

DON'T FORGET TO REMEMBER ME

ANNIE DRUM

- A contemporary Australian coming-of-age story that blends first love, identity and the hard-won value of true friendship
- A compelling emotional hook: when Star's grandfather stops managing his medication and then disappears, she must decide who to trust as she searches for her mum
- Authentic voice and insight into young people, informed by author Annie Drum's background as a social worker working with young people
- Strong regional publishing credentials: Annie Drum is a central Victorian writer with short fiction and poetry published in anthologies and on the *Memoria* podcast, plus an earlier collection (*Like Trees*, 2016)

Age range 13+

Don't Forget to Remember Me is a heartfelt coming-of-age novel about first love, identity and the value of true friendship.

Thirteen-year-old Starling 'Star' Cooney lives with her grandfather, Roy, in Rocky Point. She has not made any friends – that is, until new student Bronte arrives. Then Roy disappears, and Star must decide who to trust as she searches for her mum.

'Don't Forget to Remember Me is a raw and authentic tale of broken family, dark secrets, and unlikely friendships in a small coastal town. The stories of Star, Roy and Bronte will make you smile and break your heart. I inhaled this book in one sitting.' – Troy Hunter, author of *Gus and the Missing Boy* and *Gus and the Burning Stones*.

'Everyone should have a friend like Star. In amongst the humour and heartbreak, Drum creates a world you won't want to leave.'

– R.W.R. McDonald, author of *The Nancys*

'This tender, empathetic novel is beautifully written, and Star captured my heart.' – Toni Jordan, author of *Addition* and *Tenderfoot*



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Bakers Lane
Books

9781764132152 | May 2026 | Bakers
Lane Books | PB | 240pp | 198x128mm
| AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99



Central
Victoria

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About the author:

Annie Drum is a central Victorian writer whose short fiction and poetry appear in anthologies and on the *Memoria* podcast. Her debut collection, *Like Trees* (Pomonal Publishing, 2016), launched at Clunes Booktown. She has undertaken a writing retreat in Amsterdam and received mentorship from Toni Jordan. Her years as a social worker with young people inform her storytelling.



FEARLESS FINN

KRISTIN MARTIN, ILLUSTRATED BY LAUREN MULLINDER

- *Fearless Finn* is a heroic tale about being brave despite feeling scared, and helping others

Age range 3+

When a dragon causes havoc with her fiery breath, farm boy Finn sets out to defeat her. He follows her trail of destruction past swarms of hungry bees, up the glacier covered mountain to the dragon's cave. There, Finn discovers that all is not as it seems.

Fearless Finn is a heroic tale about being brave despite feeling scared, and helping others.

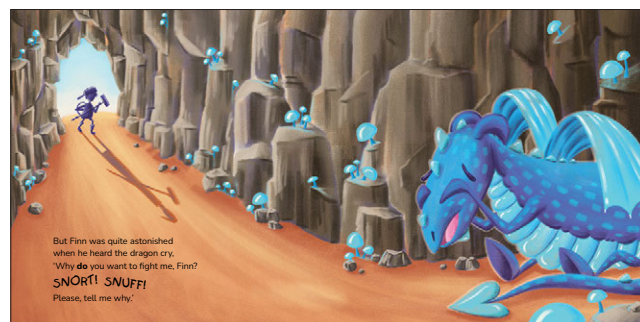
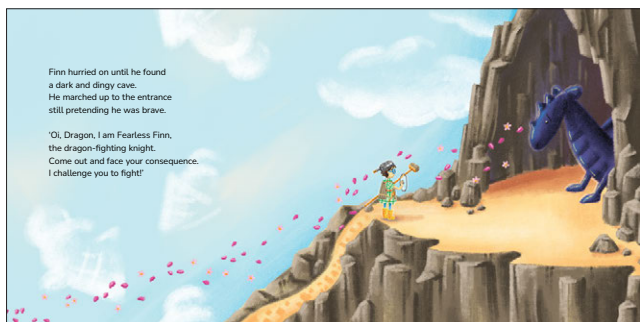


9781922858733 | May 2026 |
MidnightSun Publishing | HB | 32pp |
300x300mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99



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(Adelaide)

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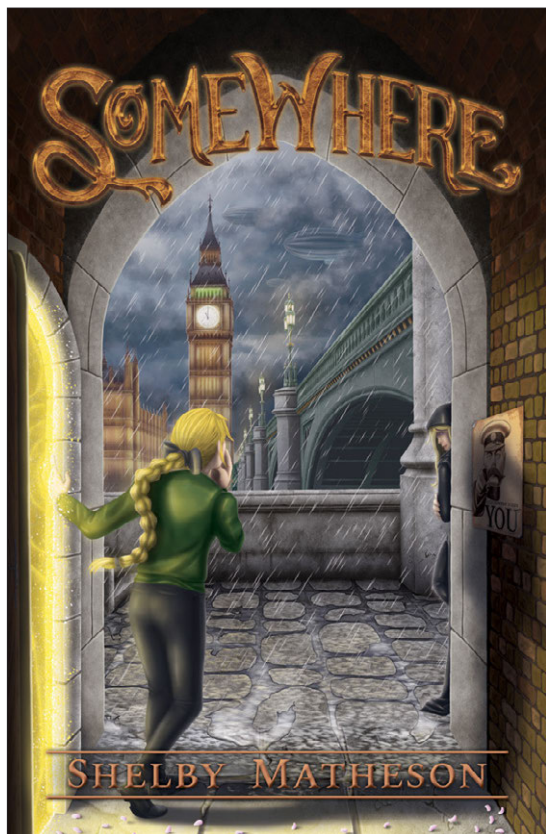


About the author and illustrator:

Kristin Martin is an author, poet and primary school teacher with a fondness for writing in rhyme. Her picture books include *Where Shall We Travel Today?* and the *Easter Bilby's Friends* series. Kristin lives in Adelaide, South Australia with her family, turtles, green tree frogs and a bearded dragon named Ash.



