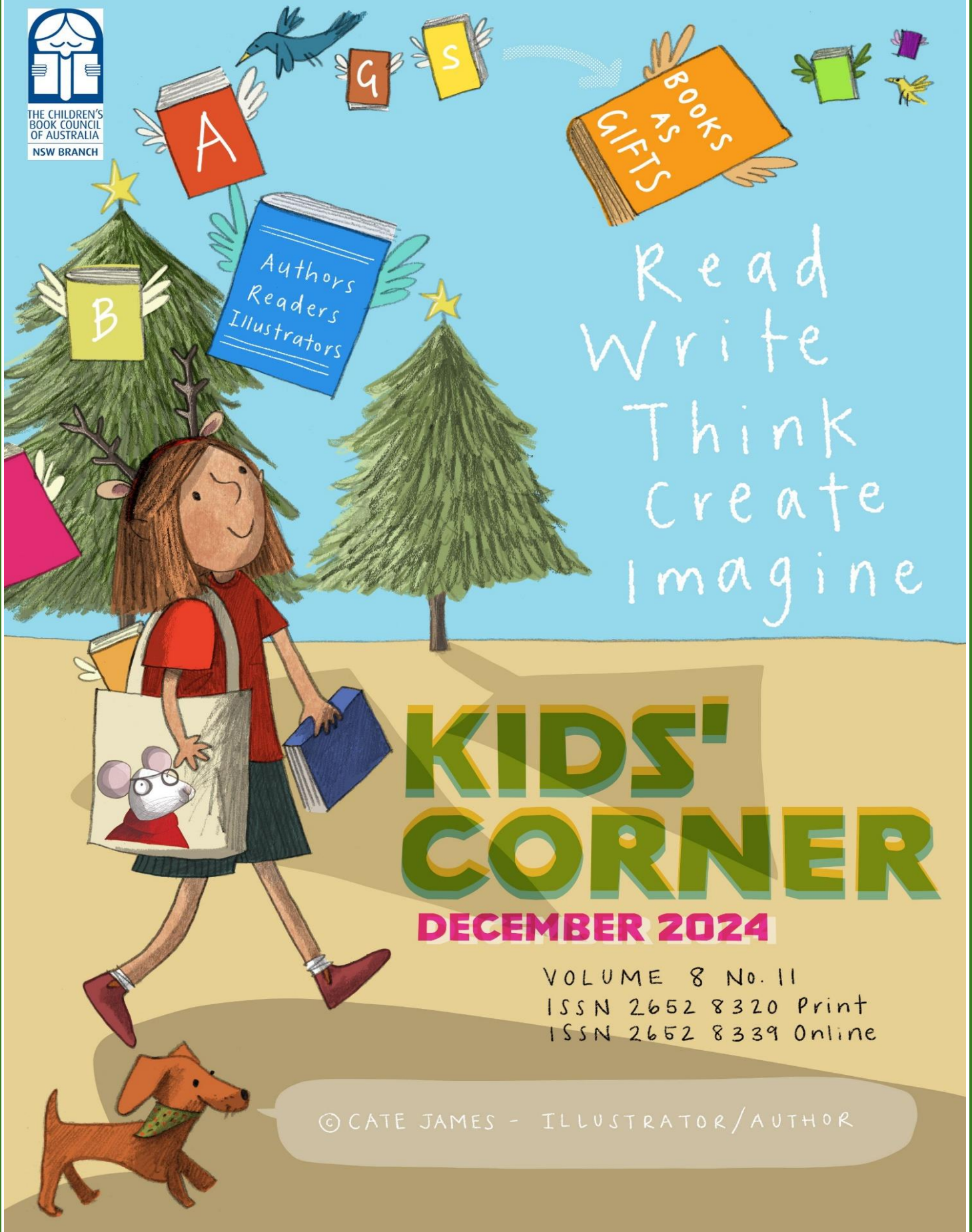




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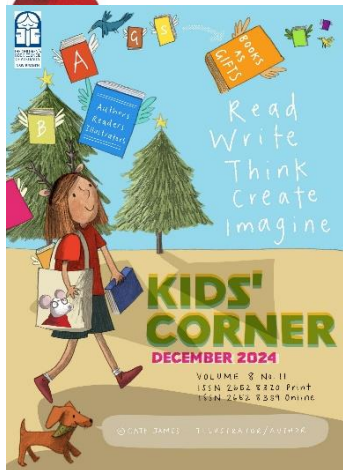
Welcome to the end of a year that has been full of reading magic and more than a few surprises. We are delighted to welcome

**Cate JAMES**

**as our**

**GUEST ILLUSTRATOR**

Cate has illustrated over 40 picture books, loves being near the ocean, and gets ideas from her sausage dogs.



Cate is an author, illustrator and keen reader. She reminds us that:

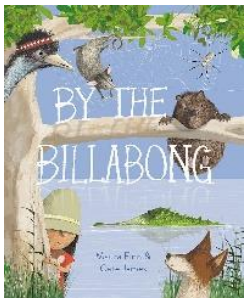
*Finding time to read is vital in sharpening my imagination so I can create worlds that readers want to keep visiting.*

So, we were just wondering...

