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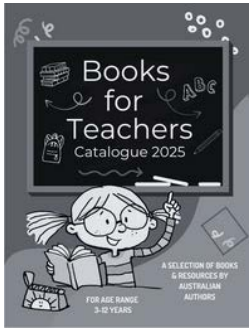
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OUR PLANETS  
DREAMING BIG

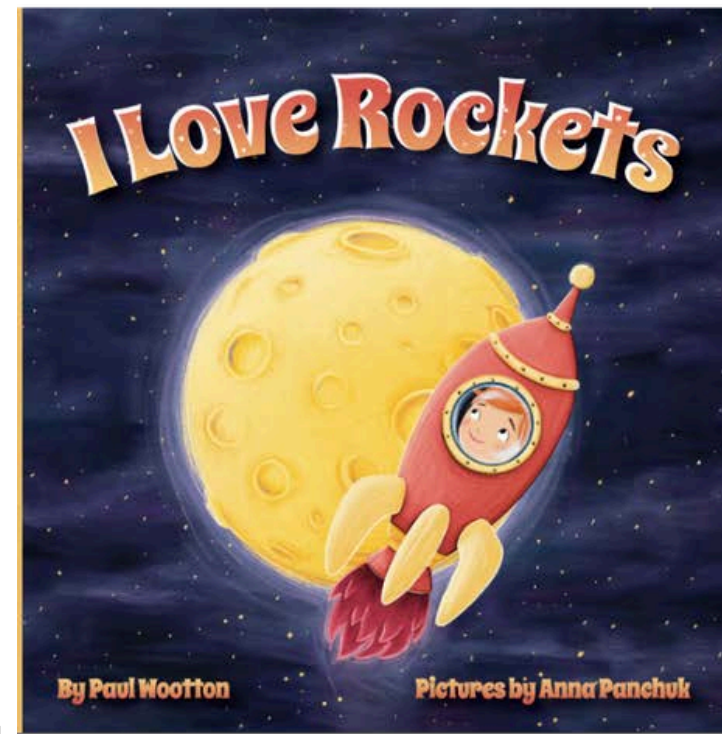
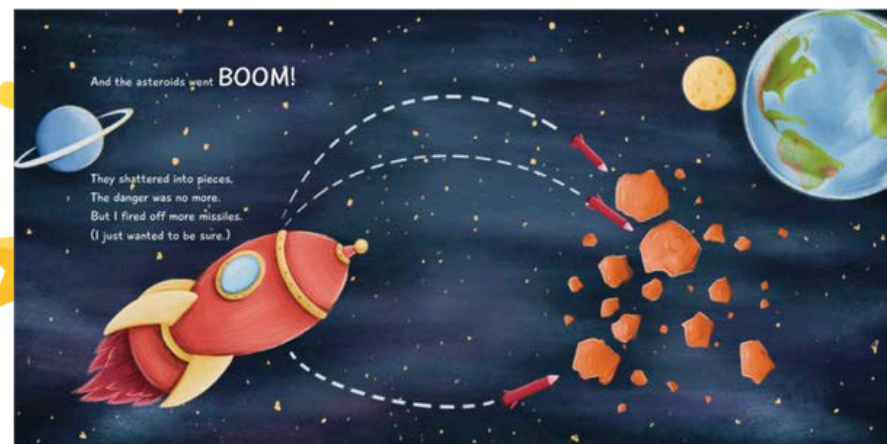
## I Love Rockets

Author: Paul Wootton; Illustrator: Anna Panchuk

I Love Rockets is an entertaining picture book for ages 3+.

The book tells the story of one child's adventures in space. It's full of fun encounters, exciting discoveries and daring deeds.

It's a humorous, entertaining read but also illustrates our solar system, introduces the concept of gravity and highlights themes of bravery, determination and dreaming big.



### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

AC9S2U01 Recognise Earth is a planet in the solar system and identify patterns in the changing position of the sun, moon, planets and stars in the sky

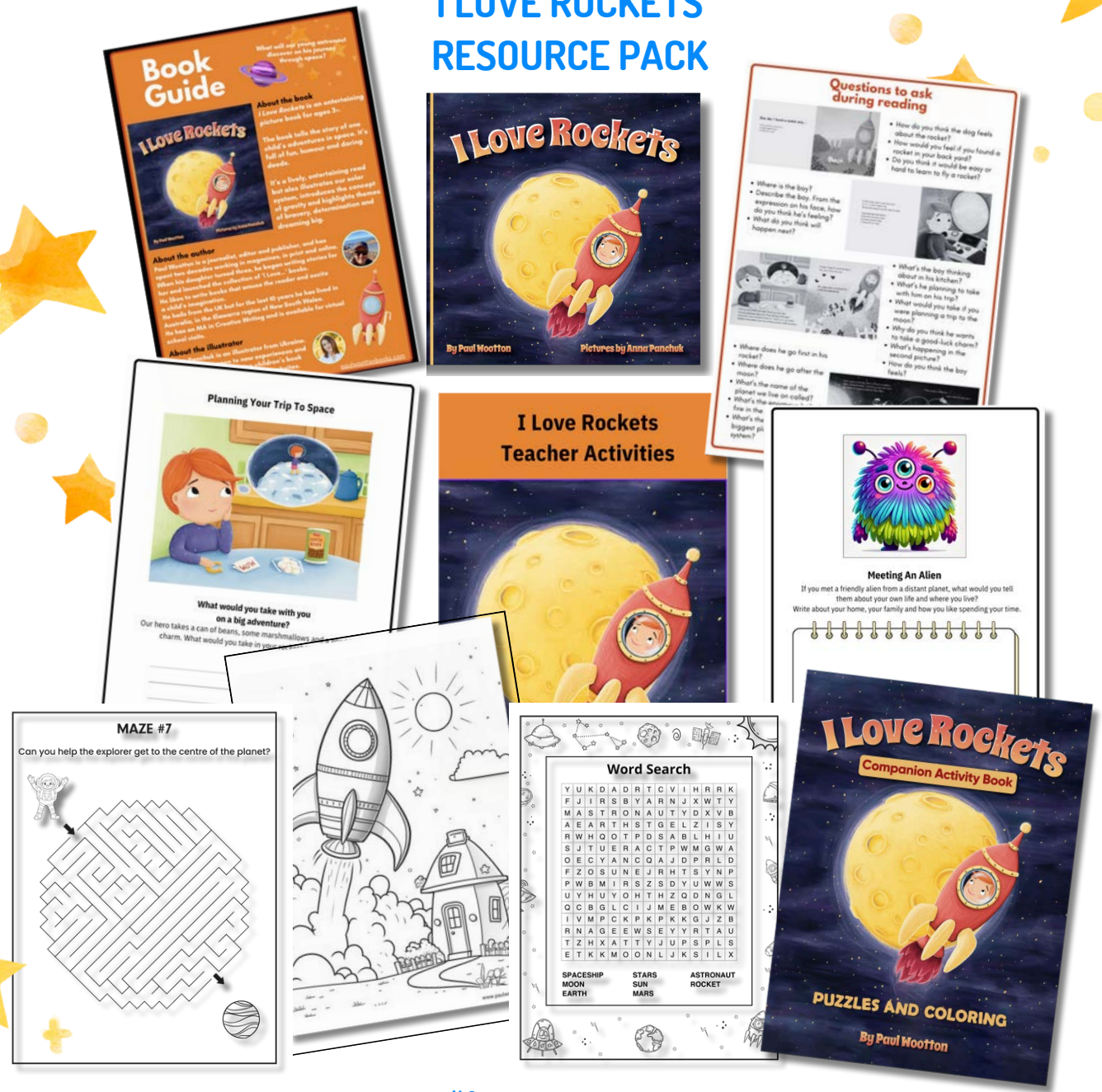
#### REVIEW

My 5-year-old loved naming the planets, counting the alien's eyes, and all the space imagery. I personally loved the illustrations and the clever rhymes.

- What's included in this resource pack:**
- Paperback picture book: I Love Rockets
  - pdf - Book Guide with discussion questions to ask before, during and after reading
  - pdf - I Love Rockets Teacher Activities pack
  - pdf - 64-page Rocket-themed Activity book

**\$29.95**

### I LOVE ROCKETS RESOURCE PACK



**"A wonderful tale of adventure for little budding astronauts out there! So cute and cleverly presented."**



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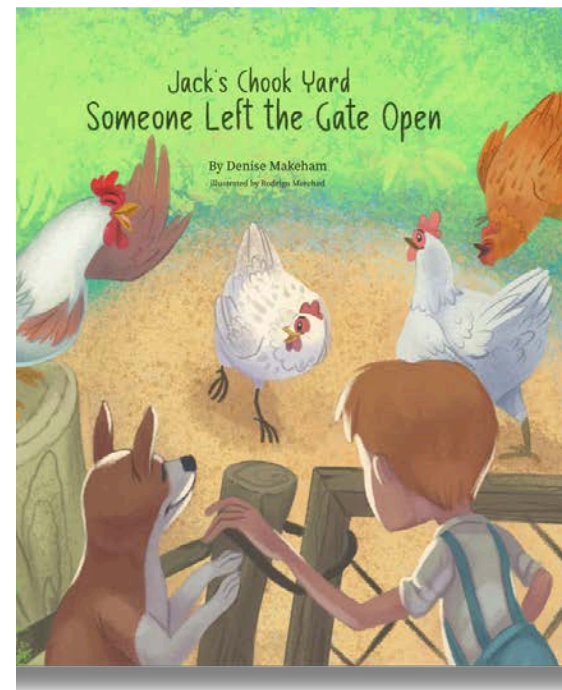
KEY THEMES  
CHICKENS  
BEING ADVENTUROUS  
VEGETABLES

# Jack's Chook Yard Someone Left the Gate Open

Author: Denise Makeham; Illustrator: Rodrigo Merched

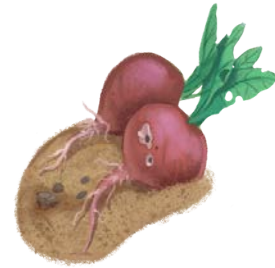
When the gate is left open, Edward the rooster and his pals can't resist the temptation to explore Jack's forbidden veggie patch. What mischief will they get up to as they roam freely, munching on spinach and chasing slaters?

With lively rhymes and delightful illustrations, this heart warming tale follows Edward and his flock as they frolic through the greenery, unaware of the trouble they might cause. But when they hear someone approaching, will they make it back home in time without getting caught?



## ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9E1LE02 Discuss literary texts and share responses by making connections with students' own experiences
- AC9E1LA04 Explore how repetition, rhyme and rhythm create cohesion in simple poems, chants and songs



**Fabulous! REVIEW**  
Denise recently came to my Day Care and read her books to my children. They absolutely loved the experience. They excitedly shared the stories with their parents on pick up that afternoon, especially the one about leaving the gate open. Really looking forward to the next exciting book from Denise.

Someone left the gate open, this could be fun.

Someone left the gate open, let's run, run, run.



Is that someone coming?  
Have they noticed we're not home?  
"Look out, look out," crowed Edward,  
"we are naughty to have roamed."



## SOMEONE LEFT THE GATE OPEN RESOURCE PACK



\$24.95

- What's included in this resource pack:**
- Paperback picture book: Someone Left the Gate Open
  - pdf - Book Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading
  - pdf - Activity pack of printable activities about vegetables and gardening



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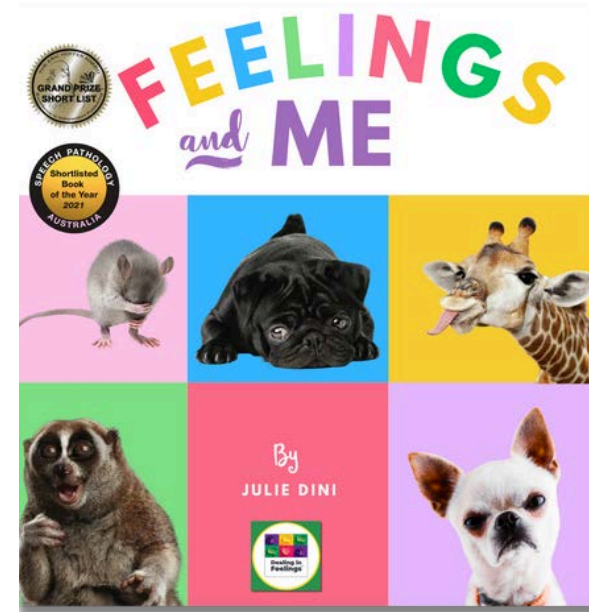
## KEY THEMES EXPLORING EMOTIONS DEALING WITH FEELINGS

# Feelings and Me

Author: Julie Dini

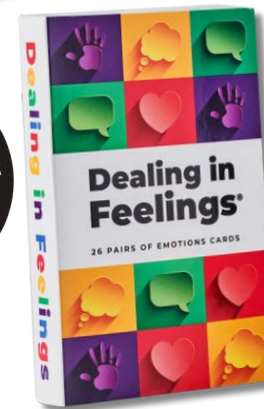
*Feelings and Me* is a gorgeous picture book designed to introduce young children to the inner world of emotions. Featuring photographs of an array of expressive animals such as a happy panda, an angry lion and a calm piglet, little children will delight in naming the animals and their feelings. Let your child explore all the delightful animals in this wonderful picture book, whilst they learn about emotions such as happy, angry, silly or shy.

Shortlisted for the Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year, 2021.

