe and supported
 - identifying and practising emotional responses
 - practising strategies to use when uncomfortable, feeling unsafe or need help.
- Minimal text with engaging and charming illustrations that capture how a simple, meaningful action can have lasting, empowering benefits.
- Ideal as an early starting point to the concepts of resilience and mindfulness.



About the Author

Sonia Bestulic was born and grew up in Sydney Australia, enjoying a childhood filled with wonderful books, a passion for writing, and musically entwined, having played the violin until her late teens, including performances at the Sydney Opera House. Sonia is Founder of Talking Heads Speech Pathology, the well-known, reputable Sydney based clinics established in 2006. A long-term advocate for children's learning and literacy, Sonia continues to write and speak when it comes to all things children.

About the Illustrator

Nancy is a talented illustrator and also recognised for her distinctive large-scale paintings. Her artistic career spans over three decades. Nancy has worked extensively in the publishing industry. Illustrating children's books are a real passion. She created the book series 'Mad Dog the Chef' which proved extremely popular with children and adults, both in Australia and overseas. She was also the co-developer of another popular children's book series 'Zen Tails' which has sold worldwide.

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Pages:	32
Price (incl. GST):	\$14.99
Reading Age:	4-8 years

A delightful picture book brimming with imagination, creativity and the zany appeal of Dr Seuss!

Paint with Magic is a comical rhyming tale of an outrageous octopus, an aspiring artist and a multitude of beautiful sea creatures that come to life.

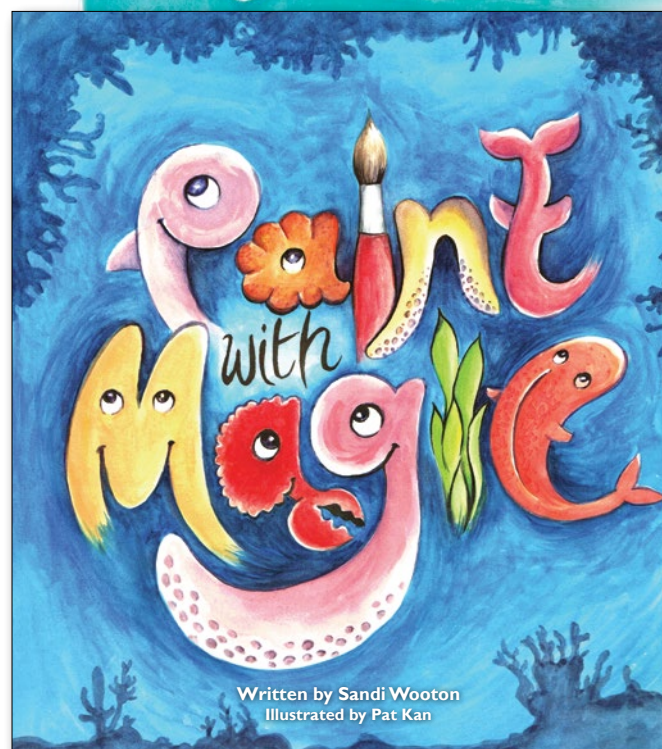
When a child paints an octopus with magic paints, the octopus comes to life, keen to offer plenty of advice on how the painting should be done! As the story and painting unfold, all the marine animals join in the fun ... until the paint dries. Will it be the best painting ever?

Key Selling Points

- Delightful rhyming language with comical Dr Seuss appeal for early childhood and lower primary students.
- Fosters creativity and curiosity while exploring the animals of ocean environments.
- An engaging book to read-aloud and share.
- Published (twice) as a poem in The NSW School Magazine and placed 3rd in the Picture Books Category of the Brisbane Writers Festival CYA Conference.
- A perfect Language and Literacy resource with linkages to the Environment and Art topics of the Australian National Curriculum.

About the Author

Sandi is an award-winning writer of poetry and prose for adults and children. Science fiction and fantasy are her special interests. Passionate about children's literature, Sandi regularly contributes poems and stories to The NSW School Magazine. From 2008 to 2012, she served as Treasurer of the Illawarra-South Coast Sub-Branch of the Children's Book Council (CBCA). *Paint with Magic* is Sandi's first picture book.