Lauren Mullinder is an illustrator, graphic designer, artist and educator. Based in her home studio in Adelaide, South Australia, Lauren spends her time drawing, exploring the natural world and developing workshops in art, drawing fundamentals and environment design. She has a passion for children's literature and has illustrated seven children's books. She loves visiting schools and running illustration workshops, where children have a hands-on experience creating their own designs and characters. When not working in her studio, Lauren loves spending time out in nature working with education groups, scuba diving off the coast or hiking up trails with her dog Charlie.



SOMEWHERE

SHELBY MATHESON

- A unique magic system and talent-based powers
- A fun, Matilda-esque adventure for middle-grade to young adult readers
- Centred around WW1, its role in history, and the different cultures who played a part in it
- Easter eggs and tributes to classic children's literature

Age range 10 to 14

Elsie Clarke's home life is turned upside down when a German air raid on London brings the war to her doorstep and her house becomes a temporary refuge shelter for survivors.

Further surprises lie in store when she returns for her second year at Miss Coleridge's Academy for Gifted Youths. Elsie is desperate to prove herself as a Guardian but a few terrible mistakes causes Elsewhere's trust in her to falter. To make matters worse, Gifted kids around the world have gone missing, taken somewhere the Gateways can't reach, leaving Elsie powerless.

Then a mysterious figure appears, offering Elsie a tempting solution – a way to use Gifts without Elsewhere's permission. But is the power worth the price?



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9781761112232 | May 2026 | Wombat Books | PB | 372pp | 203x133mm | AU \$21.99 | NZ \$24.99



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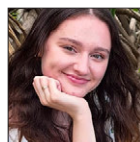
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ELSEWHERE
SHELBY MATHESON



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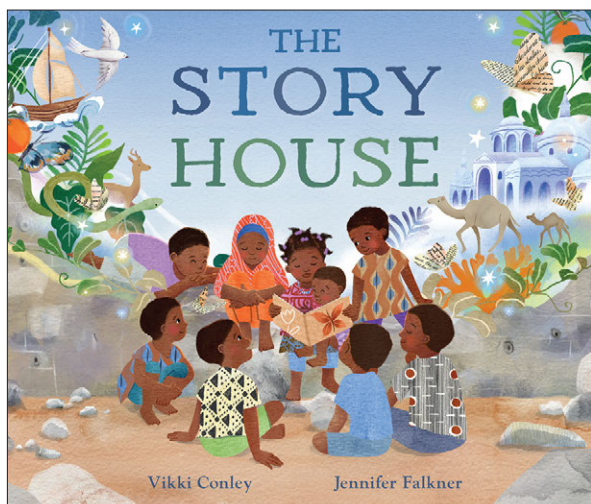
9781761112140 | June 2025 | Wombat Books | PB | 400pp | 203x133mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



About the author:

Shelby Matheson is a born-and-raised Australian currently residing in the quiet, beachside town of Hervey Bay, Queensland. She has a bachelor's in journalism and creative writing, and a graduate diploma in editing and publishing from the University of Southern Queensland. She has been writing full-length novels since she was fourteen and has always known that being an author is the only career for her. In her spare time, she enjoys video games, drawing, crochet, collecting books (and even reading them), but her greatest passion will always be writing and escaping to the worlds in her head.

Her debut novel, *Elsewhere*, was inspired by the sense of wonder and awe of classic children's novels such as the *Chronicles of Narnia*, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, *The Secret Garden* and more. Its sequel, *Somewhere*, continues to pay tribute to these classics through Easter eggs and similar tropes. The series stays true to the timeline and facts of World War I, exploring the horrors of that time through the eyes of a child, creating a symbolic parallel between the pains of adolescence and the extreme changes that the world went through during the war.



THE STORY HOUSE

VIKKI CONLEY, ILLUSTRATED BY JENNIFER FALKNER

- Celebrates a love for reading, books and libraries
- Prompts discussions of hope over adversity
- Diverse characters
- Key themes of friendship, community and determination
- Stunning illustrations by talented illustrator

Age range 3 to 6

Lalee's world has no books, no teachers, no schools. But there are stories.

The stories hush the rumbles that echo across the sand. The stories spark and shimmer, filling Lalee with possibility. And one story – hers – begins to unfold. A lyrical, heart-filled tribute to imagination, hope and the magic of books by multi-award-winning creators Vikki Conley and Jennifer Falkner.