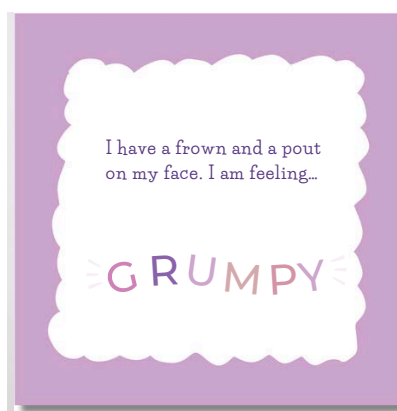
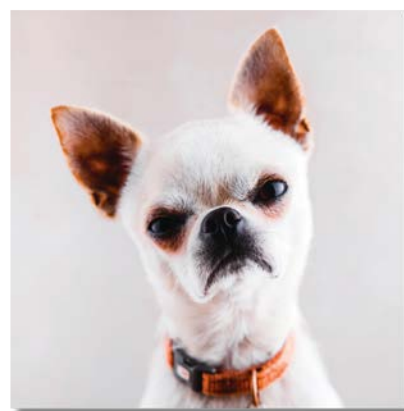
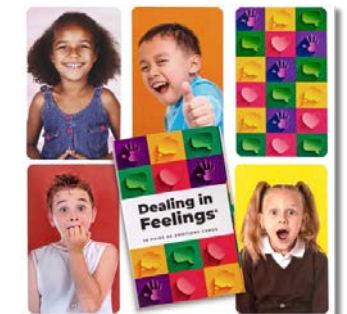
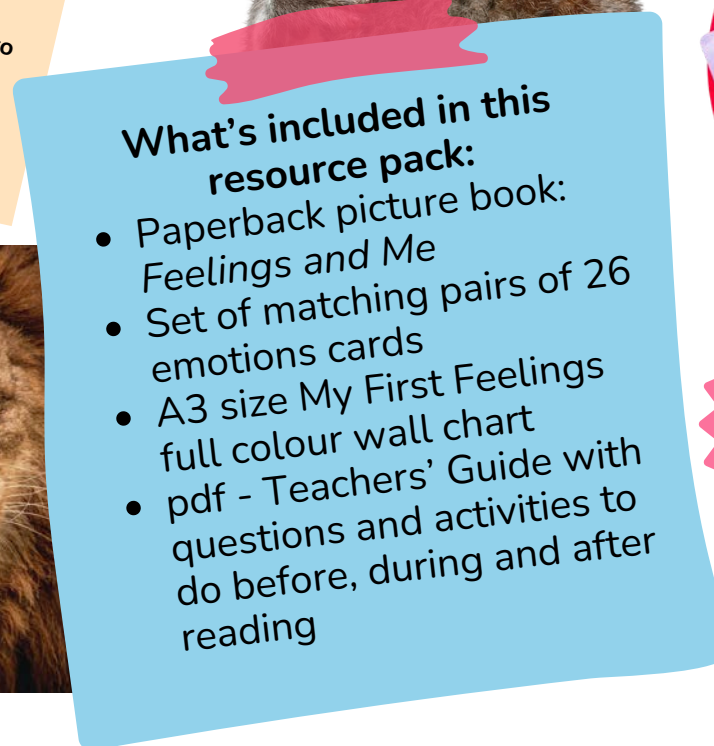
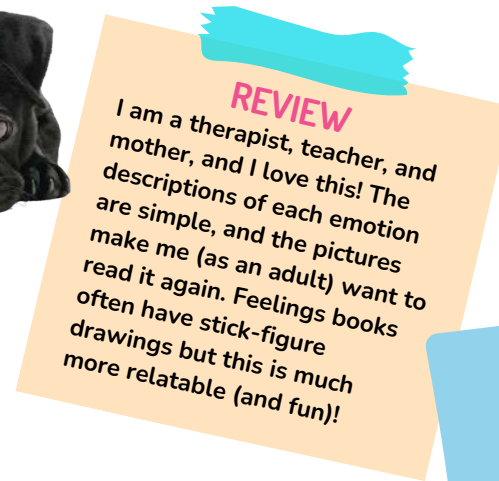
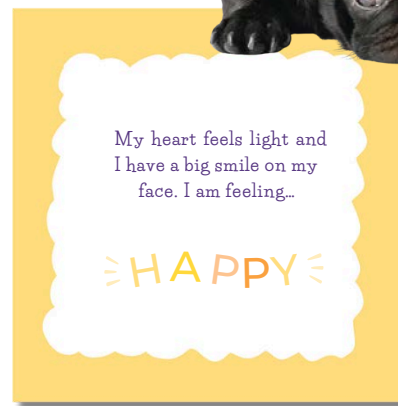
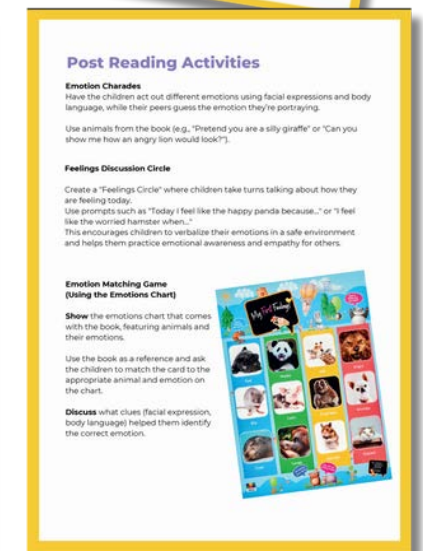


## ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9HPFP03 Express and describe emotions they experience
- AC9HP2P03 Identify how different situations influence emotional responses



## FEELINGS AND ME RESOURCE PACK



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KEY THEMES  
SELF-ACCEPTANCE  
FEELINGS  
LEARNING ABOUT THE  
BRUSH-TURKEY

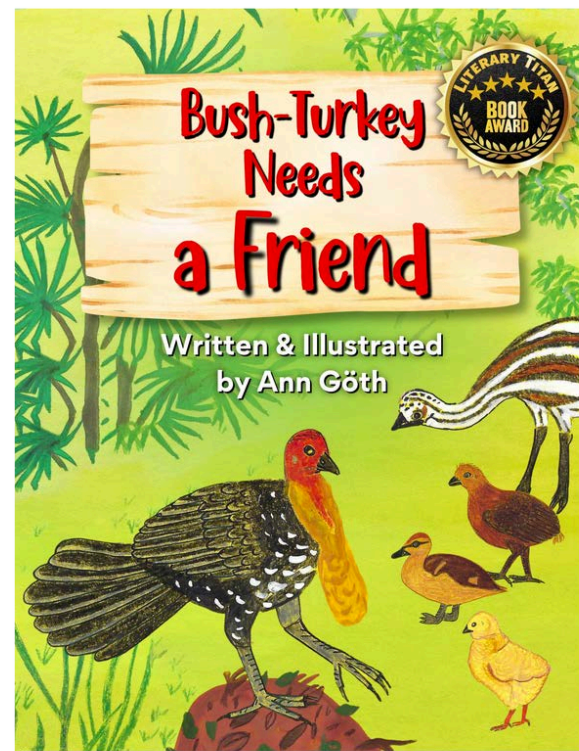
# Bush-Turkey Needs a Friend

Author and illustrator: Dr. Ann Göth

Discover the joy of friendship and self-acceptance with Tom Turkey in *Bush-Turkey Needs a Friend*.

Follow Tom's quest to find friends, all while learning valuable life lessons about being different and gaining a new found understanding of the Brush Turkey.

With captivating illustrations and a delightful storyline, this children's book will leave young readers feeling inspired to be themselves.



## ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9S3U01 Compare characteristics of living and non-living things and examine the differences between the life cycles of plants and animals
- AC9HP4P05 Describe how valuing diversity influences wellbeing and identify actions that promote inclusion in their communities

### REVIEW

"This is not just a story about a turkey's search for companionship, but a tender exploration of identity and diversity, presented in a manner that is both enjoyable and enlightening for young readers." Primary school teacher.

### Benefits of reading *Bush-Turkey Needs a Friend*:

- Uplifting animal adventure with valuable life lessons about friendships and the power of self-acceptance.
- Creating an emotional connection to a young bird that initially struggles to find a friend.
- A newfound understanding of the Brush (Bush) Turkey, a remarkable Australian native bird found in bush and backyards.

## BUSH-TURKEY NEEDS A FRIEND RESOURCE PACK

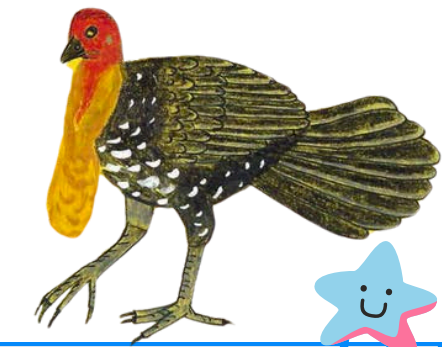


- What's included in this resource pack:
- Paperback picture book: *Bush-Turkey Needs a Friend*
  - pdf - Teachers' Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading
  - pdf - Activity Pack about brush-turkeys & feelings
  - pdf - story writing task at three levels of ability

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### REVIEW

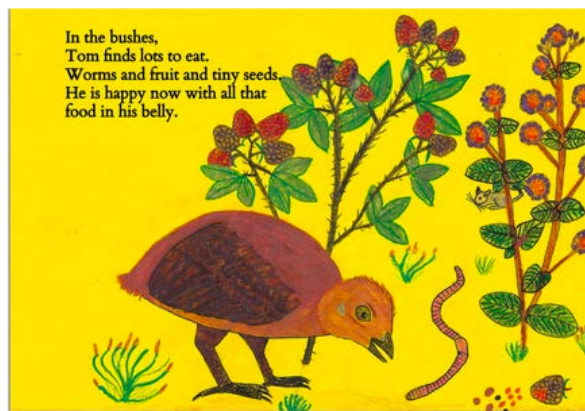
"A charming, insightful, and sweet story that not only teaches children fascinating facts about bush-turkeys, but also valuable life lessons about resilience, perseverance, and self-acceptance." Children's librarian.



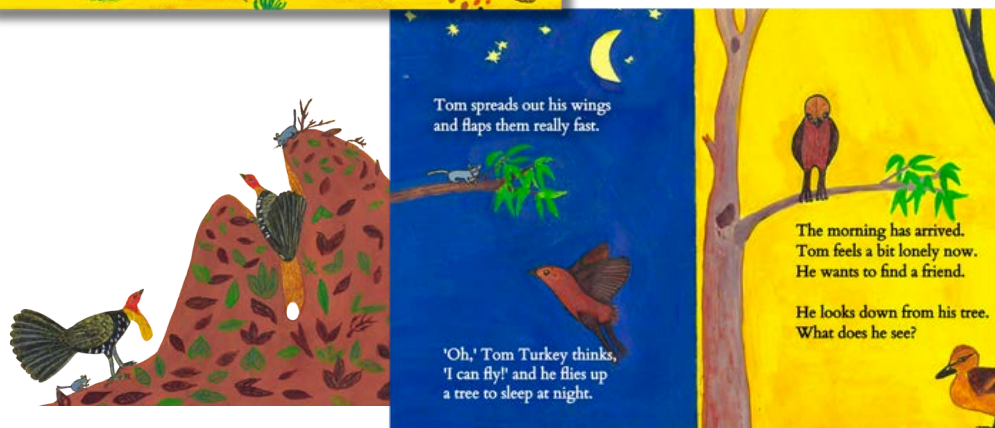
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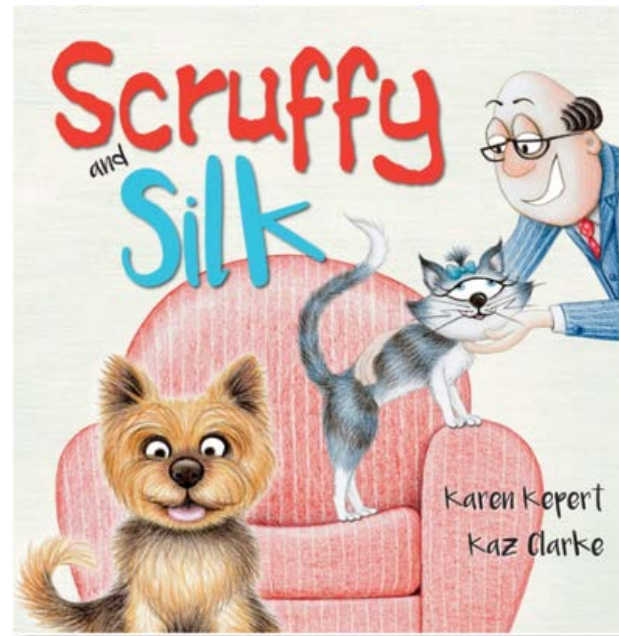
**KEY THEMES**  
INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES  
FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS  
PETS

## Scruffy and Silk

Author: Karen Kepert; Illustrator: Kaz Clarke

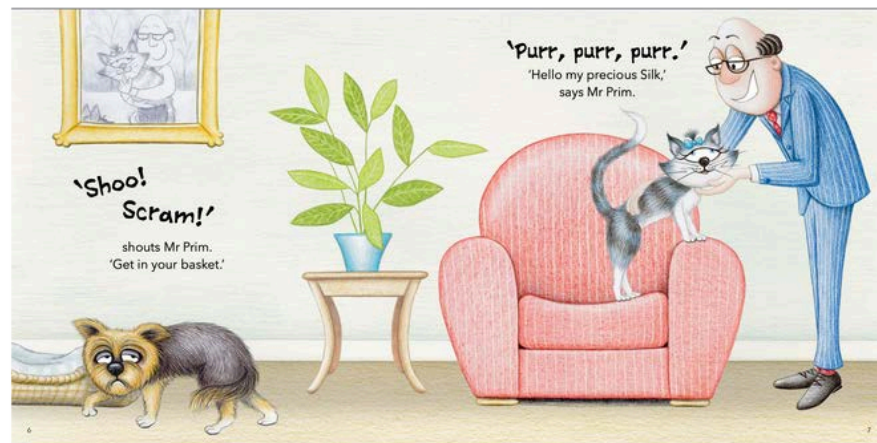
A story about family relationships and belonging.

This book explores the personalities of two characters and concludes that they are both important in their own different ways. It is good for opening discussion about individual differences.



### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9HP2P01 Describe their personal qualities and those of others, and explain how they contribute to developing identities
- AC9HP2P02 Identify and explore skills and strategies to develop respectful relationships

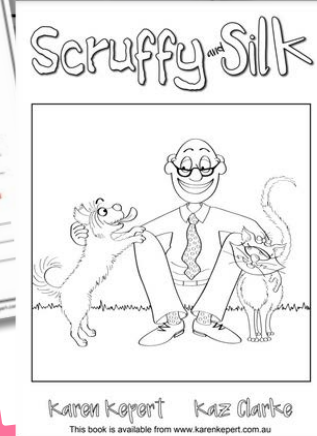
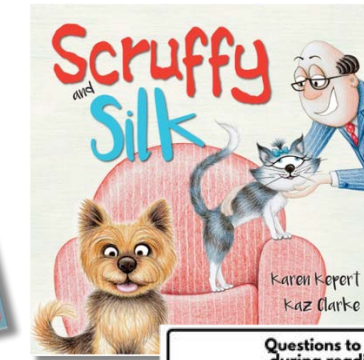


**REVIEW**

The simple text uses alliteration, repetition, and descriptive action words aimed at early primary school readers. Scruffy is an appealing hairy little terrier and quite a contrast to the elegant and decorous Silk. The hand-drawn pencil illustrations by Kaz Clarke bring the story to life.



## SCRUFFY AND SILK RESOURCE PACK



- What's included in this resource pack:**
- Paperback picture book: Scruffy and Silk
  - pdf - Book Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading
  - pdf - 10-page activity pack including writing tasks about the story
  - music video link for the Scruffy and Silk song

**\$29.95**

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## KEY THEMES PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS LETTER 'G' SOUNDS

### Gary the Goat

Author: Dannielle Pickford; Illustrator: Ana Djordjevic

*Gary the Goat* is a fun gardening story designed to support young readers as they begin to recognise and pronounce G sounds.

Perfect for readers aged 3 to 5, *Gary the Goat* introduces important skills that help children become confident speakers. With a fun story and colourful illustrations, there's something new to discover on every page.



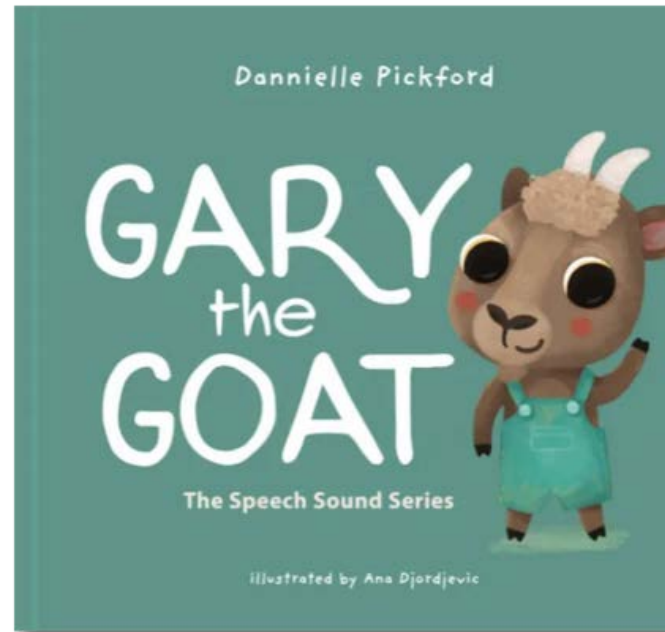
#### REVIEW

Great book with sounds for young children. Such cute illustrations loved it. This is a must read for anyone with small children. Gary the Goat is adorable and the adventures in his garden are so cute and funny.