About the Illustrator

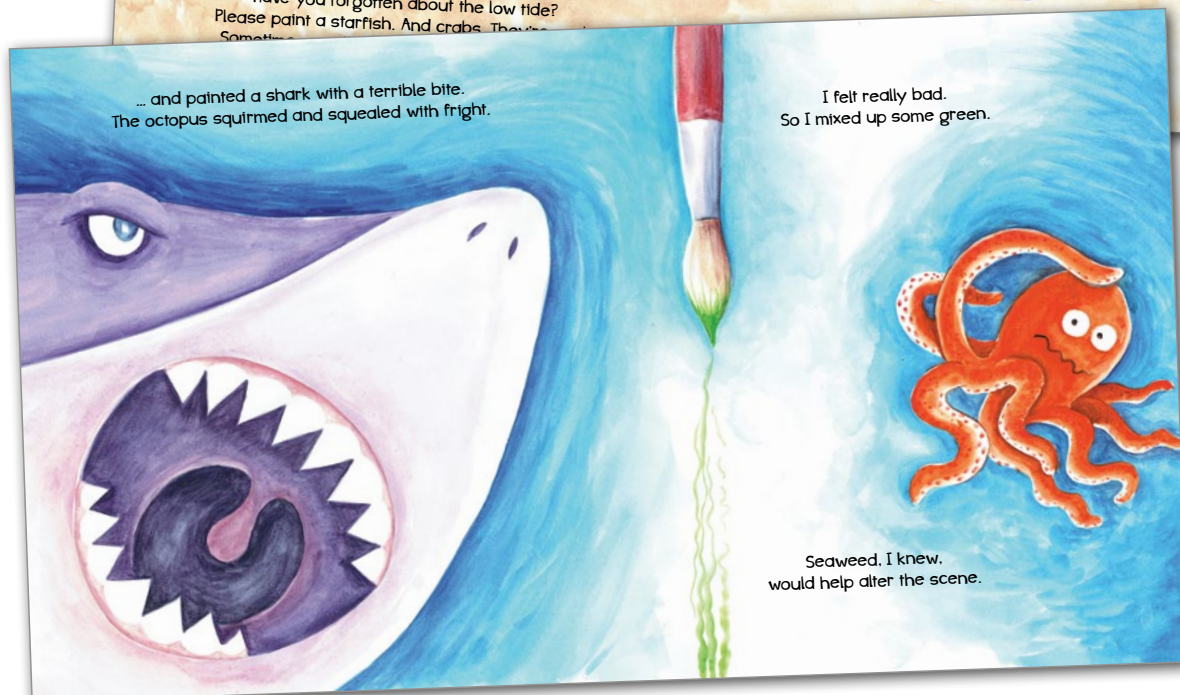
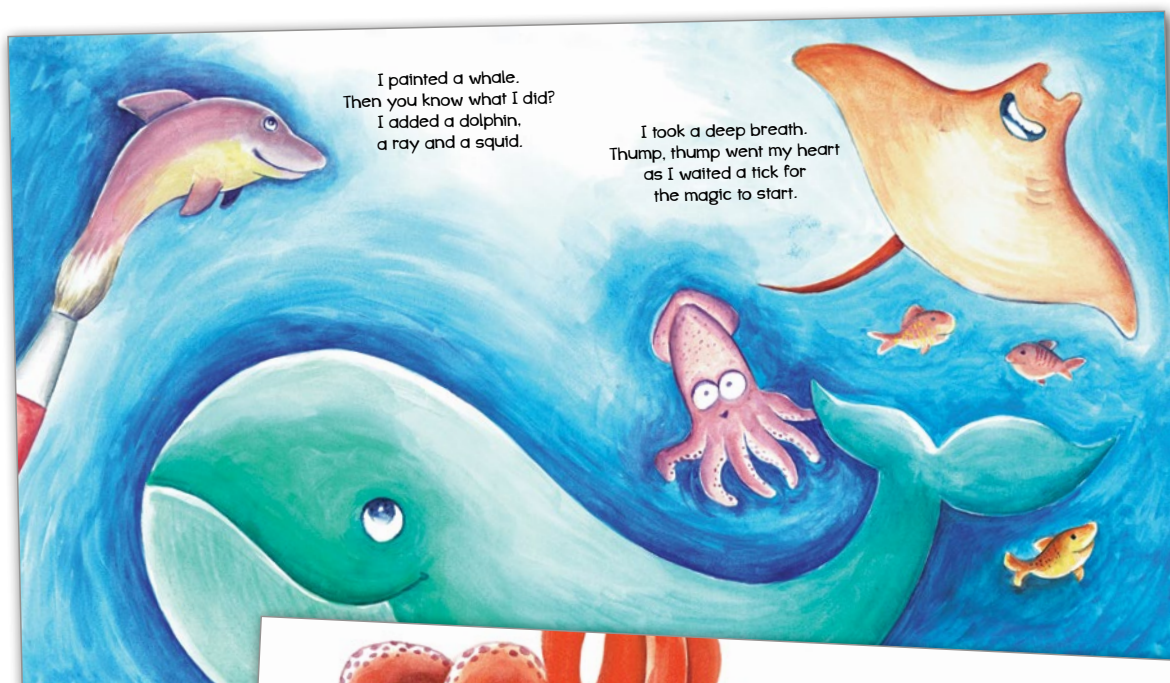
Pat Kan is a talented and versatile artist, illustrator and graphic designer. He has illustrated several children's books including The *Australian Bushranger* series and the *Tommy Bell Bushranger* series as well picture books: *There's a Koala in My Kitchen*, *There's a Magpie in My Soup* and *Paint with Magic*.