## **What does an Illustrator do all day?**

**By Cate JAMES - GUEST ILLUSTRATOR**

Working as an illustrator is the best job – **I get paid to draw and colour-in all day.** It never seems like work because it's too much fun. I've been a full-time professional artist for about 12 years, but I've always been an artist. I grew up in an arty family. I was always encouraged to read and to draw when I wanted to, which was most of the time.



After school, I studied for a degree in Printmaking at the Edinburgh College of Art in Scotland. Years later, I went back to study for a Master's degree in Visual Communication (Illustration). It took me a while to find my way into Australian publishing, but I was lucky enough to win an illustration award with SCBWI and Penguin Random House, and started illustrating with Affirm (**By the Billabong**, by Maura Finn (Affirm Press)).

I love illustrating. When publishers give me a story typed on paper, it's my job to read it **and start creating pictures of a whole new set of characters and their worlds.** I usually see images forming in my head straight away. Imagination begins.

My favourite part of illustrating a book, is creating the characters.

They are **usually based on people that I know.** sometimes including references to their personalities such as a lively nana [my friend, Cher, from the gym] or a silly old grandpa with a moustache [my grandad, Reg].

Most of the books I've illustrated have been about native Australian animals and environments. Luckily, I live in a beautiful part of Sydney surrounded by trees and wildlife, ocean and beaches, *so whatever I need to draw for my work is usually on my doorstep.*

Sometimes, I need to research animals because I'm not always familiar with the unique and wonderful Australian wildlife. I learn something with every book I work on. It never gets boring.

I like to take photos and work from them in my studio, as well as **drawing things that I make up in my head.**

I'm currently working on a book about broccoli, one about birds, and a possible author/illustrator title that's top secret at the moment. I'm also working my way through a screen-printed alphabet (currently I'm at the letter **H** so I have a long way to go).

*Finding time to read is vital in sharpening my imagination* so I can create worlds that readers want to keep visiting. I hope you can see the love and humour that I put into my illustrations. If you have very good eye-sight, you might also see a couple of *hidden mice* and sausage dogs.

If you want to illustrate picture books: Never stop drawing. Draw all the time. **Draw everything!**

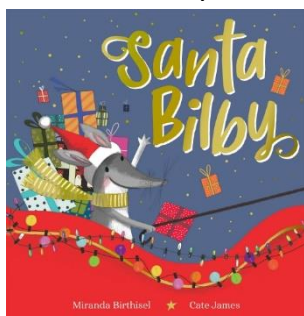


(hmmm- and who actually created Morrie?

Yes, **Cate** created the basic version of Morrie years ago! He has been on the cover of every issue of **KC** for ages. Another story, another time...

Cate gets **BAGS** started with:

**SANTA BILBY** by Miranda BIRTHISEL, with CATE JAMES, Illustrator (Scholastic Australia Pty Ltd)



*When Santa gets stuck delivering Christmas presents, he calls his friend the Easter Bilby to help! Can they get to all the presents in time for Christmas?*



## **WELCOME the holidays with special gifts in KC for December 2024**

-**DISCOVER** info about some of the recent and upcoming books by some of our CBCA NSW author and Illustrator members.

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-**SHARE** your own version of KINDNESS with the world.

-**REVISIT** stacks of ideas about stories from earlier issues of KC.

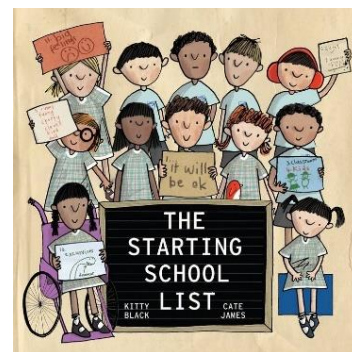
READING IS MAGIC any time of the year.

Books and imagination are always the BEST gifts.

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Just in time for the holidays. . .

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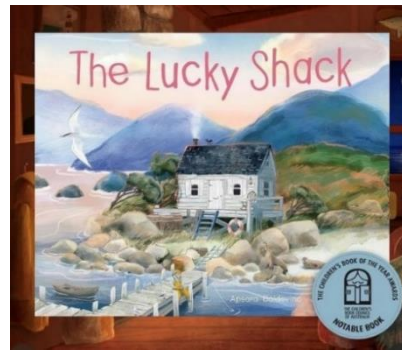
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**THE LUCKY SHACK**

(Working Title Press - Imprint of Harper Collins Australia)

### **SUMMARY:**

*A seaside shack is lovingly cared for by a fisherman until one day everything changes. The Lucky Shack is a heartfelt and uplifting journey through the seasons and the cycle of life. If you are brave enough to let the light in, love and gratitude will triumph.*