#### REVIEW

Such a great way to practice G speech sounds. Gary is adorable and loves to garden. The illustrations are a perfect match to the story as it moves along giving ample opportunity to listen and practice all the sounds G makes.



#### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9EFLY09 Recognise and generate rhyming words, alliteration patterns, syllables and sounds (phonemes) in spoken words (phonological awareness)
- AC9EFLY05 Use comprehension strategies such as visualising, predicting, connecting, summarising and questioning to understand and discuss texts listened to, viewed or read independently

## GARY THE GOAT RESOURCE PACK



#### What's included in this resource pack:

- Paperback picture book: Gary the Goat
- pdf - Gary the Goat Teachers' Guide
- pdf - 15-page printable Activity Pack with 'g' word games
- pdf - 33-page 'g' sound revision pack with games and things to make

\$29.95



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KEY THEMES  
DIVERSITY  
KINDNESS  
FRIENDSHIP

# Jana's Brightly Coloured Socks

Author: Sally Fetouh; Illustrator: Alexis Schnitger  
A heart-warming, beautifully illustrated book encouraging children to embrace their differences and similarities.

Jana receives heaps of socks from her parents after learning how to put socks on by herself. What happens when she shows her friends at school? Join Jana on a fun-filled journey discovering true friendship and the value of kindness.

Author Sally Fetouh was inspired to write this story by her own daughter who has Down syndrome, feeling it important for children to be able to see themselves in literature.



## ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9HPFP03 Express and describe emotions they experience  
AC9HPFP02 Practise personal and social skills to interact respectfully with others

## REVIEWS

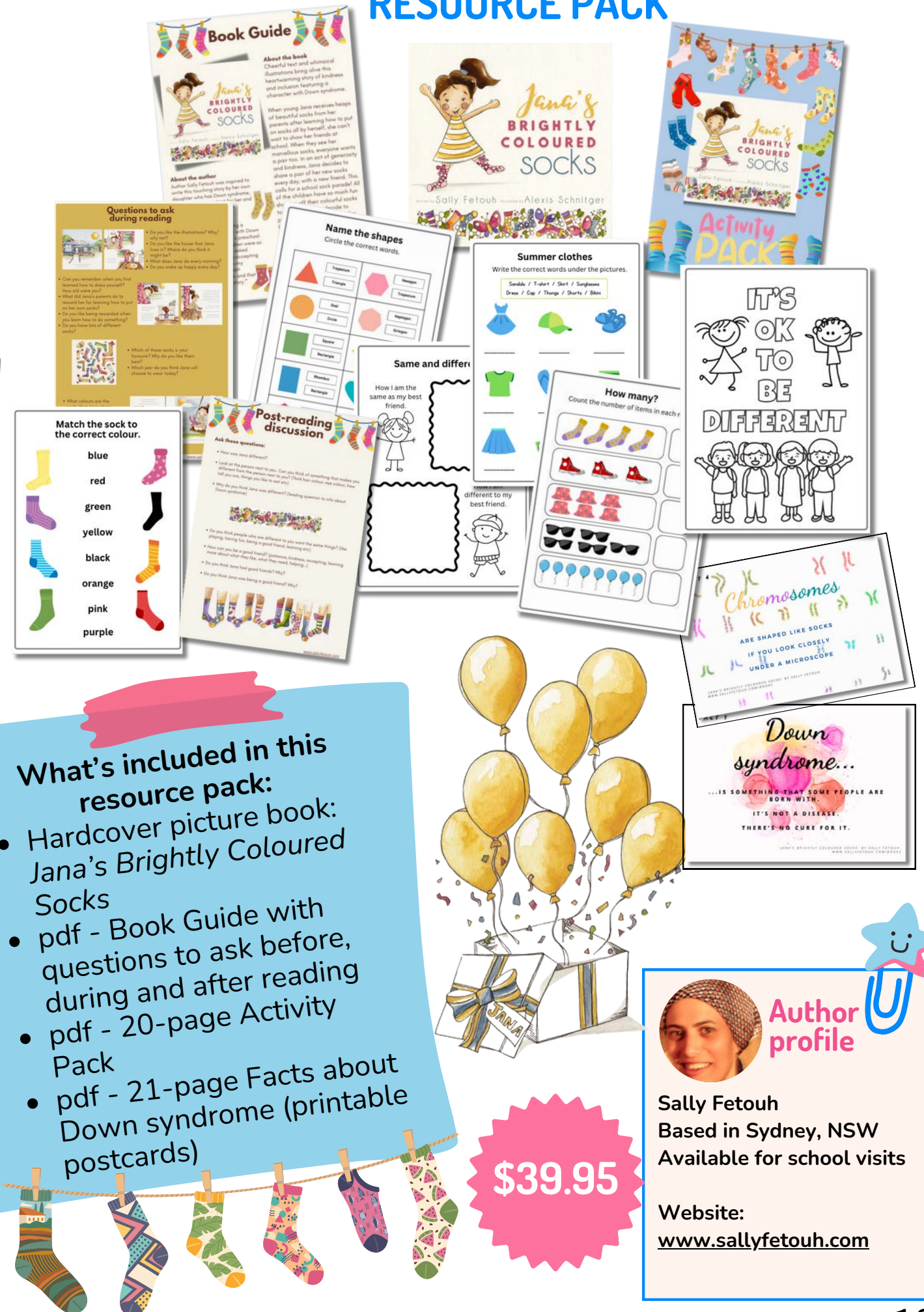
"More than a story of colourful socks or achievement, it's a lesson in generosity and giving that ideally will be profiled by adults who want to go beyond lessons on acceptance, diversity, or differences, to illustrate the benefits and approaches of being a giving person to one's peers."

"A perfectly entertaining book for all and is filled with lovely images."

"I spent the whole time reading with a big grin on my face."



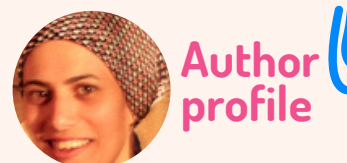
## JANA'S BRIGHTLY COLOURED SOCKS RESOURCE PACK



## What's included in this resource pack:

- Hardcover picture book: Jana's Brightly Coloured Socks
- pdf - Book Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading
- pdf - 20-page Activity Pack
- pdf - 21-page Facts about Down syndrome (printable postcards)

\$39.95



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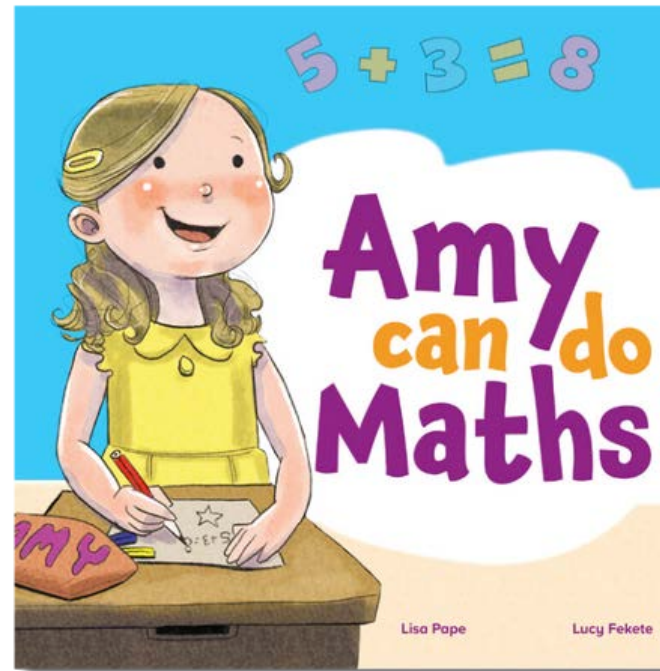
## KEY THEMES BUILDING CONFIDENCE MATHS RELUCTANT LEARNERS

### Amy Can Do Maths

Author: Lisa Pape; Illustrator: Lucy Fekete

Maths is hard!  
Well, that is what Amy thinks.  
In fact, the thought of maths class makes Amy's tummy feel sick. Now she no longer wants to go to school. Can something as simple as a plate of cookies change her mind?

*Amy Can Do Maths* aims to build confidence in reluctant learners and gently guide children to see difficult situations in a more positive way.



### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9MFN01 Name, represent and order numbers including zero to at least 20, using physical and virtual materials and numerals
- AC9HP2P03 Identify how different situations influence emotional responses

## AMY CAN DO MATHS RESOURCE PACK



\$22.00

- What's included in this resource pack:**
- Paperback picture book: *Amy Can Do Maths*
  - pdf - Teachers' Resource with questions to ask before, during and after reading
  - pdf - 30-page Activity Worksheet pack
  - Times table chart

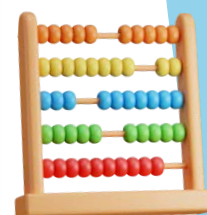


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### REVIEW

*Amy Can Do Maths* is a wonderful book that explains to children how when they give it a try they can do it and if they can conquer maths, surely they can accomplish anything. I wish this book was around when my daughter was learning maths and I am so happy I have a copy for my granddaughter.





KEY THEMES  
MARINE ECOSYSTEMS  
BOATING

# A Day on the Brine

Author: Susea Spray; Illustrator: Emma Stuart

With the wind in her hair and the salt tickling her nose, a Captain heads out for a day on the brine. She is hungry, throws out her fishing line and waits...

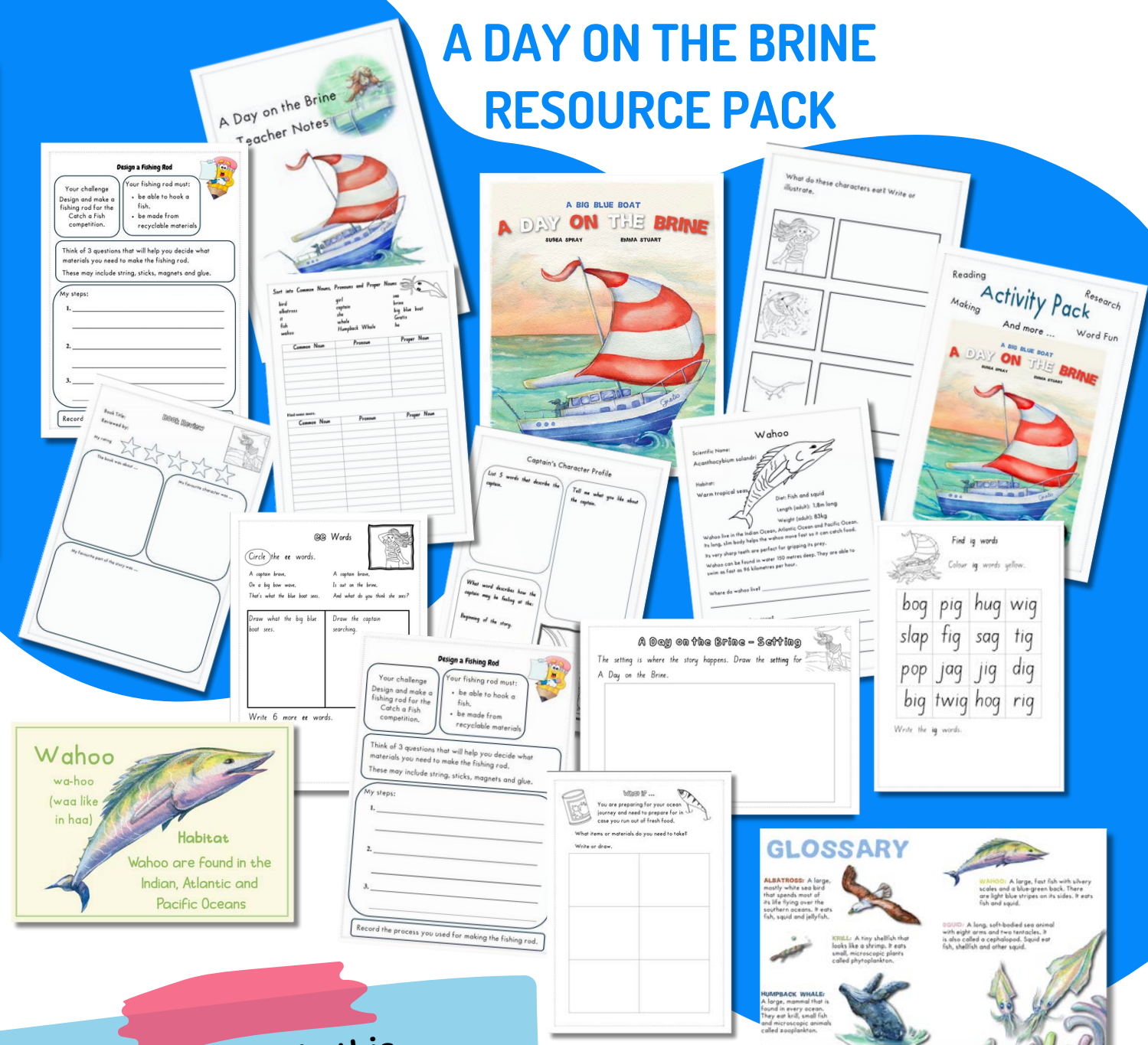
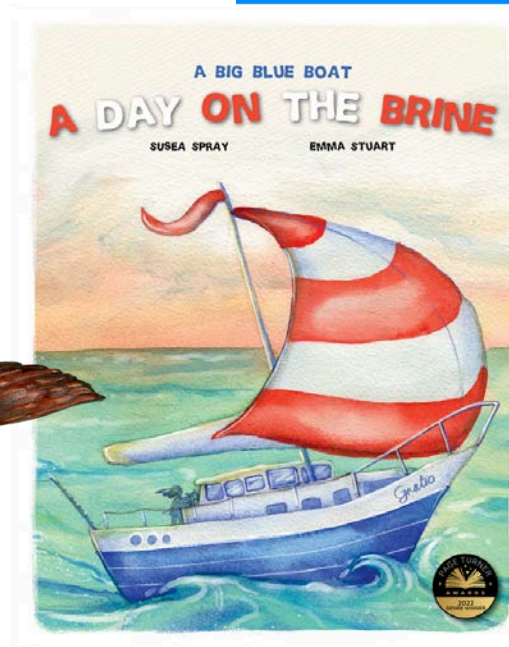
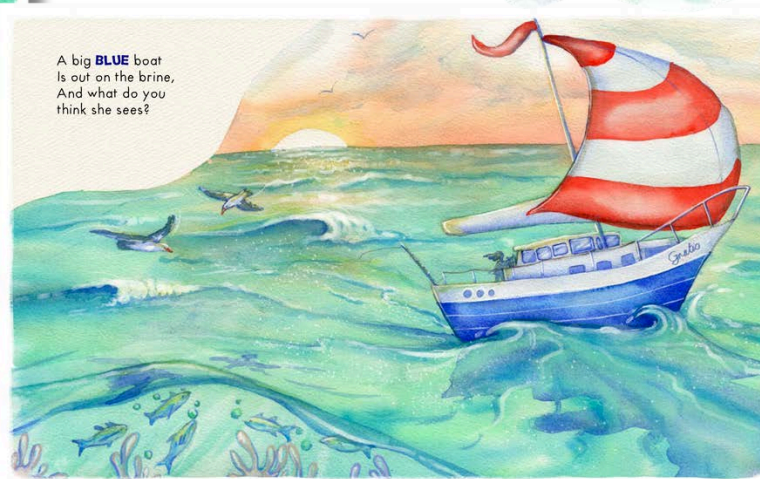
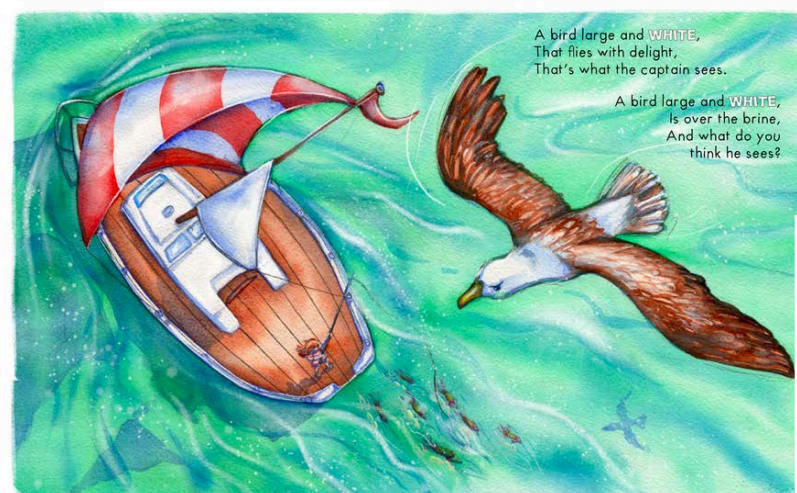
From sunrise to sunset, the captain discovers a world where albatross soar and whales play. An ecosystem at play in the Ocean's endless blue.