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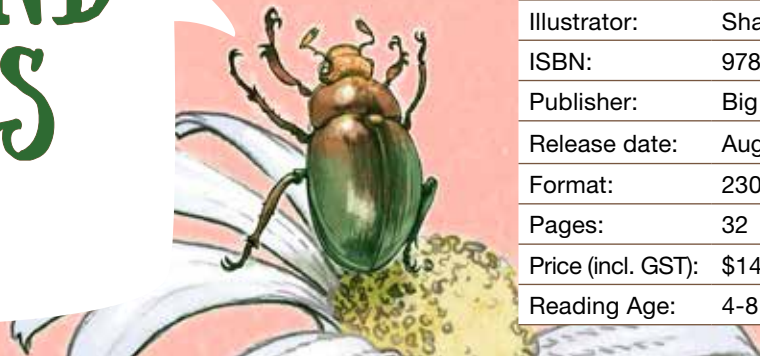
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THE LAND BELONGS TO ME



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Pages:	32
Price (incl. GST):	\$14.99
Reading Age:	4-8 years

An inspirational rhyming tale about the importance of sharing, solving conflict and caring for our world.

***The land is mine ...
From the daisy to the tree ...
Each and every flower ...
Every twig belongs to me!***

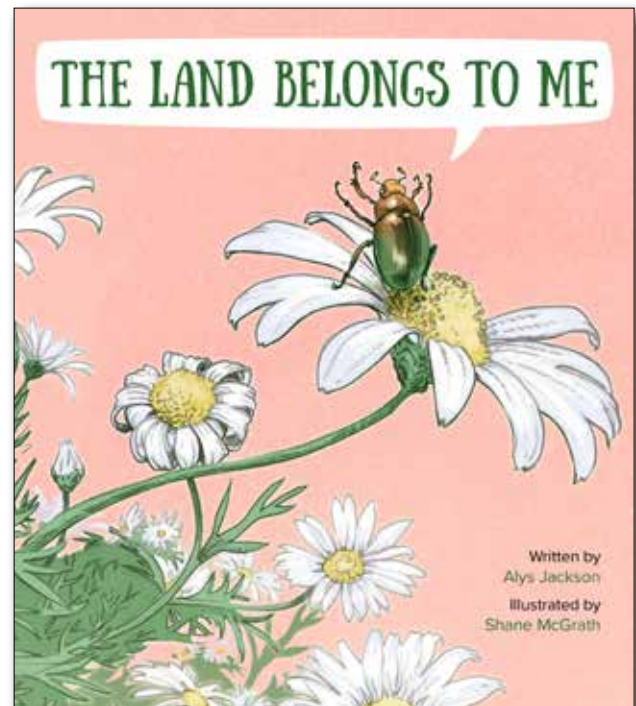
From the beetle to the general and the animals and people in between, every creature stakes a claim on the land ... from the cities to the islands, to every rock, nook and cranny ... But where can this lead? What will be left? Perhaps the wise worm has the answer.