**PERSONAL QUOTE -** *Write with an open heart and an open mind. Write for the joy of it and the rest follows. - APSARA BALDOVINO*

**- EXTRA COMMENTS:** *I am working on a new book which is dedicated to librarians and storytellers everywhere. I am currently working at Taronga Conservation and hoping my walks around the Zoo will inspire new ideas.*

**-What do you like about KC?** *I love the diversity of topics of each issue, packed with information and news of creators all over.*

**-What would make KC better?** *Perhaps mini versions could be great for KC - little snippets as many people are time-poor so they love a quick read, unfortunately. Still keep your long-form versions, But consider a bite-size version every now and then too.*

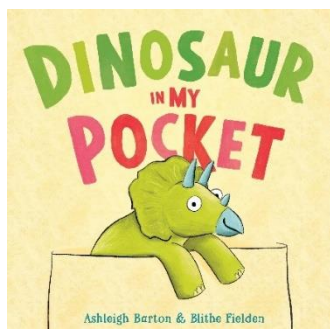
**My “go-to” word or wish for 2025: “GOODIES”.** *Let us feel good enough to bring in the goodies for our creativity and ourselves. -Apsara Baldovino*

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**-DINOSAUR IN MY POCKET** (illustrated by Blithe Fielden)  
**- FREDDIE SPECTOR, FACT COLLECTOR-GO FOR GOLD)**  
**-SPACE CADET). [Illustrated By PETER CHEONG]]**  
(Hachette Australia)



## **BOOK SUMMARIES**

***Dinosaur In My Pocket** is about a boy who takes a miniature dinosaur from the museum gift shop on a school excursion. The dinosaur soon grows bigger and bigger until he can't hide it anymore. A cautionary tale but one that reminds us that mistakes can be fixed! - 'ASHLEIGH BARTON*

***Freddie Spector, Fact Collector** is about a boy who loves collecting facts on whichever topic he's currently interested in. The books blend fiction and non-fiction with interesting facts running throughout a fun and fast-paced story with amazing illustrations by Peter Cheong.*

### **-PERSONAL QUOTE:**

I wouldn't be an author today had I not read as voraciously and widely as I did as a child (and since!). - **ASHLEIGH BARTON**

### **These K I N D N E S S ideas are from:**

<https://www.teachstarter.com/au/blog/random-acts-of-kindness-activities-kids/>

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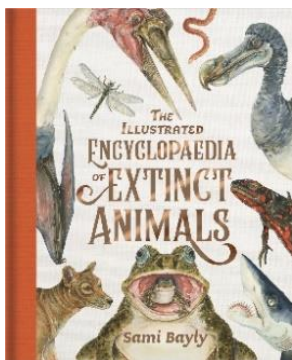


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### THE ILLUSTRATED ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF EXTINCT ANIMALS

(Lothian/Hachette Australia)

**SUMMARY** - Discover the incredible features and characteristics of some of the natural world's most fascinating extinct and critically endangered animals in the latest illustrated hardcover encyclopaedia.

**PERSONAL QUOTE:** *The world is waiting for your unique voice. So, keep creating, stay curious, and trust that your work has the potential to inspire others someday. - SAMI BAYLY.*



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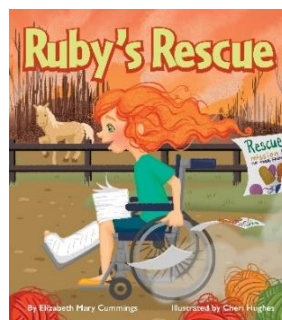
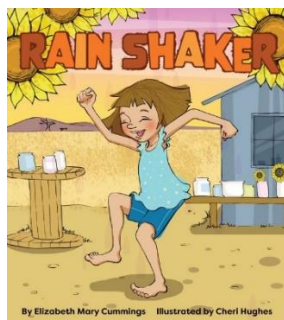


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COASTAL (2023) SYDNEY POETRY

RUBY'S RESCUE (2022), RAINSHAKER (2020).

(Big Sky Publishing)



**PERSONAL QUOTE:** *Reading provides opportunities to understand ourselves and our world in relation to others. These new meanings and perspectives build connections. Elizabeth Cummings*

### EXTRA COMMENTS:

-What do you like about KC? *I love the deep dive into Australian content and the focus on children's topics.*

-What would make KC better? *Perhaps a "bites" page where info and ideas were available in a condensed bite-sized way for busy/low attention consumers.*

My "go-to" word or wish for 2025: **PEACE**

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*\*Read to a neighbour or friend's dog  
(this is also a great way for young readers  
to build their reading fluency!)*

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**PARROT PALACE (Little Big Sky Publishers) [RELEASE DATE March 2025]**

**SUMMARY** - *Three inventive, daring kids and their diverse families, live in a three-storey apartment block called Parrot Place with lots of parrots of course. Parrot Palace gets under the skin of discrimination and works out ways to play, relate and celebrate inclusion.*

**-PERSONAL QUOTE:**

*Reading is a safe place where imagination, ideas, hopes and dreams embrace kids and adults too. - Susanne Gervay*

**EXTRA COMMENTS:** I am committed to an inclusive society – this is at the heart of *Parrot Palace*. It is also at the heart of my new picture book coming out July 2025.