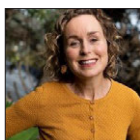
9781923145979 | May 2026 | New Frontier
| HB | 28pp | 240x280mm | AU \$26.99 |
NZ \$32.99



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Perth, WA

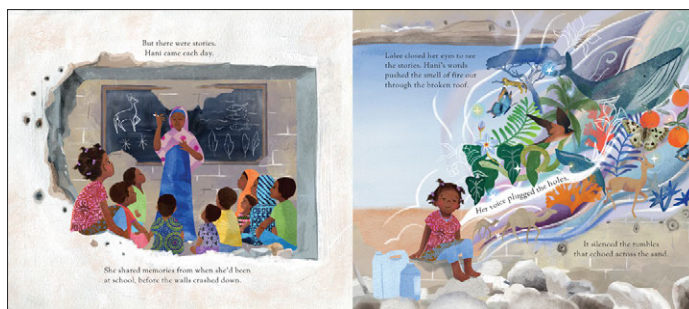
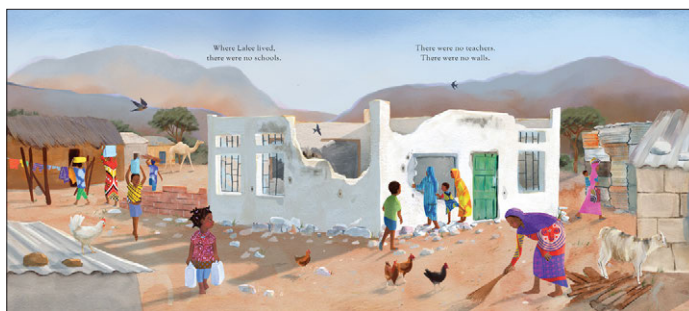
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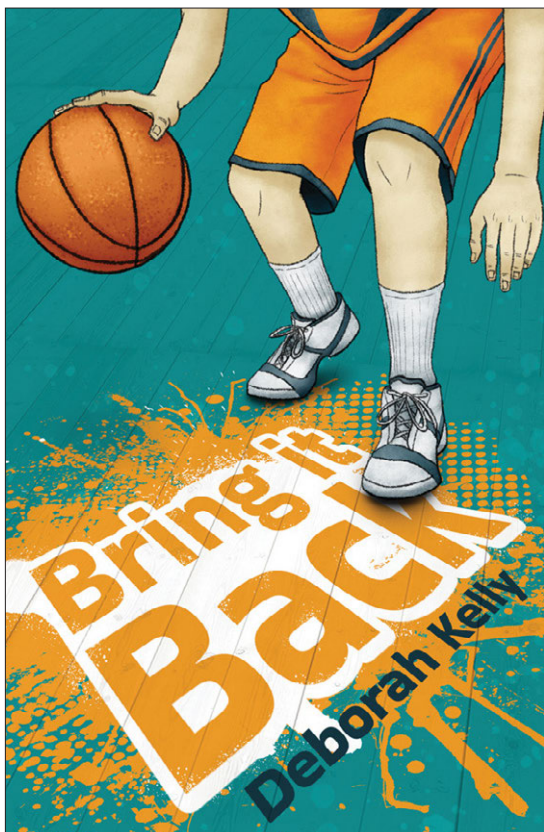
About the author and illustrator:



Vikki Conley's multi-award-winning books whisk young readers away to other worlds through curiosity, playfulness and wonder. Vikki is the winner of the 2023 CBCA Book of the Year (*Where The Lyrebird Lives*) and has Honour and Notable books including *Amira's Suitcase* and *Little Puggles Song*. Her title, *On The Way To School* was shortlisted for the 2023 Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year. In search of incredible stories, Vikki's stories connect budding minds to the experiences of people around the globe, inviting them to discover the magic in both the extraordinary and the ordinary.

Jennifer Falkner is a critically acclaimed illustrator and graphic designer based in Perth, Western Australia. Since graduating from Curtin university with a major in illustration she has spent the last sixteen years of her career in art direction, textile design, brand development and illustration. Before returning to Perth in 2018, Jennifer lived and worked in Canberra, Bangkok, Jakarta and Singapore. Picture books she has illustrated include *Fairy Beach*, *The Cheeky Toddler Alphabet*, *Tardigrades: Nature's Toughest Survivor*, and *The Lucky Shack* which was a CBCA Notable Picture Book of the Year in 2023.





BRING IT BACK

DEBORAH KELLY

- An easy, relatable read for middle graders
- Includes school friendships and family relationships
- Focus on a moral compass
- A main character about to transition from primary to high school
- Minimal Words. Maximum Impact. *Wombat Shorts* are middle grade novellas created for quick reads. They are suitable for every day readers wanting a quick story, as well as reluctant readers

Age range 9 to 12

It's the last term of primary school and Liam is bored with the same faces, places and lunches – even basketball.

When a new student named Clint arrives, things become much more interesting. Soon, Liam is taking risks and bending the rules and even has a haircut just like Clint. Liam's mates are acting weird, though. And Mum keeps asking if he's OK. His teacher even has 'a word' with him. Liam wishes they would leave him alone and let him grow up. He's going to high school next year!

But when Liam finds himself in serious trouble, he realises how far he's drifted from the things and the people he loves. But just like a game of basketball that's heading south, can he bring it back?