A delight to read aloud!

'Who owns our natural world? With a strong, yet simple message we discover the answer in this beautifully-crafted picture book. The story is a thought-provoking delight!' - Janeen Brian

Key Selling Points

- A poignant, delightfully illustrated tale to open discussion on the concept of ownership, sharing, power, respect and responsibility.
- Uses playful memory verse and word chains to promote attention, participation and prediction.
- Will delight both children and parents and has appeal for boys and girls.
- Contains a subtle message that reflects the delicate balance between people, animals and the environment.



About the Author

Alys's poetry and short stories have appeared in magazines, anthologies and online journals across the world. In 2017, she received the Poetry Award at the Henry Lawson Festival of Arts and the Harold Goodwin Short Story Award. Her first picture book comes after years reflecting on her travels and sharing her stories and wisdom on her blog. Her website alysjackson.com is an accredited landing place for The Children's University, an international charity aimed at providing innovative and engaging activities for children between the ages of 7 and 14.

About the Illustrator

Shane McGrath is a talented artist/illustrator from Melbourne. His mum says he was always talented (all mums say that) and one of the first artworks Shane made was when he bit his toast into the shape of a horse. He always loved drawing pictures and reading picture books. Shane's incredible ability to capture the very essence of Australia is showcased in a number of spectacular picture books including *Granny's Place*, *Shearing Time* and *Stripes in the Forest*.

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Ella Saw the Tree

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Pages:	32
Size:	230 x 260mm
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*Being happy is wonderful. KNOWING you are happy is miraculous.
Everyone needs a wise teacher ... so what if Ella's is a tree?
This charming story works on every level. – Sally Odgers, Author*

Key Selling Points

- Encourages children to slow down and appreciate their surroundings.
- Helps to encourage children to develop skills for a deeper understanding of themselves and the world around them.
- Ideal for counsellors, teachers and parents to use as a starting point with children about living mindfully and discussing ways to become calm and tuned in with the world around you

About the Book

***Ella saw the Tree* is an entertaining story about living in the moment. This beautiful and reflective picture book teaches a simple but important lesson. By taking a moment to slow down and really appreciate your surroundings even the simple things can be surprising and fun.**

One windy day, as Ella plays in her backyard, she is showered by leaves. When she looks up, Ella sees a tree in her backyard ... has it always been there?

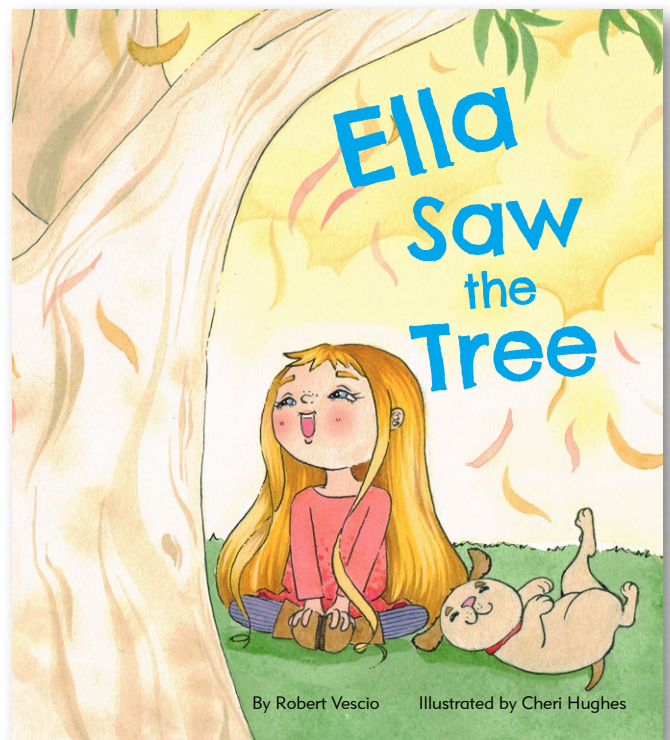
And why is it crying?