Like the tide, there is an ebb and flow to life out on the brine and Emma Stuart's stunning illustrations bring to life this magical rhyming tale. Set on the west coast of Australia, if you have a fascination with boats, sea life and the ocean, you'll love this award-winning sequel to *A Big Blue Boat*.

## ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

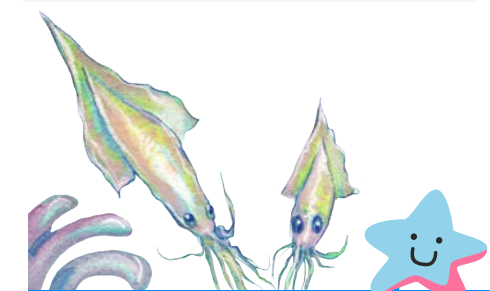
- AC9S1U01 Identify the basic needs of plants and animals, including air, water, food or shelter, and describe how the places they live meet those needs
- AC9TDE2P03 Evaluate the success of design ideas and solutions based on personal preferences and including sustainability

**REVIEW**  
The illustrations in this book are an absolute delight. They are bright, colourful and full of interesting detail that encourages the reader to explore the pages. We learn about the sea creatures the blue boat encounters on her day out - and there's a useful glossary of these animals at the back of the book. The perfect story for any young sea exploring fan!



- ### What's included in this resource pack:
- Hard cover picture book: *A Day on the Brine*
  - pdf - Teacher's Notes with questions to ask before, during and after reading
  - pdf - 27-page activity pack with differentiated activities in English, and Design tasks
  - pdf - 8-page Exploring the Book
  - pdf - wahoo poster

\$34.99



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KEY THEMES  
CO-OPERATION  
FLOODING  
FRIENDSHIP

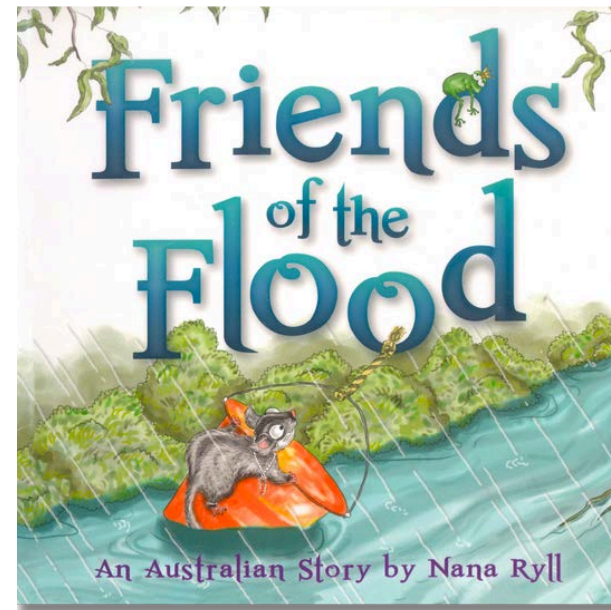
# Friends of the Flood

Author: Ryll Ganter; Illustrator: Michelle Holyhead

*Friends of the Flood* is an Australian children's story inspired by the January 2011 floods that swept across our great southern land.

The rain is pouring down and the river is rising fast. Our Aussie bush animals are trapped, and their lives are in great danger...who will save them? It could be the most unlikely hero of them all!

This beautifully illustrated story mirrors the co-operation between Australian people who cast aside their differences in order to help one another. Through great adversity special friendships were formed and lives, homes, and communities were rebuilt.



## ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

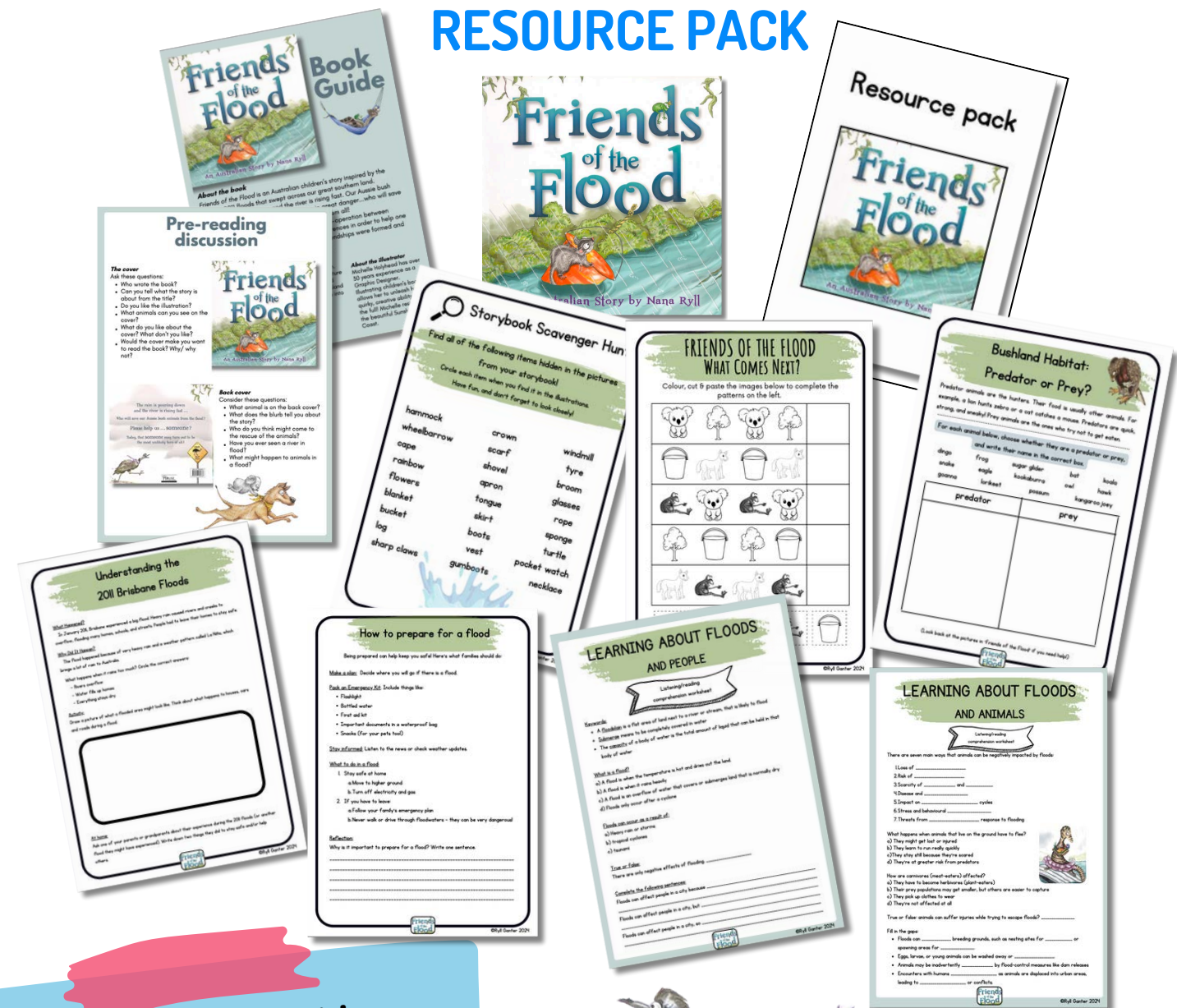
- AC9S1U02 Describe daily and seasonal changes in the environment and explore how these changes affect everyday life
- AC9HS1K04 How places change and how they can be cared for by different groups including First Nations Australians

**REVIEW**

This very, very Aussie book is one of those books that inexplicably appeals to both children and adults. The story can even be described as a subtle fable and without seeming to do so. The moral of the story is that, if there is unity, everyone can have a life, and the story was inspired by the picture of a snake carrying a frog on its back to dry land across a flooded river, during the January 2011 floods in Australia.



## FRIENDS OF THE FLOOD RESOURCE PACK



**What's included in this resource pack:**

- Paperback picture book: *Friends of the Flood*
- pdf - Book Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading
- pdf - 22-page Resources Pack that includes information about flooding and how to behave in a flood

\$29.95



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KEY THEMES  
DIVERSITY  
INDIVIDUALITY  
FRIENDSHIP

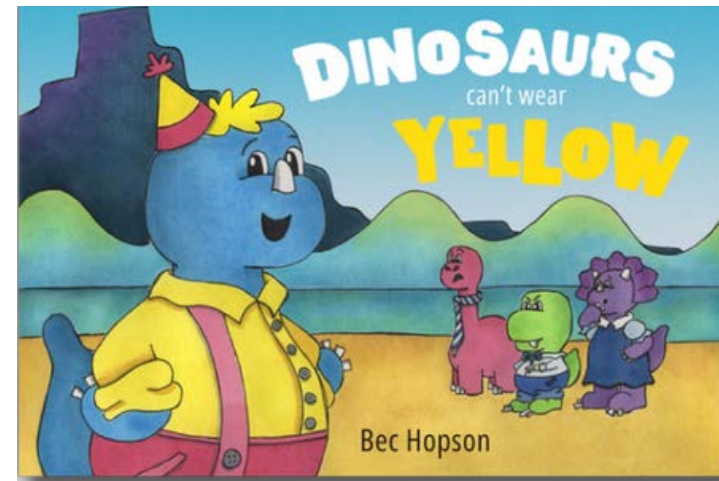
# Dinosaurs Can't Wear Yellow

Author & Illustrator: Bec Hopson

A feel good rhyming story about a dinosaur who learns that friendship isn't about changing yourself to fit in with the crowd... it's about belonging to a group that lets you shine!

Sunny loves to wear outfits in every shade of yellow, but lives on an island where everyone wears blue. Does he need to blend in to make friends? Or can he find a way to show the other dinos that variety is a good thing?

This book comes with a bonus singalong!



## ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

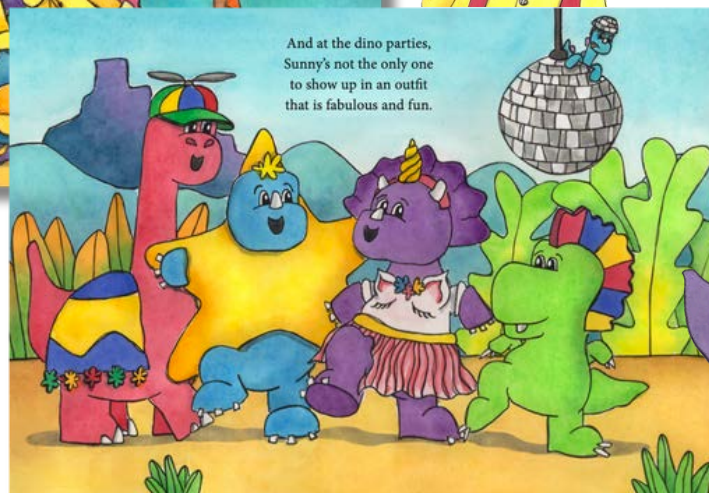
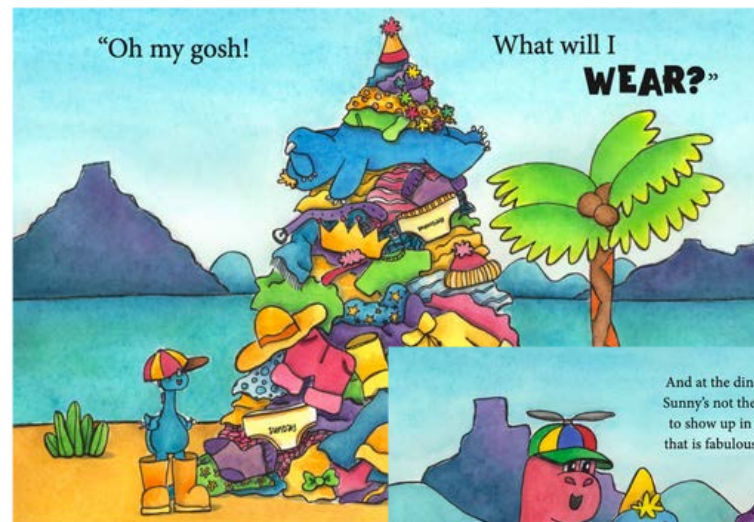
- AC9HP2P01 Describe their personal qualities and those of others, and explain how they contribute to developing identities
- AC9HP2P02 Identify and explore skills and strategies to develop respectful relationships

## REVIEWS

What a beautiful book with a heartfelt message. My nephew loves it!

I've read it and listened to the song. I love it. Can't wait to gift it to my 3-year-old.

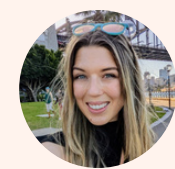
I love the story and the message. Perfect for preschool.