9781761113635 | May 2026 | Wombat Books | PB | 100pp | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99

DISCOUNT: GEN



Lake Macquarie, NSW

Also available:

THE THING ABOUT OLIVER
DEBORAH KELLY



9781925563818 | October 2019 | Wombat Books | PB | 132pp | 203x133mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99 | DISC: GEN

About the author:

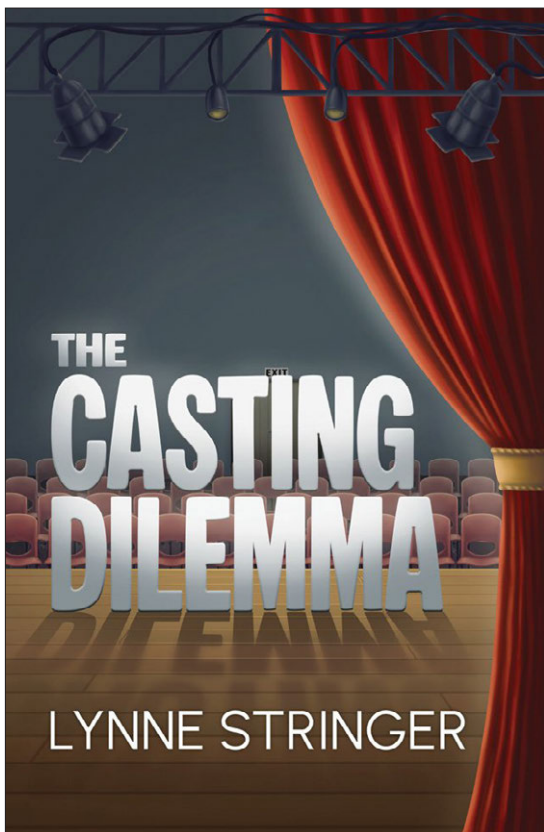


Deborah Kelly is a multi award winning, internationally published author of picture books, junior fiction and middle grade.

The Thing about Oliver (Wombat Books) was shortlisted in the younger readers category of the Children's Book Council of Australia awards, shortlisted for Speech Pathology Australia's Book of the Year and won the Australian Association of Family Therapists book of the year award in the younger readers category. Her picture book *Me and You* (Penguin Viking) won Speech Pathology Australia's Book of the Year award (3-5 year olds) in 2017.

Deb visits schools, libraries and festival events (including Newcastle Writers' Festival and Sydney Writers' Festival) to share her books with children.

Many of her books are included in Premier's Reading Challenge lists around Australia. She is a Role Model for Books in Homes and reviews children's books for *Reading Time* magazine.



THE CASTING DILEMMA

LYNNE STRINGER

- A story for teens who long to pursue their dreams, but are held back by nagging doubts and insecurities
- Themes of self-esteem, overcoming self-doubt, having confidence in yourself and your abilities, and discovering what you're made of
- Positive depictions of supportive family and community members, such as parents, teachers and friends
- Minimal Words. Maximum Impact. Rhiza Shorts are teen novellas created for quick reads. They are suitable for everyday readers wanting a quick story, as well as reluctant teen readers

Age range 12 to 17

Kate wants to be an actor, but when she looks in the mirror, she doesn't like what she sees.

She longs to be like Ashleigh Monahan, who has the perfect looks for the lead part in the school musical. And Ashleigh has talent.

But while Kate can sing and act really well, she thinks she doesn't measure up to Ashleigh's physical perfection. Will she still score a role?



9781761113246 | May 2026 | Rhiza Edge | PB | 116pp | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99



DISCOUNT: GEN

Also available:

KEEPER OF THE ARCHIVES

LYNNE STRINGER



9781761111563 | September 2024 | Rhiza Edge | PB | 260pp | 203x133mm | AU \$22.99 | NZ \$27.99 | DISC: GEN

VERINDON: THE HEIR, THE CROWN, THE REIGN

LYNNE STRINGER

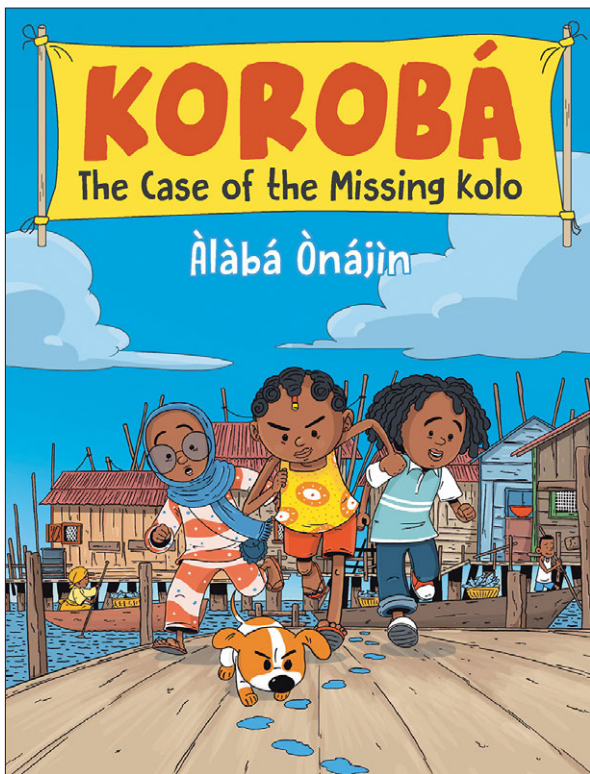


9781761111044 | July 2023 | Rhiza Edge | PB | 512pp | 229x152mm | AU \$26.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN



About the author:

Lynne Stringer has been passionate about writing all her life, beginning with short stories in her primary school days. She began writing professionally as a journalist and was the editor of a small newspaper (*later magazine*) for seven years, before turning her hand to screenplay writing and novels. Lynne is the author of the *Verindon* books, a young adult science fiction series. In 2024 her latest book was released, *Keeper of the Archives*, which is a dystopian story set in Earth's future. She is continuing to write fiction for young adults, branching into both contemporary and historical stories.