It's not until Ella carefully and attentively takes the time to - smell, listen, feel and look - that she discovers the tree in her backyard, as if for the very first time. By slowing down and experiencing new sensations, Ella learns to appreciate the simple things in life.

Ella Saw the Tree is a beautifully illustrated and captivating story that shows children how easy it is to appreciate the world. Perfect for sharing with children of all ages.

About the Author

Robert Vescio lives in Sydney and his children's picture books include, *Marlo Can Fly* (Wombat Books) listed on the 2015 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge, *No Matter Who We're With* (IP Kidz) *Jack and Mia* (Wombat Books) and *Barnaby and the Lost Treasure of Bunnyville* (2016, Big Sky). Many of his short stories have been published in anthologies such as *Packed Lunch*, *Short and Twisted*, *Charms Vol 1* and *The School Magazine*. Robert has also won awards for his children's writing including First Place in the 2012 Marshall Allan Hill Children's Writing Competition and Highly Commended in the 2011 Marshall Allan Hill Children's Writing Competition.



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Ella's backyard was full of exciting things to do.



Ella wrapped her arms around the tree.
'Please be happy. When you cry it makes me sad.'



Ella sat still like a frog
and breathed.

In the moonlight, she noticed
a possum **scampering**
along the branches...

heard an owl
hooting...

smelled the **damp**
autumn leaves...

and felt the **cool** night breeze.



Author:	Rina Foti
Illustrator:	Dave Atze
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Release date:	July 2018
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Reading Age	4-8 years

**“A powerful and empowering book that encourages children to think about life’s big questions:
Why are things the way they are? Is it fair? Can I make a difference?”**

Key Selling Points

- A deceptively simple story - minimum text, humorous and engaging illustrations - maximum impact!
- Promotes discussion with children around tolerance, acceptance and respect.
- Fosters curiosity and critical & creative thinking. Children within this age group can relate to Mouse - asking lots of questions about how the world works.
- Links with the *Australian Curriculum’s* studies and global values of embracing diversity.

About the Book

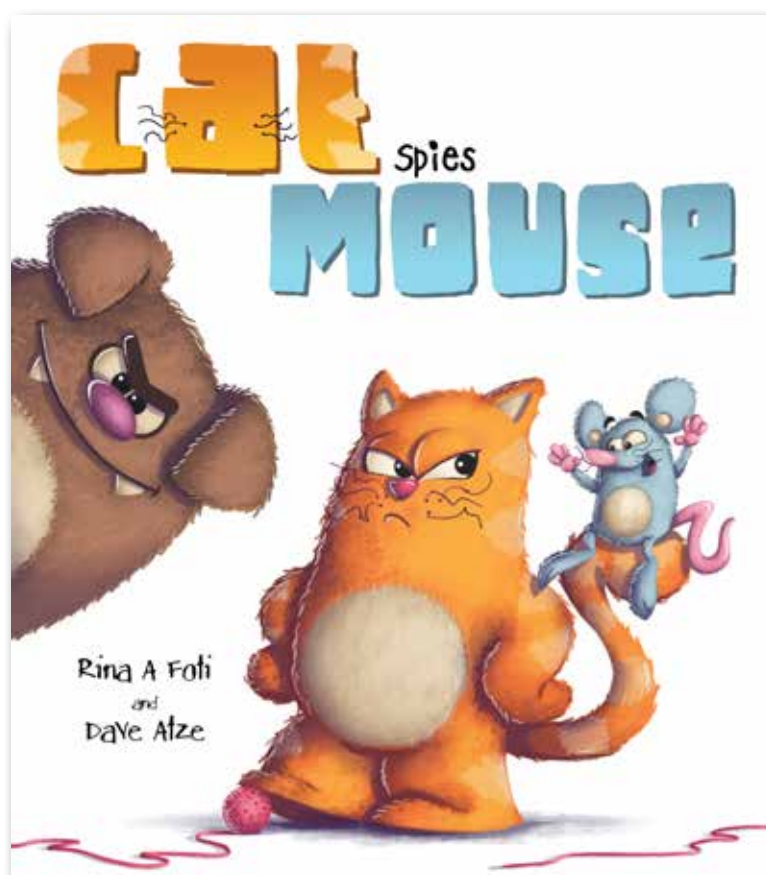
‘Cat Spies Mouse’ is a fun and interactive story about an arrogant and impatient cat who comes head-to-head with a humble and patient mouse.