**-What do you like about KC?**

A dedicated ezine for the kids' books.

**-What would make KC better?**

Getting some publishers' comments to add to the mix.

**-My "go-to" word or wish for 2025. **HOPE.****



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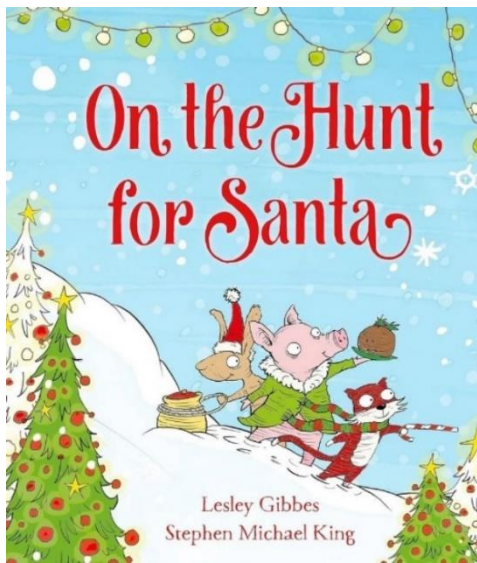
## **ON THE HUNT FOR SANTA**

(Working Title Press- Harper Collins Australia. Release date December: 2024)

### **SUMMARY:**

*Hare, Cat and Pig are on the hunt for Santa. It's snowing and the journey is filled with danger. Will they give up? Of course they won't!*

*Once upon a snowy day, three friends set out on a journey – Hare with a honey pot, Cat with a candy cane, Pig with a plum pudding.*



*But where were they going that snowy day, out in the cold so far away?*

*It was a mystery!*

*A companion title to the best-selling Scary Night by award-winning Lesley Gibbes and Stephen Michael King.*

**-PERSONAL QUOTE:** *The holiday season is the best time to snuggle up and read your favourite book. - LESLIE GIBBS*

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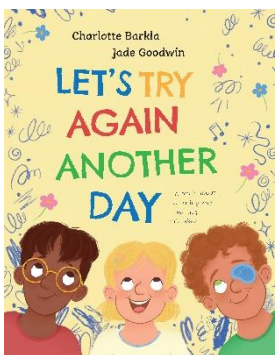


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(<https://www.instagram.com/jadey.draws/>)

**PERSONAL QUOTE:** *"In the world of books, we don't just find stories, we discover the magic of endless possibilities and new worlds waiting to be discovered"* - **JADE GOODWIN**

**EXTRA COMMENT** - I've illustrated and published nine books this year, so I've compiled a list below with the authors included. Jade-

**BOOK 1: TITLE: *Let's Try Again Another Day* (Hachette / Lothian - RELEASE**



**DATE: 28th AUG 24**

**AUTHOR: Charlotte Barkla, with Jane Goodwin, Illustrator**

**SUMMARY:** A beautifully illustrated story about learning and making mistakes -- If we don't get things right away, we'll try again another day.

**PERSONAL QUOTE:** *"Bodies grow and brains do, too. Always learning -- me and you. If we don't get things straight away, we'll try again another day."* **JADE GOODWIN**

**BOOK 2 & 3: TITLE: *Tennis Camp Diaries [Books 1 & 2]* (HarperCollins- RELEASE**



**DATE: Book 1 - 3 July. 2024; Book 2- 4 December 2024)**

**AUTHOR: Jasmin McGaughey, with Jane Goodwin, Illustrator.**

**SUMMARY:** *Welcome to the secret diary of future tennis star Ash Barty and her adventures at Tennis Camp! By Ash Barty, Jasmin McGaughey and Jade Goodwin - the team behind the bestselling Little*

*Ash series!*

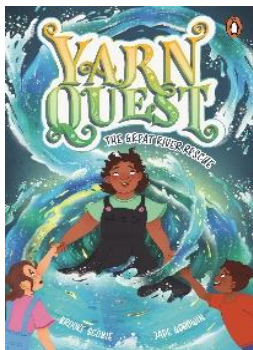
*TOP SECRET! This is the PRIVATE diary of Ash Barty, future tennis SUPERSTAR! So don't tell anyone what I'm about to tell you... Okay?!*

**BOOK 4: TITLE: *Yarn Quest: The Search for the Story Realm* (Penguin- with Jane Goodwin, Illustrator.)**

**AUTHOR: Brooke Scobie, with Jane Goodwin, Illustrator.**

**SUMMARY:** Dive into an enchanting fantasy-adventure trilogy as Tane and Sibyl embark on a thrilling quest to rescue a trapped Story Spirit. With magic around every corner, they discover how storytelling can shape their reality. Adventure beckons!