KOROBÁ: THE CASE OF THE MISSING KOLO

ÀLÀBÁ ÒNÁJÌN

- All the exotic adventure and rich detail of the best *Tintin* books
- Visual literacy as the illustrations feature some very important clues
- Feeds the current appetite for authentic global stories and representation
- Accessible and warm, not issue-led
- More uplifting and realistic than some other Nigerian-set children's books that have been well received (*Jummy at the River School* or *Onyeka*)

Age range 7 to 11

A new graphic novel series reminiscent of *Tintin*, set in a vibrant African community.

Ten-year-old Korobá knows everyone in Makoko, the Nigerian fishing village where she lives. Between doing chores for her mother, she roams free with her best friends, Saidat and Joba, and her adorable dog, Popi. The last thing Korobá would expect in Makoko is a thief. Yet Saidat's wooden piggy bank has been stolen! Buckle up, budding mystery fans...

It's time to join Korobá and friends on their thrilling chase for the culprit.



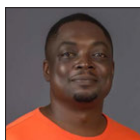
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A Book to Share From Sallyweg Press

9781836300649 | May 2026 | Sallyweg Press | PB | 144pp | 216x165mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99

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About the author:

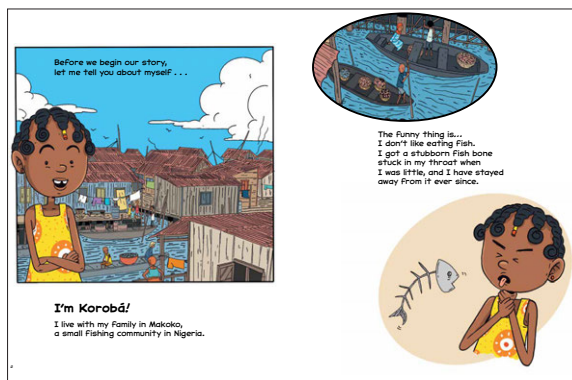
Àlàbá Ònájìn was born in Nigeria, and now lives in Gloucestershire. Àlàbá has a diploma in Freelance Cartooning and Illustration, and

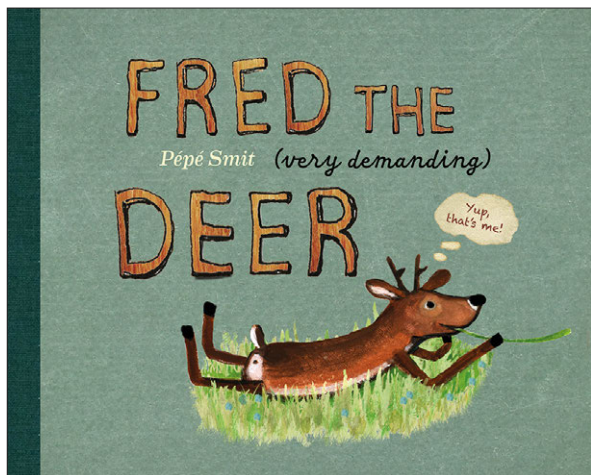
a passion for telling stories through his drawings – his work has been published in the USA and by UNESCO. As a child, he loved reading mysteries such as *The Famous Five*, and aims to create equally fun and empowering stories featuring smart child protagonists but set in his home country.



This week is an extra-special holiday in the community.

The Makoko Harvest Festival happens once a year. It's a time for celebrating our great traditions and sharing. Everyone dresses nicely, there is a lot of dancing, and we eat plenty of food and sweets.





FRED THE (VERY DEMANDING) DEER
PÈPÈ SMIT

- An absurd and very funny dialogue where the author/illustrator is directed by the protagonist
- A book to make children and adults laugh, but also think
- Readers will secretly identify with Fred, who is demanding and stubborn but somehow loveable
- A book with timeless art and an evergreen text, with high quality production value and a cloth spine
- Already a classic in the Netherlands, where it has been reprinted many times

Age range 3 to 5

In this unique and hilarious picture book, Fred the Deer throws a series of tantrums with his illustrator, and ends up getting most of what he wants!

Fred the deer loves living in the forest. Or does he? No, he says he does not! He is bored, and wants to visit the town! Once there, he sees everyone else has shoes – so why can't he have shoes? Everyone else seems to be eating chips, but he needs hands to eat chips...really, Fred? Read on to see if Pèpè will give in and give him hands, and how the story will end up!