## What's included in this resource pack:

- Paperback picture book: Dinosaurs Can't Wear Yellow
- pdf - Book Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading
- pdf - 15-page Activity Pack -colours, matching, sequencing
- bonus singalong

\$29.00



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## DINOSAURS CAN'T WEAR YELLOW RESOURCE PACK





**KEY THEMES**  
SUN SAFETY  
FRIENDSHIP  
HUMOUR

## Shawn The Prawn

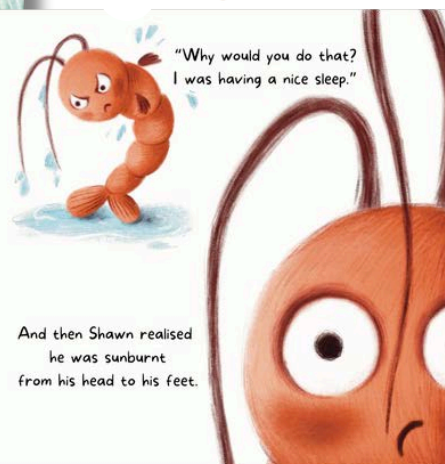
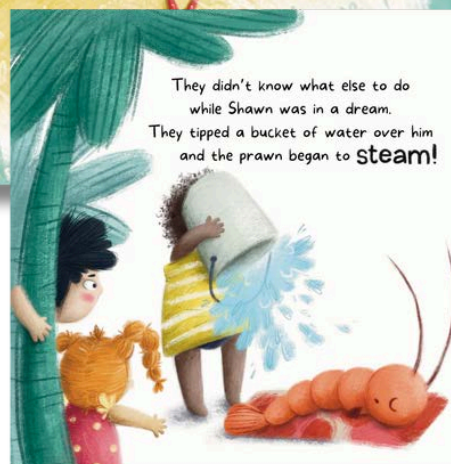
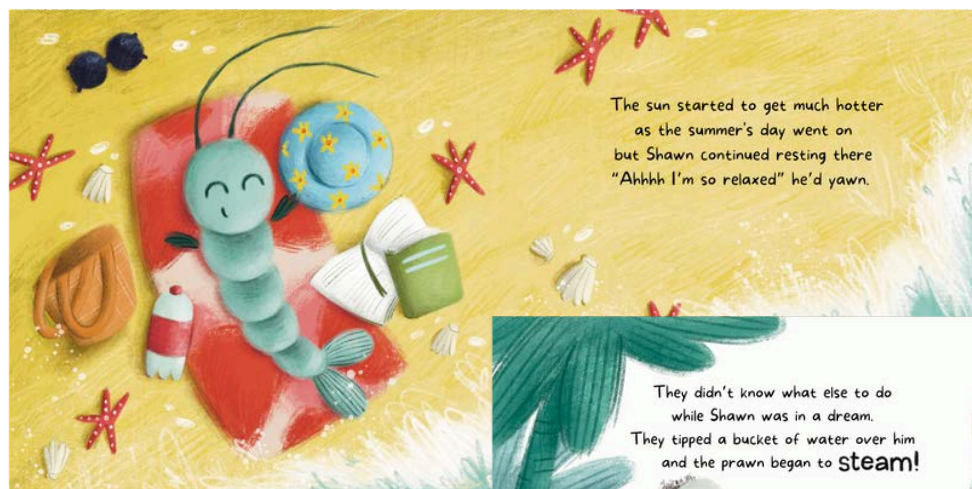
Author: Laura Feldman; Illustrator: Anna Burak

Join *Shawn the Prawn* on his silly seaside adventure!

This playful little guy spends the day at the beach, soaking up the sun and having a relaxing time.

But when he falls asleep and gets a bad sunburn, he learns an important lesson about taking care of his skin in the sun.

With rhyming text and bright, beachy illustrations, *Shawn the Prawn* is a hilarious read with a great message about sun safety for children.



### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

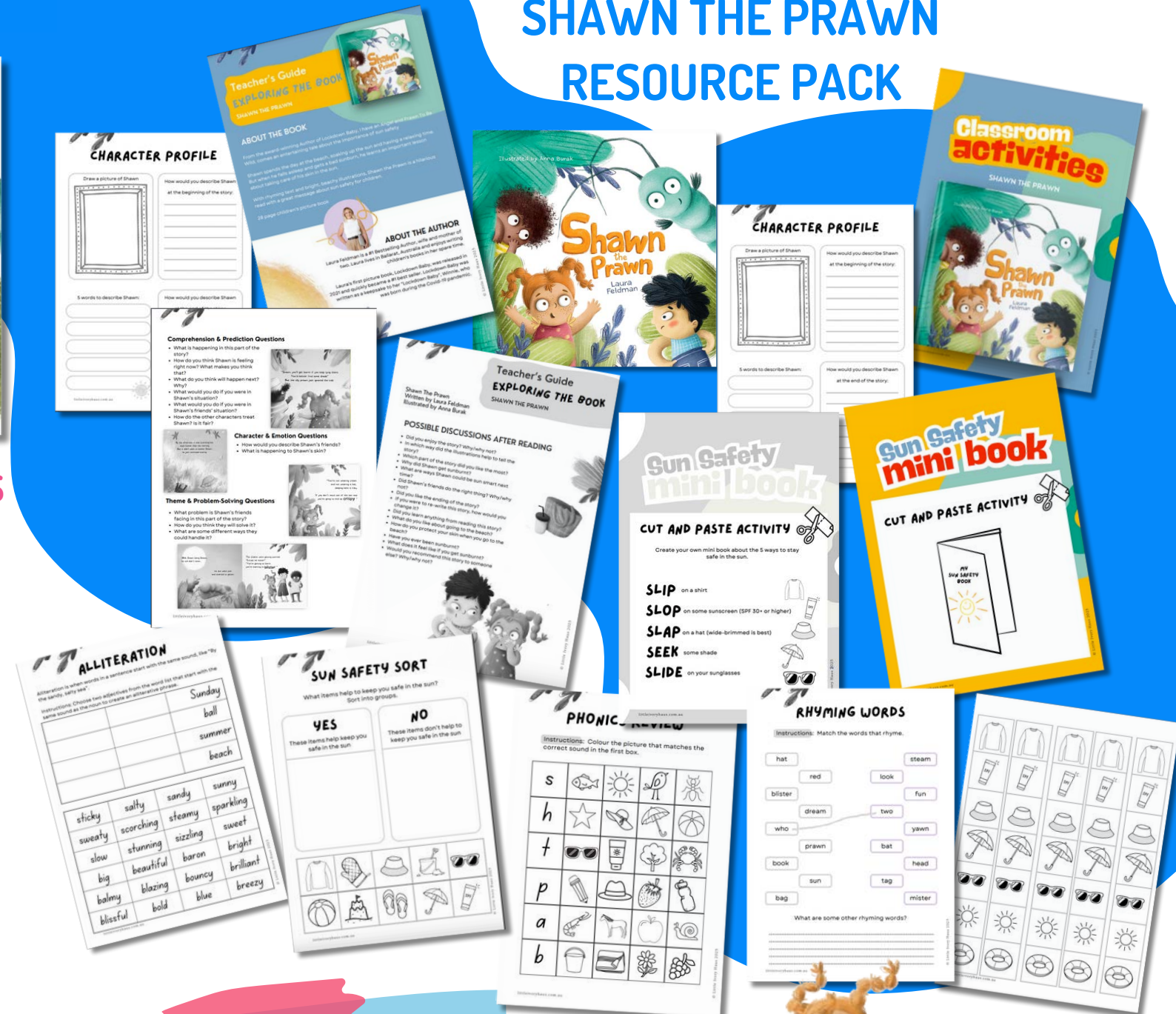
- AC9HP2P06 Investigate a range of health messages and practices in their community and discuss their purposes
- AC9E1LA04 Explore how repetition, rhyme and rhythm create cohesion in simple poems, chants and songs

#### REVIEW

Lovely colourful illustrations, lots of things for children to talk about and a great way to get an important message across about the danger of being in the sun without protection or adequate shade.



## SHAWN THE PRAWN RESOURCE PACK



### What's included in this resource pack:

- Paperback picture book: Shawn The Prawn
- pdf - Teachers' Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading
- pdf - 9-page Classroom Activities Pack
- pdf - Sun Safety mini book cut and paste activity

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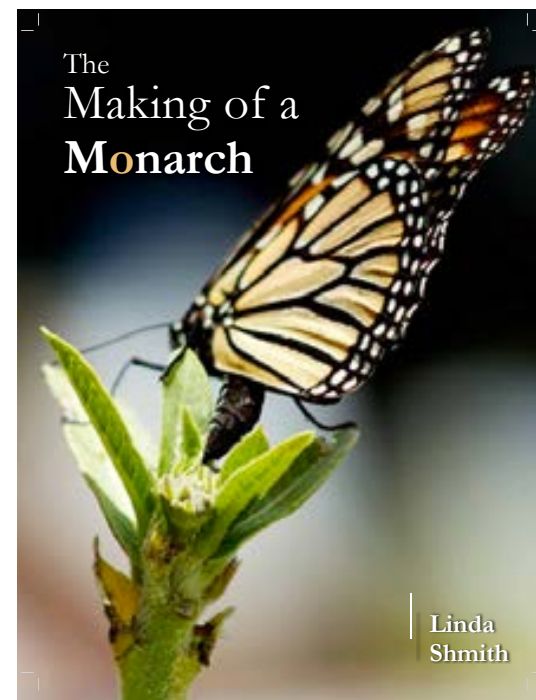
## KEY THEMES MONARCH BUTTERFLY BUTTERFLY LIFE CYCLE BUTTERFLIES

# The Making of a Monarch

Author: Linda Shmith

*The Making of a Monarch* is a 32-page photographic book of the life cycle of the monarch butterfly. It is aimed at children aged 4 to 8 and anyone interested in the detail of the monarch butterfly.

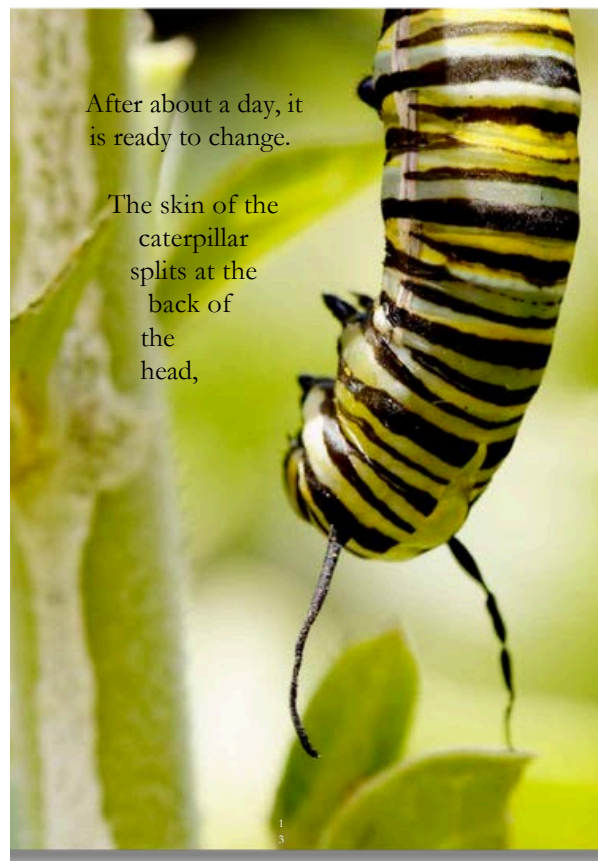
The book also contains a photographic life cycle chart, an appendix with further information, glossary with thumbnail photographs and a contents and index page.



## ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINK

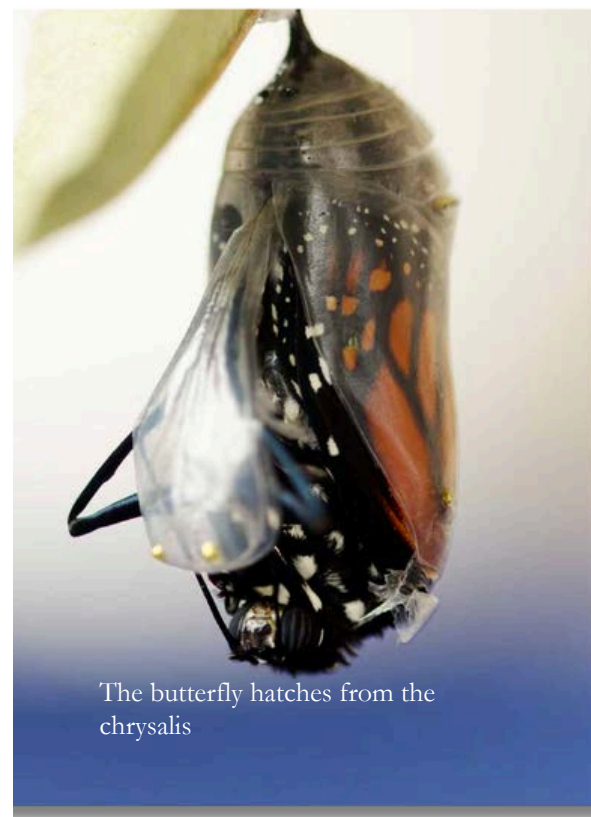
AC9S3U01

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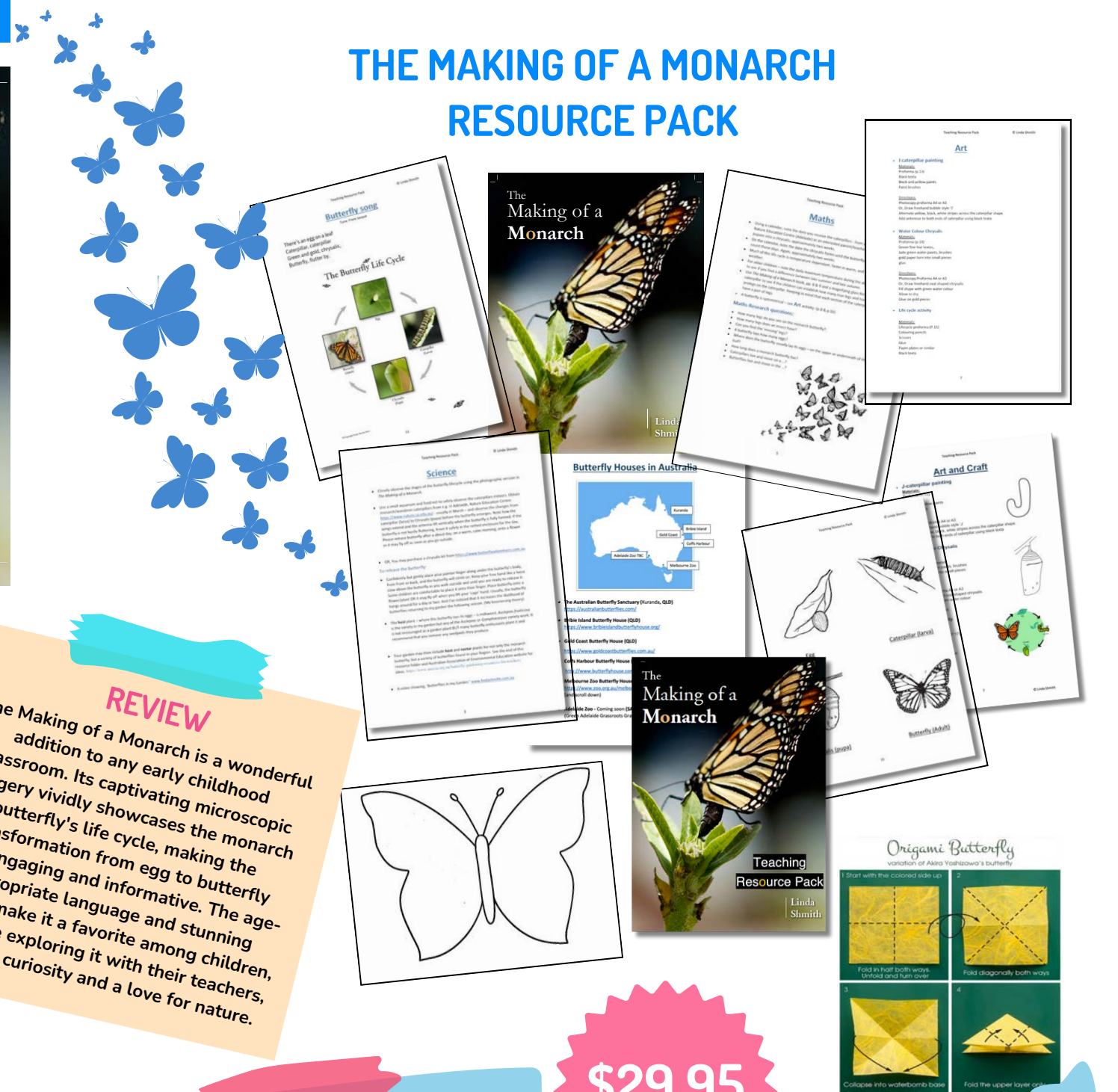
After about a day, it is ready to change.