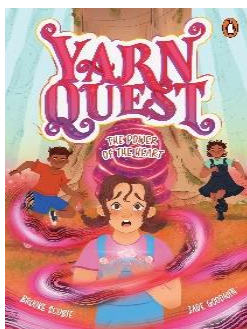
**BOOK 5: Title: Yarn Quest: The Great River Rescue** (Penguin: **RELEASE DATE:** 30th July 2024.)



**AUTHOR:** Brooke Scobie, with JADE GOODWIN, **Illustrator.**

**SUMMARY:** Embark on the second thrilling installment of a magical fantasy trilogy! As the Great River falls ill, twelve-year-old P must summon unmatched bravery to save it. Join P, Sibyl, and Tane on an unforgettable adventure through the enchanting Story Realm!

**BOOK 6: TITLE: Yarn Quest: The Power of the Heart** (Penguin, Release date July 30, 2024)

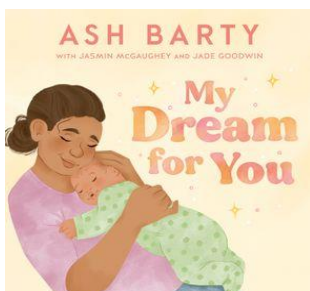


**AUTHOR:** Brooke Scobie, with Jade Goodwin, **Illustrator)**

**SUMMARY:** The third adventure of this fantasy trilogy as Sibyl, Tane, and P face a mysterious magic devastating the Story Realm. They must discover the heart of the Realm and a new Storyteller to restore balance before it's too late!

**BOOK 7: My Dream for You** (HarperCollins- **RELEASE DATE:** 6th March 2024))

**AUTHOR:** Jasmin McGaughey, with Jade Goodwin, **Illustrator.**



**SUMMARY:** A loving story about a mother's hopes and dreams for her new baby. *"My dream for you begins earlier than dawn, in the magical days before you are born. I dream of our future with you in my arms, waking to birdsong, sharing sunlit yarns."*

**BOOK 8: Little Ash: Big Break!** (Harper Collins **RELEASE DATE:** 1st May 2024



**)AUTHOR:** Jasmin McGaughey- **Author, with Jade Goodwin - Illustrator.**

**SUMMARY:** Ash can't WAIT for family beach day. All the cousins play beachside tennis, and the winner gets to choose dessert. But Ali has broken her wrist! Will Ash find a way to include Ali in the FUN?

## **BOOK 9: Little Ash: Sleepover Surprise! (HarperCollins-RELEASE DATE: 1st May**



**2024).**

**AUTHOR:** Jasmin McGaughey, with Jade Goodwin - **Illustrator.**

**SUMMARY:** It's time for a SLEEPOVER! Ash is so excited to watch a movie and eat popcorn with her friends. But not everyone is happy to be away from home. How will Ash help her friends and make sure it's the best sleepover EVER?

**EXTRA COMMENTS:** I feel so blessed to have the opportunity to do this as my full-time job. I put so much heart into all of my work and love inspiring the young and young at heart. I have four picture books coming out next year that have more of my heart in them too.

### **What do you like about KC?**

I appreciate the opportunity to look more behind the scenes and connect with the wonderful people who create books. It's inspiring to learn about their journeys and the passion that goes into storytelling.

**My "go-to" word or wish for 2025- "HEART." I want 2025 to be about heart and authenticity, embracing our true selves and sharing stories with the world. - JADE GOODWIN**

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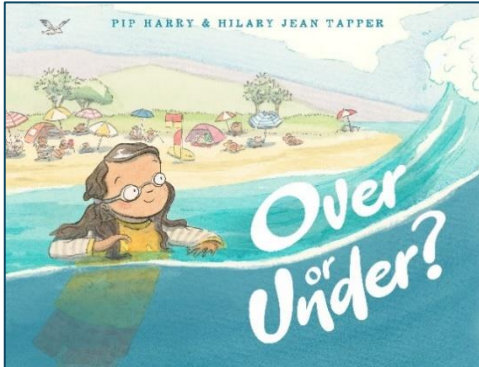


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**OVER OR UNDER?**

**-PUBLISHER: Hachette [out now]**

**(Lothian)** <https://www.hachette.com.au/pip-harry-hilary-jean-tapper/over-or-under>



**-SUMMARY:** Maisie is learning to swim in the ocean and finds waves a bit scary, especially after she gets badly dumped. With some encouragement from dad, her confidence in the surf grows as she learns to either float over the top or duck dive under. A new picture book from author Pip Harry and illustrator Hilary Jean Tapper about resilience, courage and trying new things. Perfect for

summer!