'From beginning to end, it exudes timelessness.'
– Cobra.be

'Fred's adventures are unpredictable and disruptively different.' – Annemarie Terhell, Trouw

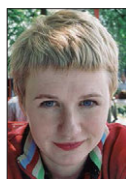


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9781836300595 | May 2026 | Sallywag Press | HB | 36pp | 200x250mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99

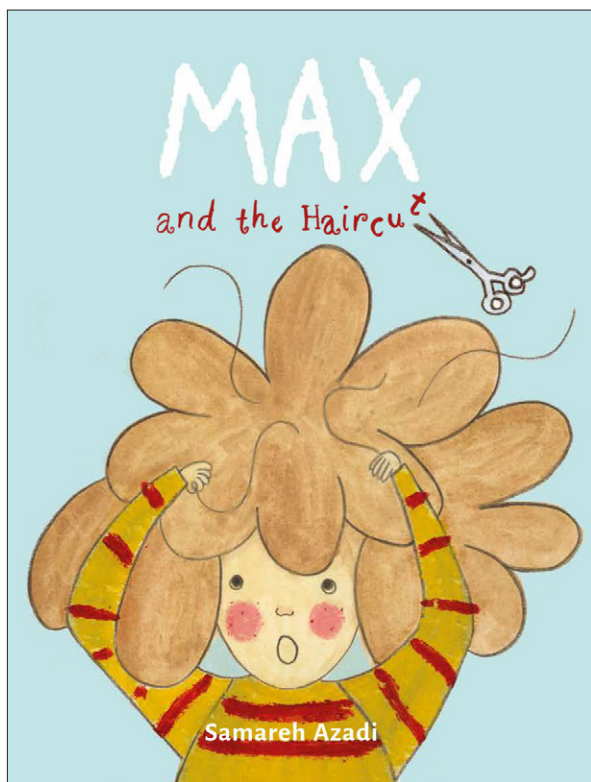
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About the author:

Pèpè Smit was trained as a visual artist at the Gerrit Rietveld Academy and the Sandberg Institute. Her illustrations have appeared in several leading magazines and newspapers, but she has increasingly focused on creating picture books that make young children both laugh and think. Her first, *Fred the (Very Demanding) Deer*, has become a much-reprinted title and marked the beginning of a successful series.





MAX AND THE HAIRCUT

SAMAREH AZADI

- Addresses an important milestone moment in a reassuring way
- Diverse and inclusive story, with universal appeal as well as relevance to neurodiversity
- Beautiful illustrations, using printmaking techniques and inspired by the author's Iranian heritage
- Perfect story for reading aloud

Age range 3+

Max is going with Mum for his very first haircut – but he doesn't like Wendy's Hairdressing Salon. It's too bright and noisy. And then there's the water spray, the uncomfortable cloth round his shoulders and the spiky hair clips. Before Wendy can start snipping, Max shouts, 'STOP!'

But Wendy has a wonderful idea. Maybe a cat, a soft cushion and some bubbles could make a first haircut fun after all?

This debut picture book explores the universal experience of a first haircut with sensitivity and beautiful, glowing pictures.



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9781915659798 | May 2026 | Otter Barry Books | HB | 32pp | 290x225mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99

DISCOUNT: GEN

About the author:

Samareh Azadi was born and grew up in Iran and the geometrical shapes, textures and patterns of Iranian art have been a source of inspiration in her work. She was runner-up in the FAB Illustration Prize in 2021, specially commended for her 'restrained colour palette, careful and considered use of detail, as well as her use of gorgeous printmaking techniques, which adds a lovely texture and tactile qualities to her work'. Samareh has a Masters in Children's Illustration from Cambridge School of Art, and teaches in a school for high-functioning autistic children. She lives in Cambridge.



POETRY PIZZA

SIMON MOLE, ILLUSTRATED BY TOM MCLAUGHLIN

- Debut KS2 collection from a poet who has already gathered fans for his books for younger children
- By an outstanding performer who is hugely popular in schools and at festivals
- Witty, comic-style pictures from a well-known illustrator

Age range 7+

Battle rapping badgers, find a magical creature that delivers marshmallows to your room, or make a spell for infinite football skills. Listen to funky music, write a love poem to a barn owl or make a 60-second spell for being YOU.

Word games, jokes and stories, magic and mayhem, quiet and thoughtful moments. This is an exceptional, imaginative collection by an exciting poet, illustrated with wit and zest by a popular illustrator.

9781915659866 | May 2026 | Otter Barry Books | PB | 96pp | 198x129mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$22.99 | DISC: GEN



MY CAT IS CALLED ODIN

FRANCESCO BEDINI, ILLUSTRATED BY STEFANO TAMBELLINI,
TRANSLATED BY SARAH COPELAND BENJAMIN

- The first in a series of humorous, epic, action-packed chapter-book adventures based on Norse and Greek mythology

Age range 8+

Aldo's cat is called Odin. He has only one eye, like the Norse god of poetry and war. In fact, he IS Odin...!

Aldo and his two best friends from Comic Book Club have been training to save the world. They've mastered fighting battles (with wooden swords), Morse code, and superhero skills, despite the annoying antics of Aldo's little sister, Petra. The day Odin suddenly appears, they are swept up in truly epic adventure...Yggdrasil, Tree of Life and Death, has mistakenly opened its portal and unleashed Fenrir, the gigantic, evil Wolf from Norse mythology, into the world. Can Aldo, his friends and Odin's cat army defeat the Beast before the next full moon, and save the World?