The skin of the caterpillar splits at the back of the head,



The butterfly hatches from the chrysalis

## THE MAKING OF A MONARCH RESOURCE PACK



## REVIEW

*The Making of a Monarch* is a wonderful addition to any early childhood classroom. Its captivating microscopic imagery vividly showcases the monarch butterfly's life cycle, making the transformation from egg to butterfly both engaging and informative. The age-appropriate language and stunning visuals make it a favorite among children, who love exploring it with their teachers, sparking curiosity and a love for nature.

## What's included in this resource pack:

- Paperback book: *The Making of a Monarch*
- pdf -30-page Butterfly Teaching Resource Pack that includes information about butterflies plus craft activity ideas.

\$29.95



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**KEY THEMES**  
**HUMOUR**  
**EXPLORING SOUNDS**  
**DIVERSITY**

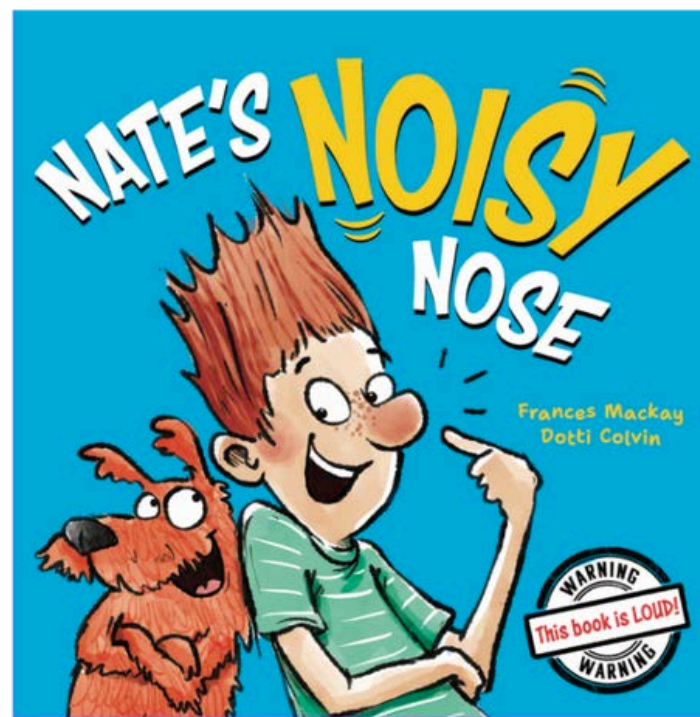
## Nate's Noisy Nose

Author: Frances Mackay; Illustrator: Dotti Colvin

From the award-winning creators of *Baby Worries*, comes a heart-warming and humorous tale about an ordinary kid with a musical nose!

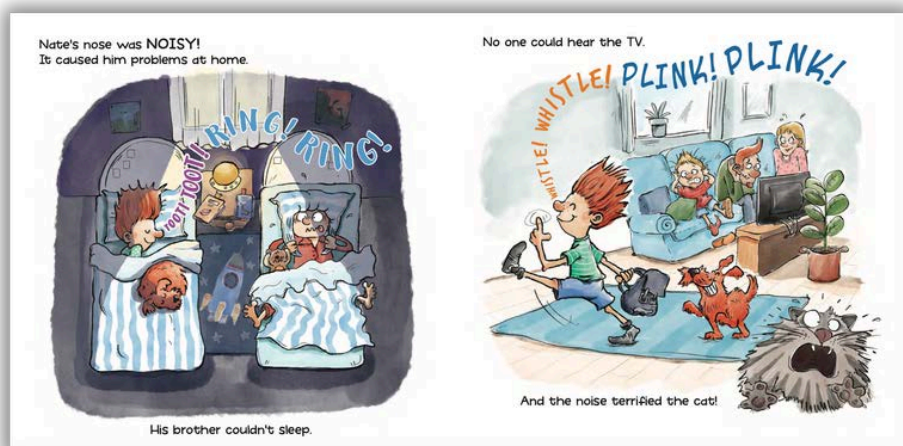
Join Nate on a rollercoaster of adventures as he navigates the challenges of a nose that's a bit too special.

This noisy, interactive picture book is more than just a funny tale of a musical nose; it's a celebration of friendship, loyalty, creativity, and finding solutions when life gets a little too loud.

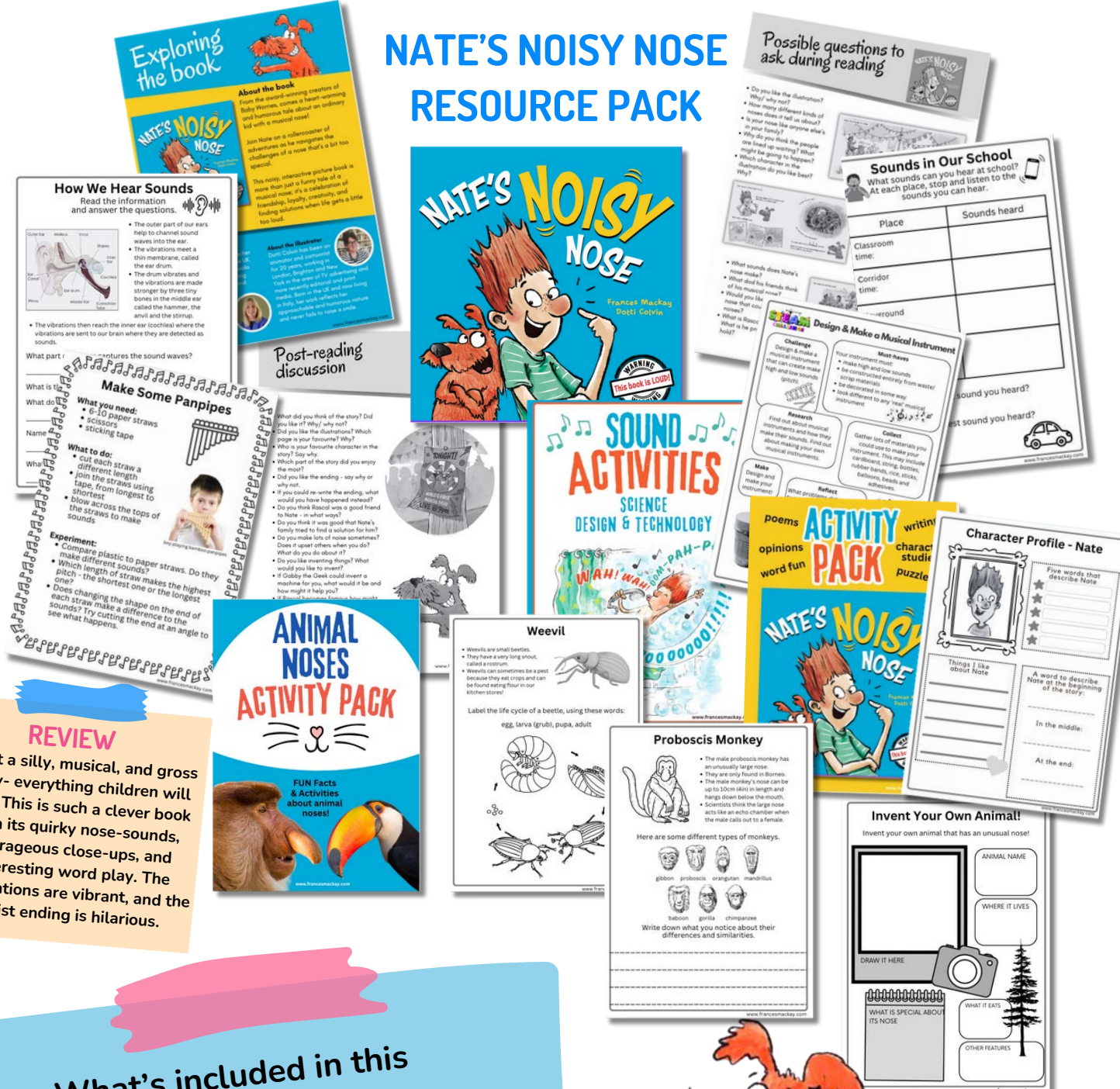


### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9E2LA08 Understand that images add to or multiply the meanings of a text
- AC9E2LA02 Explore how language can be used for appreciating texts and providing reasons for preferences
- AC9S2U02 Explore different actions to make sounds and how to make a variety of sounds, and recognise that sound energy causes objects to vibrate



**REVIEW**  
 We need more really funny, laugh out loud books in the world, and Nate's Noisy Nose is one of the best. Yes there are underlying messages of friendship, loyalty, creativity, and problem solving, but the hilarity that ensues throughout this great book - superbly complemented by the illustrations - is the real hero. Love it!



**REVIEW**  
 What a silly, musical, and gross story- everything children will love! This is such a clever book with its quirky nose-sounds, outrageous close-ups, and interesting word play. The illustrations are vibrant, and the twist ending is hilarious.

- What's included in this resource pack:**
- Paperback picture book: Nate's Noisy Nose
  - pdf - Book Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading
  - pdf - 12-page Nate's Noisy Nose Activity Pack - character profiles, alliteration, onomatopoeia, poetry
  - pdf - 10-page Science and Design & Technology Sound Activities pack
  - pdf - 10-page Animal Noses Activity Pack

**\$29.95**

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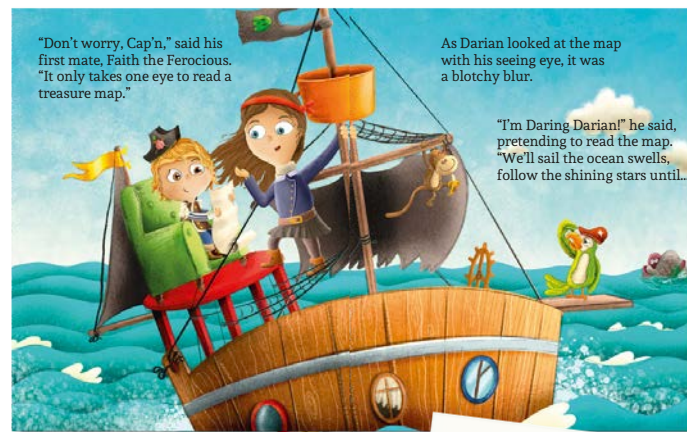
**KEY THEMES**  
DIVERSITY  
ENDURANCE  
VISION IMPAIRMENTS  
EYE CARE

## Adventures with Darian A Pirate at Sea See

Author: J L Rames; Illustrator: Daniel Wlodarski

Life with one-eye isn't easy, especially when the Seven Seas Celebration is approaching and all you have is a trunkful of junk.

With his stalwart crew, Daring Darian sets sail in search of real treasure—but his vision problems lead them into disaster after disaster! How can Daring Darian ever find enough treasure to win the Most Piratical Pirate Contest?



**ADVENTURE  
CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES  
HUMOUR**



### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9HP2P02 Identify and explore skills and strategies to develop respectful relationships
- AC9HP4P05 Describe how valuing diversity influences wellbeing and identify actions that promote inclusion in their communities
- AC9HP4P10 Investigate and apply behaviours that contribute to their own and others' health, safety, relationships and wellbeing

### REVIEW

This pirate adventure story will hook in any kid and keep their interest! Teaches about overcoming challenges and the importance of recognizing that individuals with differences should be included and that they also have valuable contributions. Love the beautiful, detailed illustrations!

This book teaches kids

- To not give up even when faced with obstacles
- The value of community
- That our differences are what makes us unique
- The greatest reward is the idea that it's not what you have that is important but what you can do to help others

### What's included in this resource pack:

- Paperback picture book: A Pirate at Sea
- pdf - Book Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading
- pdf - 12-page Eye Care Activity Pack

## A PIRATE AT SEA SEE RESOURCE PACK



**\$24.95**



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# Nature Ninja Saves the Natural World

Author: Tania Moloney; Illustrator: Jelena Sardi

Nature Ninja and two friends - a wise owl mentor, Boobook and a trusty sidekick, Stick, are on a mission to save the planet.

The story is an energetic, eco-adventure that sees the characters taking a series of actions to care for nature in their own backyard.

With Boobook's guiding words and Stick's help, Nature Ninja learns that with a little patience and persistence, their actions do make a difference.

**AWARDS:**

**WINNER: BREW Book Excellence Award 2024**

## Children's Book of the Year

**WINNER: BREW Book Excellence Award 2024**

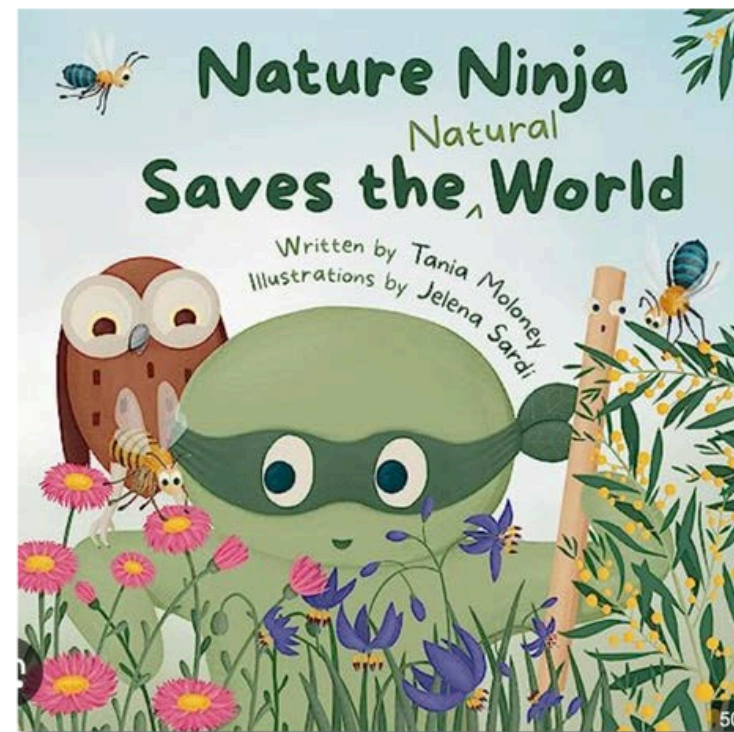
## Sustainability Book of the Year

Kirkus Best Indie Books of 2023

**WINNER: International Firebird Book Awards 2023**



**KEY THEMES**  
**ECO-ADVENTURE**  
**CARING FOR NATURE**  
**TEAM WORK**



## ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

AC9S3U01 Compare characteristics of living and non-living things and examine the differences between the life cycles of plants and animals

AC9E3LE02 Discuss connections between personal experiences and character experiences in literary texts and share personal preferences


## Why this is an important and powerful book for children and our planet

When young children hear about environmental challenges outside of their understanding or influence they can feel worried and disempowered.

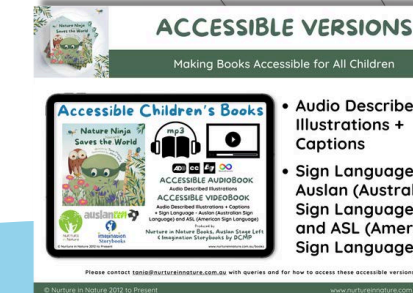
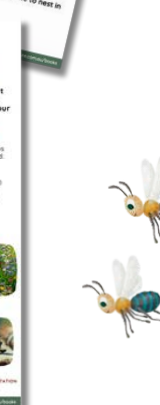
This book helps children know  
that the biggest and best  
difference they can make for the  
planet is to care for the nature  
that's right outside their door.