**PERSONAL QUOTE:** *"This is my very first picture book and it's fitting that it has themes of resilience and trying again. I had written countless picture book manuscripts before this one was picked up for publication. I kept at it, knowing I had stories to tell for readers in this younger age bracket. I have four more standalone picture books coming in the next few years, which is very exciting! If at first you don't succeed. - PIP HARRY*

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*\*Teach an older relative or neighbour how to use a device.*



**LIBBY HATHORN – AUTHOR and POET –**

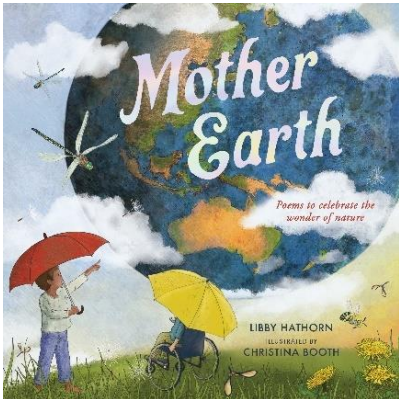


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MOTHER EARTH [Recent, This is Us 2025]

(Hachette, National Library of Australia-  
September 25.)



**-SUMMARY:** *Mother Earth is a celebration of nature through poetry and art (Christina Booth artist)*

**THIS IS US** is collection of Australia poetry of many diverse voices; co-collected Jude Fell, artist Tull Sawannakit

**-PERSONAL QUOTE**

*Reading is a gift that every child deserves to explore and to make a lifelong habit. It makes the world larger, brighter and filled with so many more possibilities. – LIBBY HATHORN*

**-My “go-to” word or wish for 2025:** **READ to feed your curiosity!**

**KINDNESS** is a gift that is easy to share.

*\*Leave a kind note on a park bench for a stranger to find it.*

*\*Help a younger sibling with their homework.*

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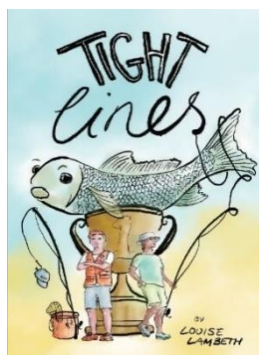
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**LOUISE LAMBETH – AUTHOR - [louiselambeth.com](http://louiselambeth.com)**



**TIGHT LINES**  
**(LOUISE LAMBETH)**

**SUMMARY;** Tight Lines follows Roy as he learns to fish.



The story combines adventure with practical tips on fishing safety and is for ages 8+. Endorsed by Surf Life Saving Australia, Tight Lines is a wonderful book for families who enjoy fishing.

**-PERSONAL QUOTE:**

*To be able to write this book I had to learn to fish... and now I'm hooked!- - Louise LAMBETH*

**EXTRA COMMENTS:**

- I am a surf lifesaver who became an author to help families learn how to be safe at the beach, around rivers and when fishing.
- My books are reviewed by peak drowning prevention organisations so you can be sure the safety information is accurate.

- Additional Information - I have a new book in illustration and it's all about the joy of rockpooling... and staying safe!

-**What do you like about KC?** I love the author/illustrator and the stories behind the stories. And I LOVE the edition covers, which are awesome.

-**What would make KC better?** Nothing!

-My “go-to” word or wish for 2025. **Fishing is FUN!**

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*\*Help a neighbour with a task, such as sweeping*

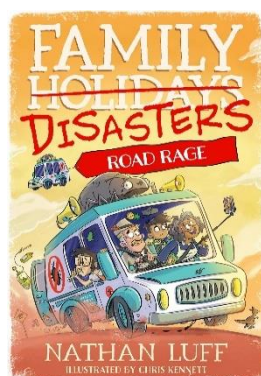
**NATHAN LUFF – AUTHOR – WEBSITE [www.nathanluff.com.au](http://www.nathanluff.com.au)**



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**FAMILY DISASTERS: ROAD RAGE**

by **NATHAN LUFF** with **CHRIS KENNETT**, illustrator.  
(Scholastic Australia)



**SUMMARY:** Jakob and his family end their epic family holiday with a drive down the east coast of Australia, but unfortunately recent flooding has closed off many of the roads, forcing a disastrous detour.

**ALSO COMING SOON:** (hmmm- surprise – maybe something funny or something scary- you'll have to wait and see.

**-PERSONAL QUOTE:** *I love Summer. It's the perfect season to cuddle up with a good book indoors, away from the flies, heat and crowds.*

**- NATHAN LUFF**

-My “go-to” word or wish for 2025: My wish for 2025 is **less screen time and more reading time** (for myself and for everyone else) – **NATHAN LUFF.**

## JENNY MARSHALL - AUTHOR -



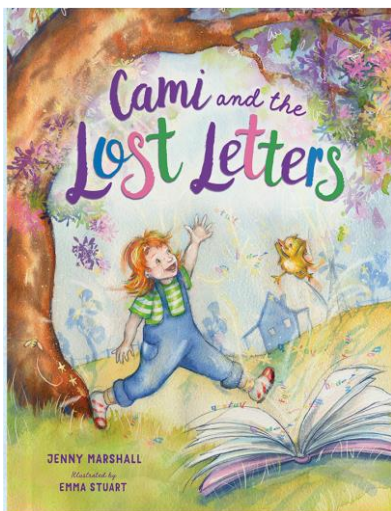
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and [www.jennymarshall.com.au](http://www.jennymarshall.com.au)

### CAMI AND THE LOST LETTERS

By Jenny Marshall and

Emma STUART, Illustrator

(Jenny Marshall Publisher -Release date March 2025)



**SUMMARY:** *Cami and the Lost Letters*, an interactive picture book, invites readers into a magical world of letters and sounds as Cami embarks on a quest to save her favourite story, building her phonological awareness and phonics skills along the way.