9781912923519 | May 2026 | Five Quills | PB | 176pp | 198x129mm | AU \$19.99 | NZ \$26.99 | DISC: GEN



MICROBIOME

The Universe Inside You

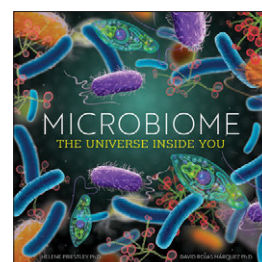
HELENE PRIESTLEY PH.D, ILLUSTRATED BY DAVID ROJAS MÁRQUEZ PH.D.,
MARTIN BUSTAMANTE

- Accessible introduction to a hot topic in STEM with leveled text and carefully introduced vocabulary
- Professionally leveled for Lexile and GRL

Age range 9 to 12

From the time we're born, we acquire bacteria, fungi, viruses, and other microbes from other people, everything we touch, and everything we eat. This makes up what some call a super-organism: The human microbiome. It includes 10 to 100 trillion microbial cells on and in the human body. The most well-known part of the human microbiome and its vital ecosystem's role in human health.

9798887703961 | May 2026 | Mayo Clinic | PB | 32pp | 254x254mm | AU \$17.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

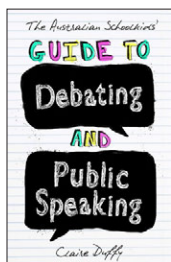


Back to School
for Term 2

**THE AUSTRALIAN
SCHOOLKIDS' GUIDE TO
DEBATING AND PUBLIC
SPEAKING**

CLAIRE DUFFY

- Includes practical step-by-step advice along with tips from current and ex-debaters and public speakers, as well as being lots of fun



Age range 10+

Claire Duffy not only demystifies the process of debating and public speaking, but makes it fun by drawing on her many years of experience working directly with students, using language to which they relate. Learn all about the best way to prepare, the persuasive power of reason, the art of argument and rebuttal, and how to lose graciously. Including tips from the pros and a wealth of examples throughout, this guide is the essential handbook for making every spoken word count.

9781742234236 | September 2015 | NewSouth | PB | 288pp | 210x135mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN

KID REPORTER

The secret to breaking news
SAFFRON HOWDEN, DHANA
QUINN

- This fun, easy to use guide gives kids the scoop on how to become a journalist – and it's the first book on the topic for Australian kids
- Written by two experienced journalists and children's news specialists



Age range 10+

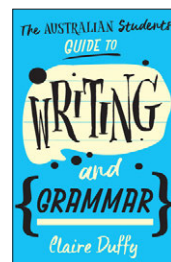
You don't need to be an adult to break news and change the world. You can start your career as a young reporter right now! Fun, informative and easy to use, *Kid Reporter* is packed with inspiring stories from young people who've already started their reporting careers and tips and tricks from leading journalism experts. Children's news specialists Saffron Howden and Dhana Quinn uncover all the secrets to becoming a journalist.

9781742237145 | February 2021 | NewSouth | PB | 208pp | 210x135mm | AU \$29.99 | NZ \$34.99 | DISC: GEN

**THE AUSTRALIAN
STUDENTS' GUIDE TO
WRITING AND GRAMMAR**

CLAIRE DUFFY

- Bestselling grammar books like *Eats, Shoots and Leaves* and *Sin and Syntax* are written for adults, this is the first Australian grammar book for school students



Age range 12+

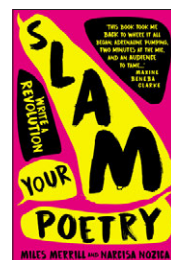
Has anyone ever asked you to catch a red big ball? No. Because in English we would say 'big red ball'. Why is that? After the success of her bestselling *The Australian Schoolkids' Guide to Debating and Public Speaking*, Claire Duffy turns her hand to helping students write well. In this easy-to-use and fun guide to writing and grammar, children, their parents and teachers will learn all they need to know about the elements of grammar, punctuation, spelling and sentence construction.

9781742236001 | February 2019 | NewSouth | PB | 288pp | 210x135mm | AU \$32.99 | NZ \$37.99 | DISC: GEN

SLAM YOUR POETRY

Write a Revolution
MILES MERRILL, NARCISA
NOZICA

- The first Australian poetry slam how-to guide packed with inspiring advice for teachers, students and aspiring spoken word poets of all ages



Age range 12+

No props. No music. No costumes. Just you, your words and a mic – you've got two minutes to make the crowd scream your name.

Miles Merrill, spoken word artist and founder of Australian Poetry Slam, and award-winning teacher Narcisa Nozica will take you from novice to spoken word superstar in no time. Twenty years after Merrill introduced poetry slams to Australia, there's a national competition with a live audience of 20,000 people, and it's taught in schools across the country. It's been nothing short of a revolution!

9781742236094 | February 2020 | NewSouth | PB | 336pp | 210x135mm | AU \$27.99 | NZ \$32.99 | DISC: GEN

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DRAGON GUEST HANDBOOK

JEANETTE STAMPONE,
ILLUSTRATED BY NOVIA HEROANTO

- While this hilarious book is full of silliness, it also explores language barriers and non-verbal communication



Age range 6 to 12

A dragon tourist may arrive without warning. And you don't speak a word of Dragon language!