Mouse, although small, is a game-changer who asks **big** questions. With each of her thought-provoking questions, Mouse is taking small but powerful steps to make the world a better place!

Fun and entertaining illustrations from Dave Atze provide additional depth and cheeky humour to this simple story with a big message.

About the Author

Rina Foti’s acclaimed picture books have been published internationally and translated into different languages. Rina’s inspiring works have been described as ‘delightful’, ‘humorous’, and ‘fast-paced’. When she is not writing, Rina enjoys teaching, visiting schools and conducting author presentations.



About the Illustrator

Dave Atze can be found sketching up a storm with his trusty K9 by his side. Dave has worked on cartoons, comics, games, toys, advertising and children’s books. Dave has illustrated a number of successful children’s picture books and young reader series working with Australia’s dynamic and award-winning authors. His illustrations provide an extra dimension that delight children and parents alike.

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This is Cat.



And this is Mouse.
Cat **spies** Mouse



I'm going to gobble you up Mouse.



Why would you do that?

Because **you're** a mouse
and **I'm** a cat
and that's that.



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GRANDPA AND TUSKA



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Reading Age:	4-8 years

Grandpa may not remember everything, but Tuska will make sure he always knows how much he is loved.

Key Selling Points

- A warm, hopeful story that will help young children and families dealing with the changes associated with dementia and ageing.
- Stunning illustrations and important messages cleverly wrapped together in an African tale of adventure.
- A humorous and exciting quest that will delight young children and create a much-loved stand-alone book.
- An excellent guide for helping parents, carers and professionals introduce and open dialogue with young children on the subject of dementia.

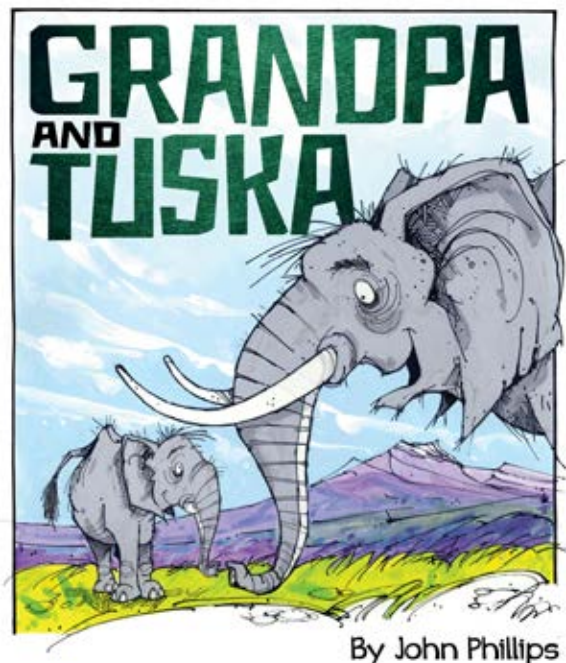
About the Book

Tuska is a young elephant who loves spending time with his grandfather. And Grandpa loves spending time with him. Tuska never grows tired of Grandpa's thrilling stories about being a young elephant and thinks Grandpa is the wisest elephant he knows.