**PERSONAL QUOTE:** *When you're writing, value persistence and patience over perfection, and practise, practise, practise!" – JENNY MARSHALL.*

## KATRINA MCKELVEY - AUTHOR



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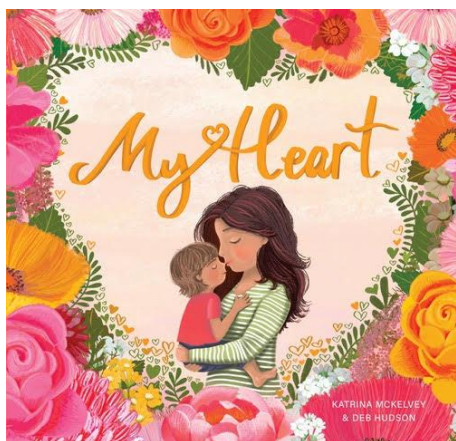
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## MY HEART

by Katrina McKELVEY

with [Deb Hudson](#), **Illustrator** (EK BOOKS-(Released March, 2024. Books available [here.](#))

**-SUMMARY:** *My Heart* is packed with treasured moments that fill a mother's heart with joy, worry, pride, and love. In this tribute to mothers everywhere, celebrate a journey of memories and emotions.

**-PERSONAL QUOTE:** *Reading can take you on amazing journeys filled with fun, adventure, empowerment, and love. - KATRINA MCKELVEY*



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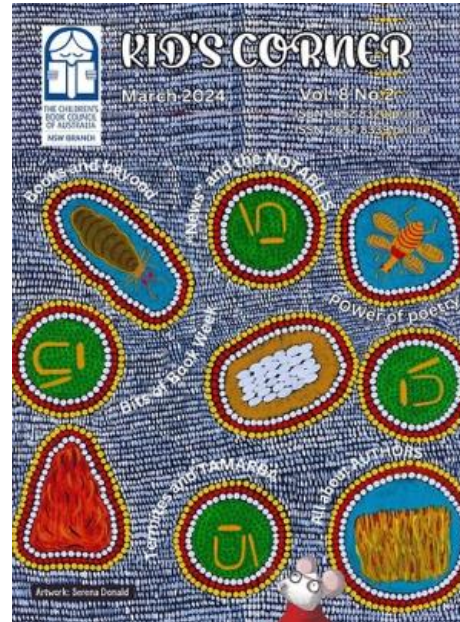


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**KC JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 2024**  
**THEME – New Year Perspectives KC and Stories,**  
**GUEST ILLUSTRATOR - Toni Cary**  
**FEATURES: Australians of the Year, Caring for Country, Libraries to Love**



**KC MARCH 2024**  
**THEME: All About Authors, NEWS and Notables, Beyond Books**  
**GUEST ILLUSTRATOR: The TAMARRA Project**  
**FEATURES: Termites and Tamarra, Reading is Magic the NOTABLES., Author Suitcases, Poetry**

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**CHECK FOR THE BIG YELLOW BUTTON**



**KC APRIL 2024**  
**THEME – READING, SHARING, CREATING**  
**GUEST ILLUSTRATOR: Emma QUAY**  
**FEATURES: The SHORTLIST, Stories from page to stage, Types of Readers.**



**KC MAY 2024**  
**THEME: JUDGES, STORIES, NEWS**  
**GUEST ILLUSTRATOR: DUB LEFFLER**  
**FEATURES: BOYA Judges, Shadow Judging, Collide and Compete Book Trailers, New Books**