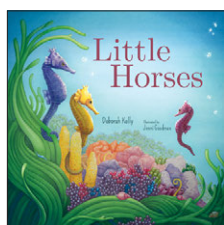
Don't panic! Simply read this essential handbook for welcoming your visiting dragon. You will be provided with step-by-step instructions to ensure your dragon has a wonderful time. Your visitor will need to meet the family, learn table manners and go sightseeing. Maybe you'll even qualify as top host!

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LITTLE HORSES

DEBORAH KELLY,
ILLUSTRATED BY JENNI GOODMAN

- Inspired by true events and including information about seahorses and the Seahorse Hotels Project, *Little Horses* is a conservation success story certain to inspire children to love and care for the natural world



Age range 3 to 9

Beneath the waters of a calm bay, seahorses hide from predators, feed on shrimp and raise their young in gardens of sponge, coral, and grass. But when a storm destroys their habitat, they are left with nothing to eat and nowhere to hide. That is, until a Marine Biologist comes up with a clever invention to provide them with shelter and food while the natural environment recovers.

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GIOVANNI

A true story of survival ~ A voyage reimagined
CRYSTAL COROCHER,
ILLUSTRATED BY
MARGEAUX DAVIS

- A story of courage and resilience

Age range 5 to 8

Giovanni left Italy in 1881 with his family, along with many other villagers from the region of Veneto. The families were promised 'paradise' by a corrupt people smuggler. After a perilous journey, they reached Australia with the assistance of Sir Henry Parkes, who was Premier of the Colony of NSW at the time. Combining extensive research, family anecdotes and gentle narrative prose, author Crystal Corocher shares this true story of resilience and courage as both a work of historical narrative and personal passion project – Giovanni being her great-grandfather.

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FLUTE

A Dolphin's Wild Journey Home

KASEY WHITELAW,
ILLUSTRATED BY JENNI GOODMAN

- Author Kasey Whitelaw is a qualified marine biologist and spent seven years ensuring the daily protection of Flute and other wild dolphins

Age range 5 to 7

Flute loves to frolic, splash and play. But when a high-speed boat separates her from her party, she is alone and in danger. Flute embarks on a wild journey, determined to find her way back home to safety.

This heartwarming and hopeful story, written by a marine biologist, is based on true events and friendships. It celebrates themes of togetherness, support, determination.

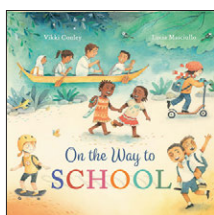
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Back to School
for Term 2

ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL

VIKKI CONLEY,
ILLUSTRATED BY LUCIA
MASCIUULLO



- **An interesting and fun picture book exploring all the diverse ways that children journey to school across the globe**



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Age range 3 to 6



Every day, children all over the world are travelling to school – by bus, by canoe, through valleys, over mountains and snow. How do you get to school?

With themes of diversity and culture, *On the Way to School* celebrates the joy and challenges of travelling to school.

9781922326928 | September 2023 | New Frontier | PB | 32pp | 240x280mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

KING OF THE CLASSROOM

DERRICK BARNES,
ILLUSTRATED BY VANESSA
BRANTLEY-NEWTON



- **A wonderful hardback at paperback price**
- **Newbery Honor-winning author Derrick Barne's empowering story will give new kindergarteners a reassuring confidence boost**



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Age range 3 to 6

An upbeat story about a confident little boy who takes pride in his first day of nursery.

Starting kindergarten is a big milestone — and the hero of this story is ready to make his mark! He's dressed himself, eaten a pile of pancakes, and can't wait to be a part of a whole new kingdom of kids. The day will be jam-packed, but he's up to the challenge.

9781912650361 | February 2021 | Scallywag Press | HB | 32pp | 254x223mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN

TWELVE DAYS OF KINDNESS

CORI BROOKE,
ILLUSTRATED BY FIONA
BURROWS



- **A book that celebrates inclusion and the benefits of working together as a team**
- **The book includes a list of twelve things to help children remember to be kind to each other, with friendship and kindness as core themes**



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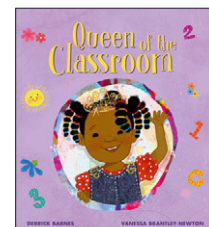
Age range 3 to 6

One little girl realises that a girl in her class is struggling to make friends. With the help of their football coach they came up with a plan. Can their school football team bring them together, and expand their friendship group?

9781922326201 | January 2021 | New Frontier | PB | 32pp | 280x240mm | AU \$14.99 | NZ \$16.99 | DISC: GEN

QUEEN OF THE CLASSROOM

DERRICK BARNES,
ILLUSTRATED BY VANESSA
BRANTLEY-NEWTON



- **The perfect book to reinforce excitement and boost the confidence of kids soon to start school themselves**
- **Teachers' notes available**



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Age range 3 to 6

Get ready for your first day at nursery school with this exuberant little girl!

MJ is more than ready for her first day of school! With her hair freshly braided and her 'first day at school' outfit, she also knows all the good things she's going to bring to the classroom, stuff like her kindness, friendliness, and impressive soccer skills, too!

9781912650941 | October 2022 | Scallywag Press | PB | 32pp | 254x228mm | AU \$16.99 | NZ \$19.99 | DISC: GEN