But Grandpa is getting old, and what's more, he's getting forgetful and, well ... he's acting rather strangely these days!? His stories are not making sense and sometimes he doesn't even recognise the other animals. Grandpa's behaviour is making Tuska feel scared.

When Grandpa goes missing, Tuska is determined to risk everything to bring him home. But who will save who? Grandpa and Tuska share one last adventure together with a surprising outcome ...

The problems of old age and dementia touch many families. In *Grandpa and Tuska*, John Phillips has created a gentle, up-lifting story that will help children understand and cope with the difficult changes that often come with ageing loved ones.



About the Author

John Phillips is a talented and versatile author/illustrator who loves to create bright, lively illustrations full of movement and fun. John has combined his passion for entertaining story telling with his eclectic artistic talent and a decidedly 'off centre' sense of humour to create children's book projects that truly shine. His own grandfather's battle with dementia, and the increasing impact of the disease in the community, was the inspiration for *Grandpa and Tuska*. John Phillips lives in rural Victoria with his 12 guitars and a piano. He is a loving Pa to four little ones aged 18 months to four years old.

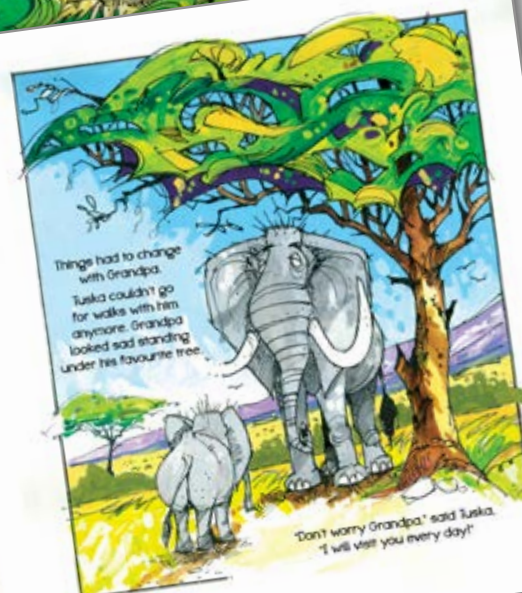
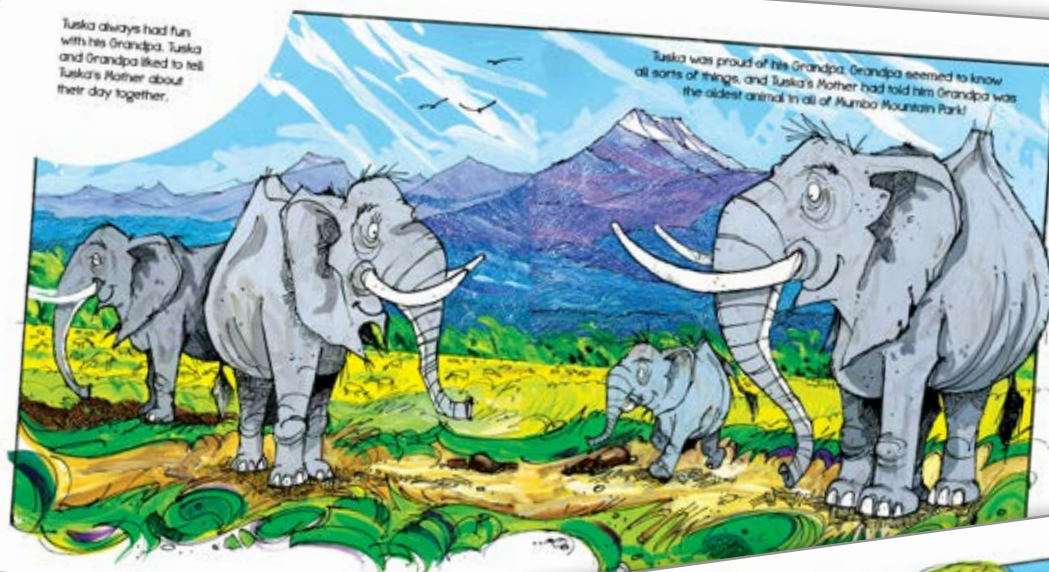
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