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### KC JUNE 2024

**THEME; NOTABLY NSW,  
GUEST ILLUSTRATOR: MARION  
FEATURES: NOTABLY NSW, STORY  
STARTERS, BOOKS in "the NEWS".**

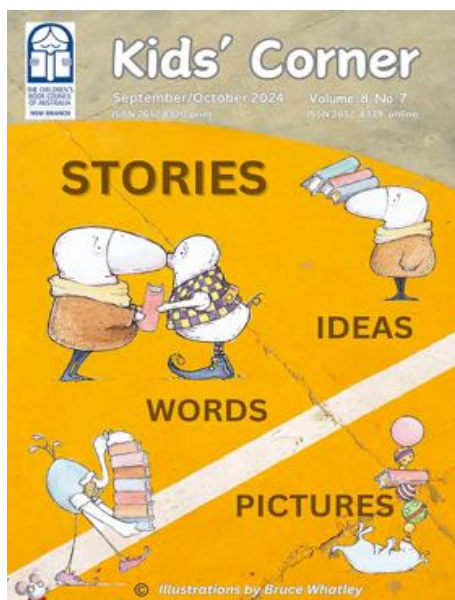
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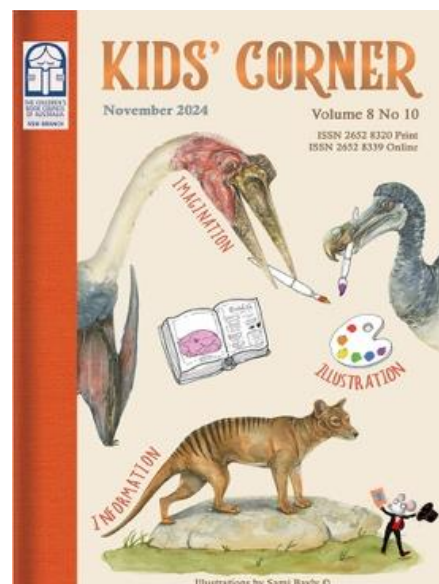
**THEME – Notably Book Week Now  
GUEST ILLUSTRATOR – Kim de Haan  
FEATURES: KC4KC, Book Week, Shadow  
Judging, Notably NSW**

**\*READ \*WRITE \*  
\*THINK\*IMAGINE\*CREATE\***



### KC SEPT/ OCT 2024

**THEME: STORIES= Ideas, Words, Pictures  
GUEST ILLUSTRATOR: Bruce Whatley  
FEATURES: Notable Picture Books,  
Notably NSW, Information Books**



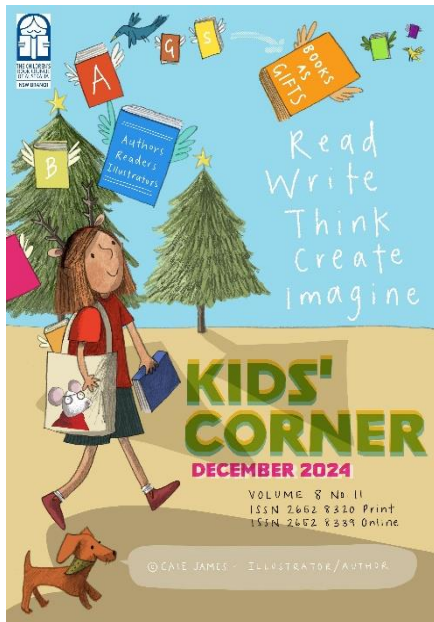
### KC NOVEMBER 2024

**THEME: IMAGINATION, ILLUSTRATION,  
INFORMATION  
GUEST ILLUSTRATOR: Sami BAYLY  
FEATURES: All kinds of animals, New  
Illustrators, Sport & Stories, Reading Counts**

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It is geared towards kids aged around 10 plus and the adults who work with them.

It features Australian children's literature and related info on all sorts of happenings to encourage kids to *read, write, think, and create*

Morrie is our mascot.  
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We are always interested in your ideas.

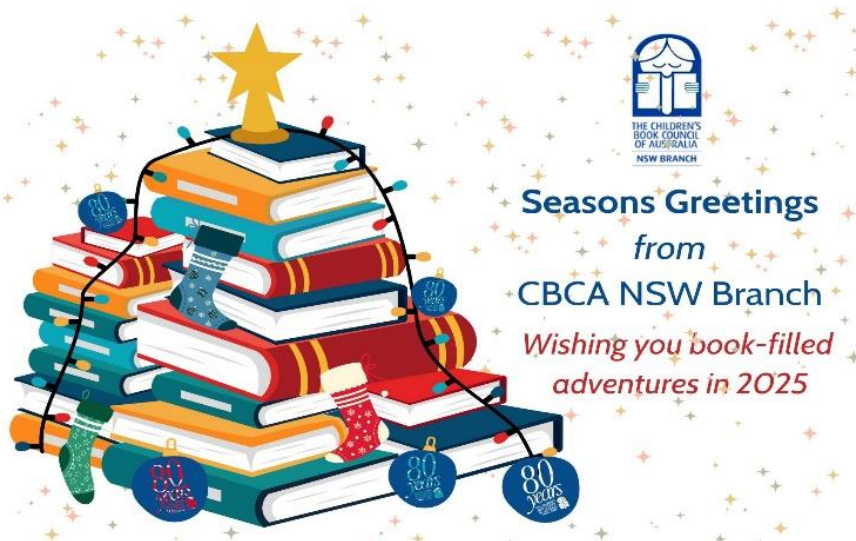
Cheers- Morrie and the KC team



**KC NOVEMBER 2024**  
**THEME: BAGS = BOOKS AS GIFTS**  
**-GUEST ILLUSTRATOR: CATE JAMES**  
**FEATURES:**  
**BAGS= BOOKS AS GIFTS**  
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**KC COVERS the YEAR!**

**HAPPY READING ALWAYS...**



Seasons Greetings  
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