## REVIEW

The theme of conservation is obviously great, but what I really love about this book is that the kid (the nature ninja) is the one making a difference, solving problems, and getting his parents to make better choices. I love a book that empowers kids rather than just showing an adult telling them what to do. The illustrations are thoughtfully done, the writing is fantastic... Just an all around fantastic book.



# NATURE NINJA SAVES THE NATURAL WORLD RESOURCE PACK



**What's included in this resource pack:**

- Paperback picture book: Nature Ninja Saves the Natural World
- pdf - 46-page Teacher Guide and extensive activities, including environmental themed activities, discussion questions, creating bookmarks, posters, puppets

**\$29.95**



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**KEY THEMES**  
**THE IBIS**  
**WILDLIFE REHABILITATION**  
**TAKING CARE OF WILDLIFE**  
**KEEPING WETLANDS CLEAN**

AGES 6-9

## AN IBIS CALLED ELVIS RESOURCE PACK

### An Ibis Called Elvis

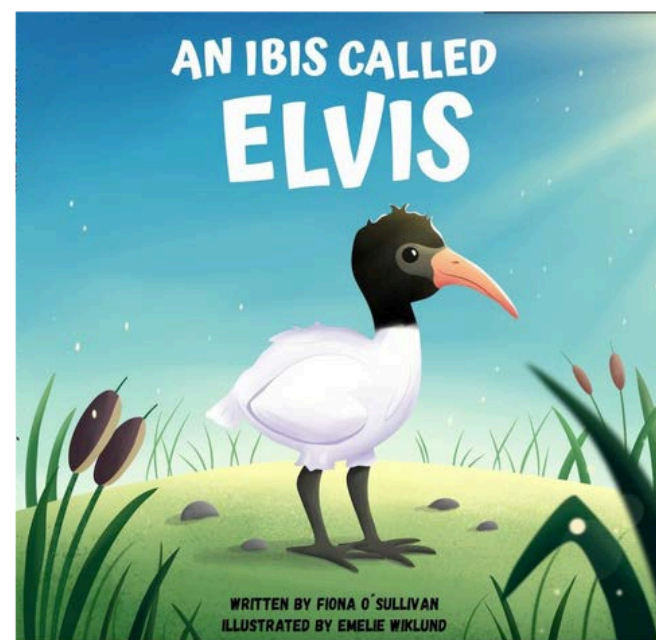
Author: Fiona O'Sullivan; Illustrator: Emelie Wiklund

This is a story about a little Australian White Ibis called Elvis. An egg was found on the ground and put into an incubator. The story shares his hatching, how he got his name, his fame in social media and him growing up, learning to preen, find his own food and build muscle strength for flying. His rehabilitation was all in the hands of a wildlife carer.

It then talks about his eventual release at a wetland with other birds of his own kind, and how important it is to keep our wetlands clean for all that live in this environment.

An egg was found on the ground one day  
 A raven had stolen it just to play  
 It needed warmth and safety to grow  
 So into an incubator it did go.

Into the safe hands of a carer that night  
 To feed and watch grow with all his might  
 He begged when hungry, fed and gained weight  
 Regular feed times from dawn until late.



#### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9S3U01 Compare characteristics of living and non-living things and examine the differences between the life cycles of plants and animals
- AC9E3LE02 Discuss connections between personal experiences and character experiences in literary texts and share personal preferences



**REVIEW**  
 I read Elvis to Year 2s at Anzac Tce Primary today. They loved it. They laughed and laughed when they saw Elvis Presley.



- What's included in this resource pack:**
- Hardcover picture book: An Ibis Called Elvis
  - pdf - Book Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading
  - pdf - 15-page Activity pack of printable activities and teacher notes about birds and wildlife care and rehabilitation.

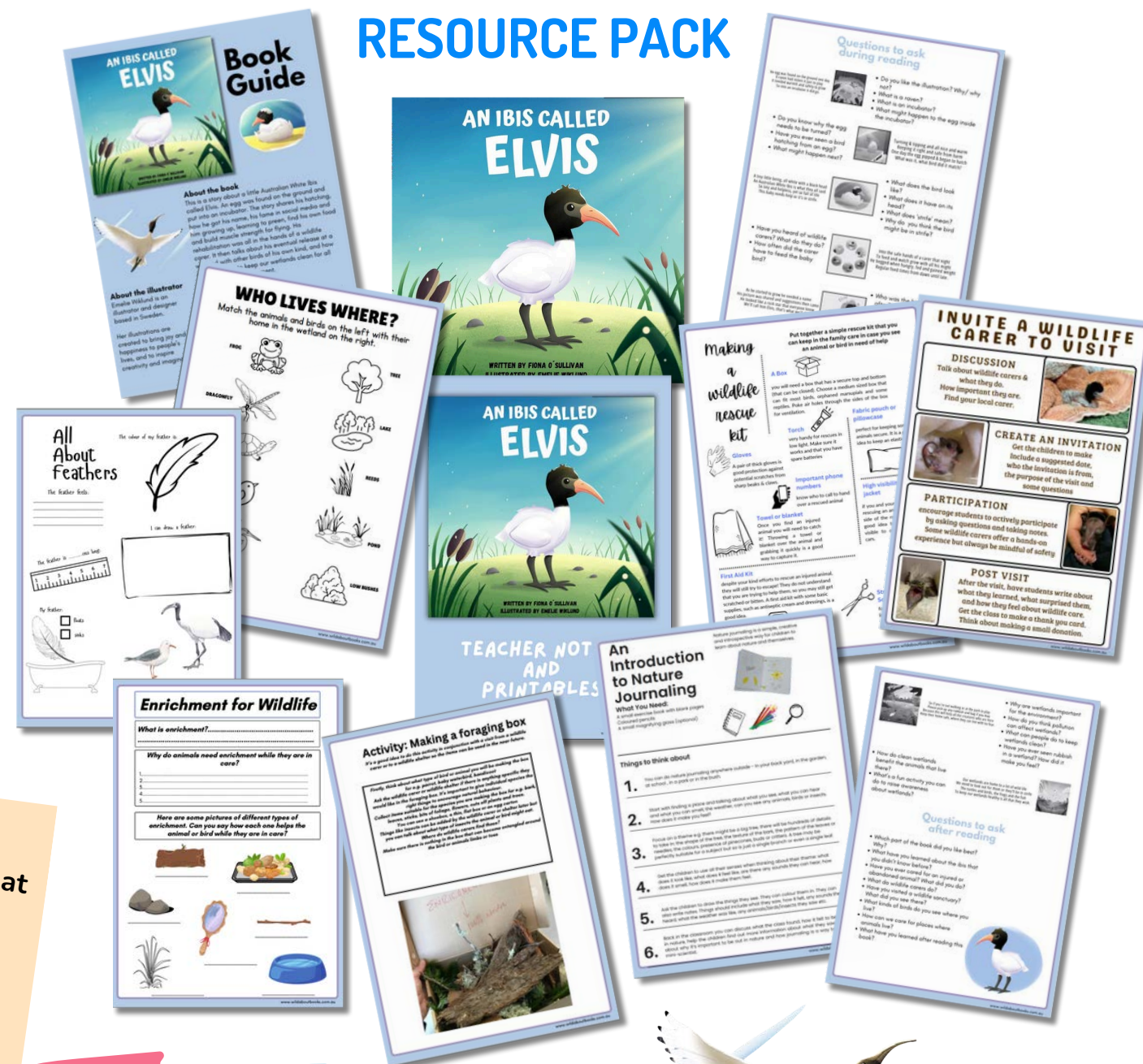
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KEY THEMES  
DIVERSITY

DEVELOPING SELF-CONFIDENCE  
FRIENDSHIP

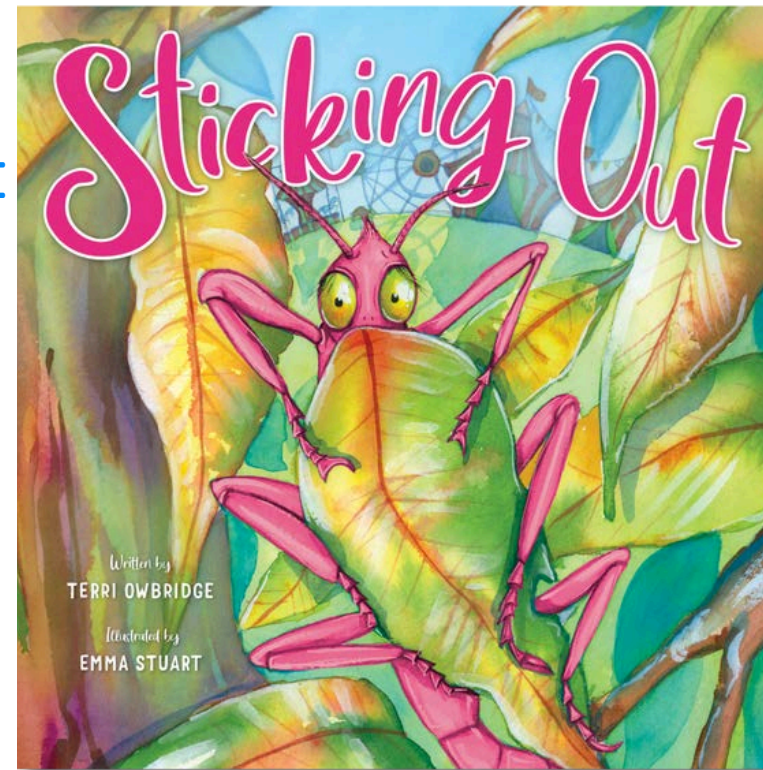
# Sticking Out

Author: Terri Owbridge; Illustrator: Emma Stuart

*Sticking Out* is a picture book that tells the story of a shy stick insect, Simon, who has always been terrified of sticking out. But things get a lot worse for Simon when his camouflage stops working. He is worried what the other bugs will think of him...

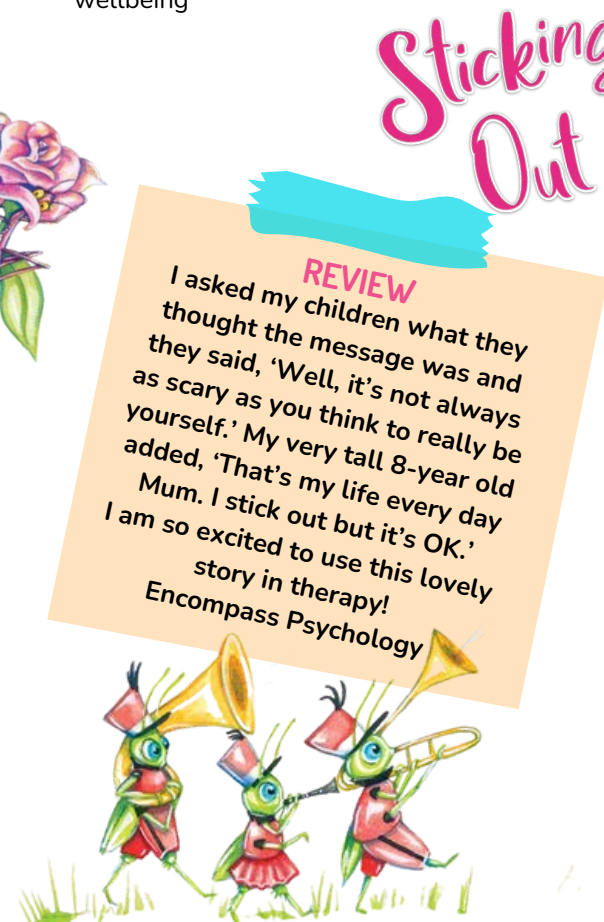
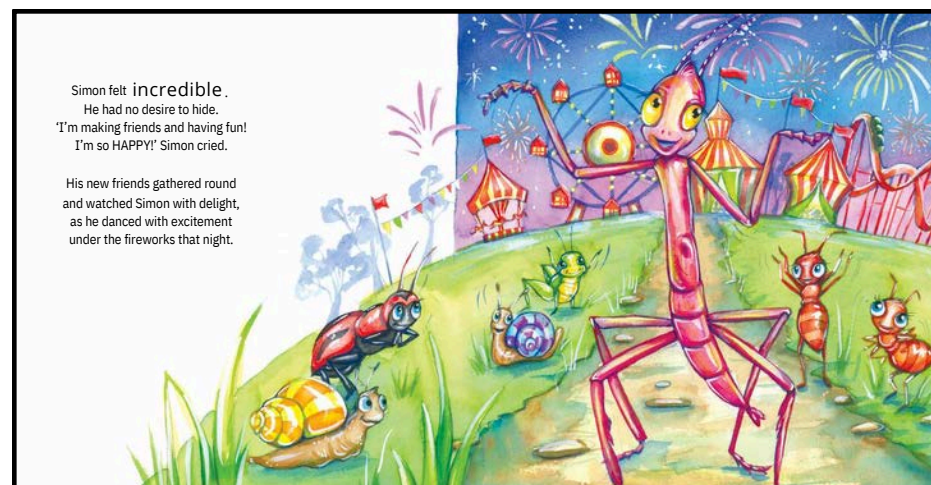
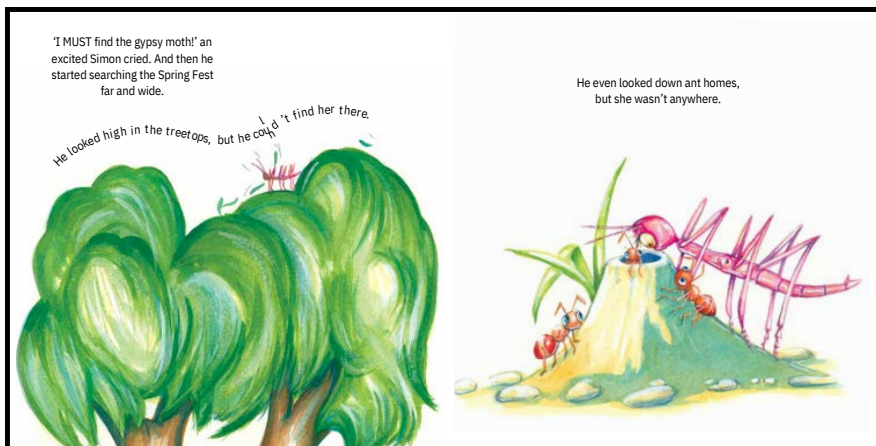
**BUT WHAT IF STICKING OUT ISN'T AS SCARY AS HE THINKS?**

Written in rhyme, this gentle story explores themes of friendship, identity, belonging and the role of self-acceptance in overcoming our fears.



## ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

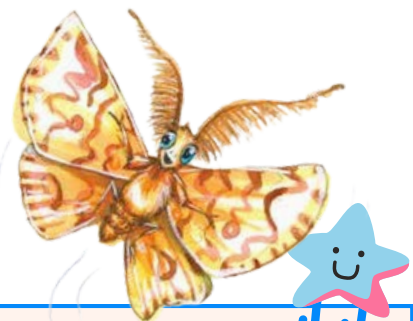
- AC9HP2P02 Identify and explore skills and strategies to develop respectful relationships
- AC9HP4P05 Describe how valuing diversity influences wellbeing and identify actions that promote inclusion in their communities
- AC9HP4P10 Investigate and apply behaviours that contribute to their own and others' health, safety, relationships and wellbeing



## CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES OVERCOMING FEARS

- What's included in this resource pack:**
- Hardcover picture book: *Sticking Out*
  - pdf - Book Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading
  - pdf - 10-page activity pack

\$36.95



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**KEY THEMES**  
DIVERSE LEARNING STYLES  
TEACHING STRATEGIES  
NEURO-DIVERGENCY

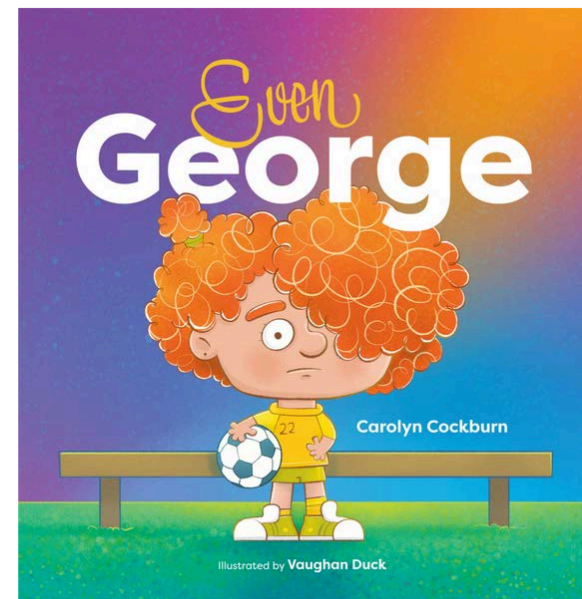
## Even George

Author: Carolyn Cockburn; Illustrator: Vaughan Duck

Even George is a fun, poignant and hopeful story for any child who just doesn't seem to fit in.

Set in a school, at the beginning of a new school year all the children are excited; except reluctant student, George.

However George's supportive teacher creatively helps George to join in.



### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9HP2P02 Identify and explore skills and strategies to develop respectful relationships
- AC9HP4P05 Describe how valuing diversity influences wellbeing and identify actions that promote inclusion in their communities
- AC9HP4P10 Investigate and apply behaviours that contribute to their own and others' health, safety, relationships and wellbeing



### REVIEW

This is an amazing book about a child who is totally disinterested at school. So many people I talk to say they were a George or have a family member who was. And, of course, there's a twist at the end.

### REVIEW

Beautiful and engaging story about different ways to encourage learning for those of us that don't fit the mould. Highly recommended



## EVEN GEORGE RESOURCE PACK



### What's included in this resource pack:

- Paperback picture book: Even George
- pdf - 8-page Book Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading
- pdf - 20-page Activity Pack covering a range of curriculum areas
- pdf - 10-page Colouring Pack
- pdf - 10-page Character Activity Pack

**\$27.95**



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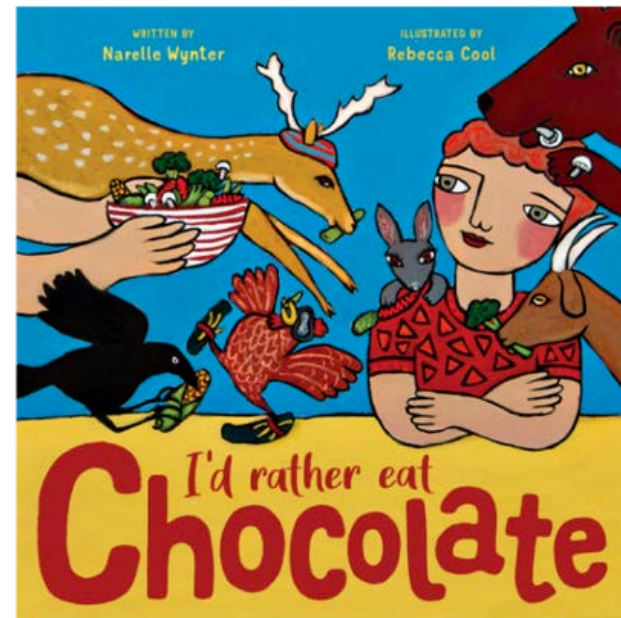
**KEY THEMES**  
HEALTHY EATING  
BEING ACTIVE  
TRYING FOODS

## I'd Rather Eat Chocolate

Author: Narelle Wynter; Illustrator: Rebecca Cool

*I'd Rather Eat Chocolate* explores themes of healthy eating, being active, giving foods a try, and includes some recipe ideas featuring the veggies from the story.

The illustrations use silly situations such as deer in beanies and crazy chickens flying down ski slopes in an effort to inspire children to think about trying vegetables they might otherwise avoid.

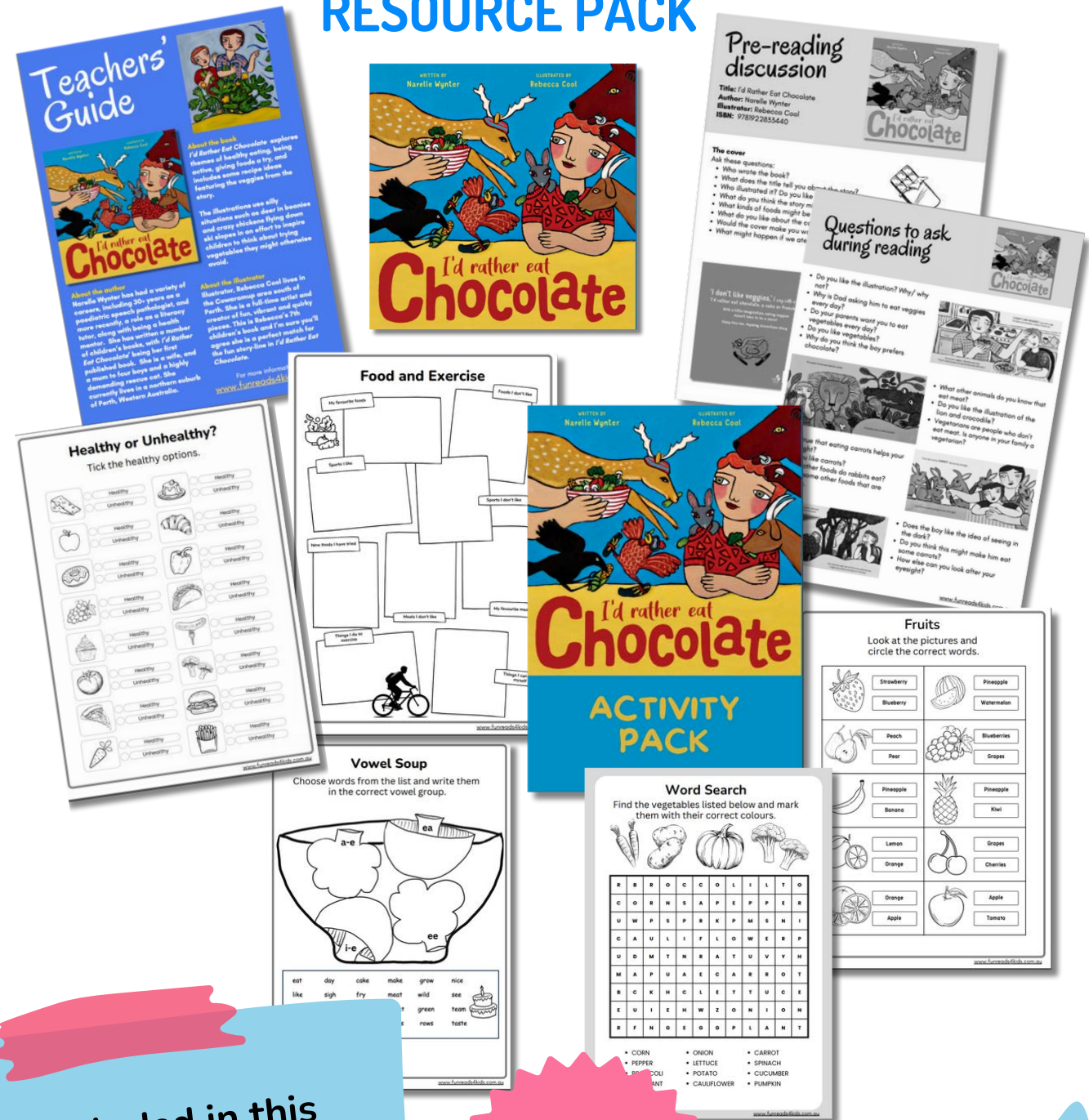


### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINK

AC9HP2P06 Investigate a range of health messages and practices in their community and discuss their purposes



## I'D RATHER EAT CHOCOLATE RESOURCE PACK



- What's included in this resource pack:**
- Paperback picture book: *I'd Rather Eat Chocolate*
  - pdf - Teacher's Guide with discussion questions
  - pdf - 17-page printable Activity Pack about healthy eating and exercise

**\$26.95**

### REVIEW

'My son and I both loved the story and the illustrations. As my son said, 'this is a funny book'. We also loved the recipes included at the back.'



**Author profile**

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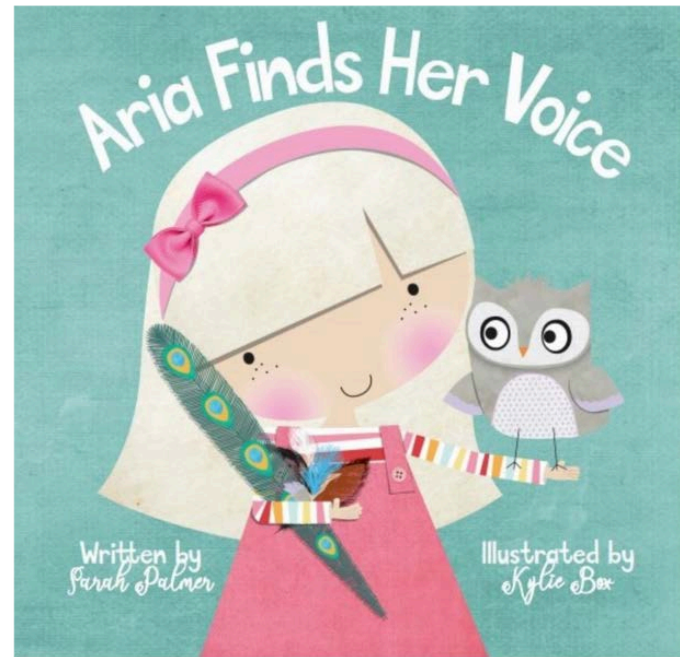
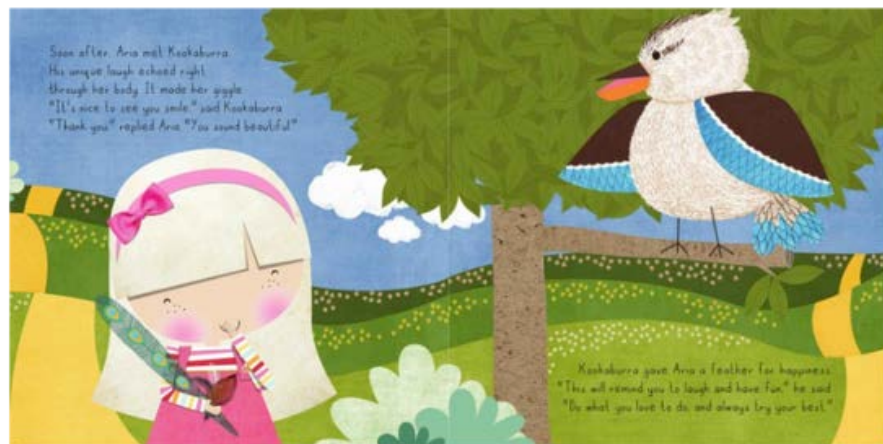
**KEY THEMES**  
**PERSONAL IDENTITY**  
**BUILDING CONFIDENCE**  
**SELF AWARENESS**  
**MINDFULNESS**

## Aria Finds Her Voice

Author: Sarah Palmer; Illustrator: Kylie Box

*Aria Finds Her Voice* is a powerful story of self discovery and reflection. Feeling sad and unseen, Aria embarks on a journey to find her 'voice'. Along her path, she meets many feathered friends who offer her gifts of strength, confidence, happiness, and trust.

But are these gifts enough? Or is there something much deeper that Aria discovers that helps her believe in her own magic within?



### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- ACQHPFP01 Investigate who they are and the people in my world.
- ACQHP2P01 Describe their personal qualities and those of others
- ACQHPFP03 Express and describe emotions they experience
- ACQHP2P03 Identify how different situations influence emotional responses

*Aria Finds Her Voice* is an empowering story that encourages positive thoughts and messages, and inspires children's confidence to believe in their true, authentic selves.

### REVIEW

This book is a wonderful way to reinforce positive self talk. What a great resource to introduce and put into practice this important skill for young children. As an early childhood educator for the last 20 years, this will be a great addition to my library for teaching success principles to children.

## ARIA FINDS HER VOICE RESOURCE PACK



### What's included in this resource pack:

- Hardcover picture book: *Aria Finds Her Voice*
- pdf - Teachers' Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading
- pdf - 50+ Activities & ideas including self awareness, feelings, affirmations, & self confidence
- Mp3 song - I AM Special! I Am Me!

**\$37.95**



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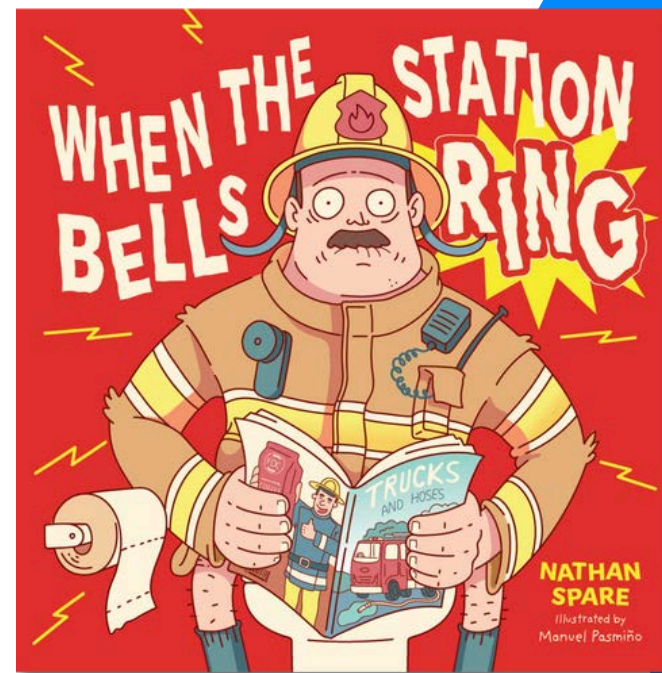
**KEY THEMES**  
**HUMOUR**  
**EMOTIONS ROLLERCOASTERS**  
**EMERGENCY SITUATIONS**  
**COMMUNITY SAFETY ORGANISATIONS**

## When The Station Bells Ring

Author: Nathan Spare; Illustrator: Manuel Pasmino

Possibly the **GREATEST** Firefighting story 'never' before illustrated and definitely never before shared...

'When the Station Bells Ring' is 100% the most truthful, partially gross, but completely hilarious story of what really happens when the Fire Station bells ring and a Firefighter is unfortunately mid poo.



### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9HP2P03 Identify how different situations influence emotional responses
- AC9HP4P10 Investigate and apply behaviours that contribute to their own and others' health, safety, relationships and wellbeing

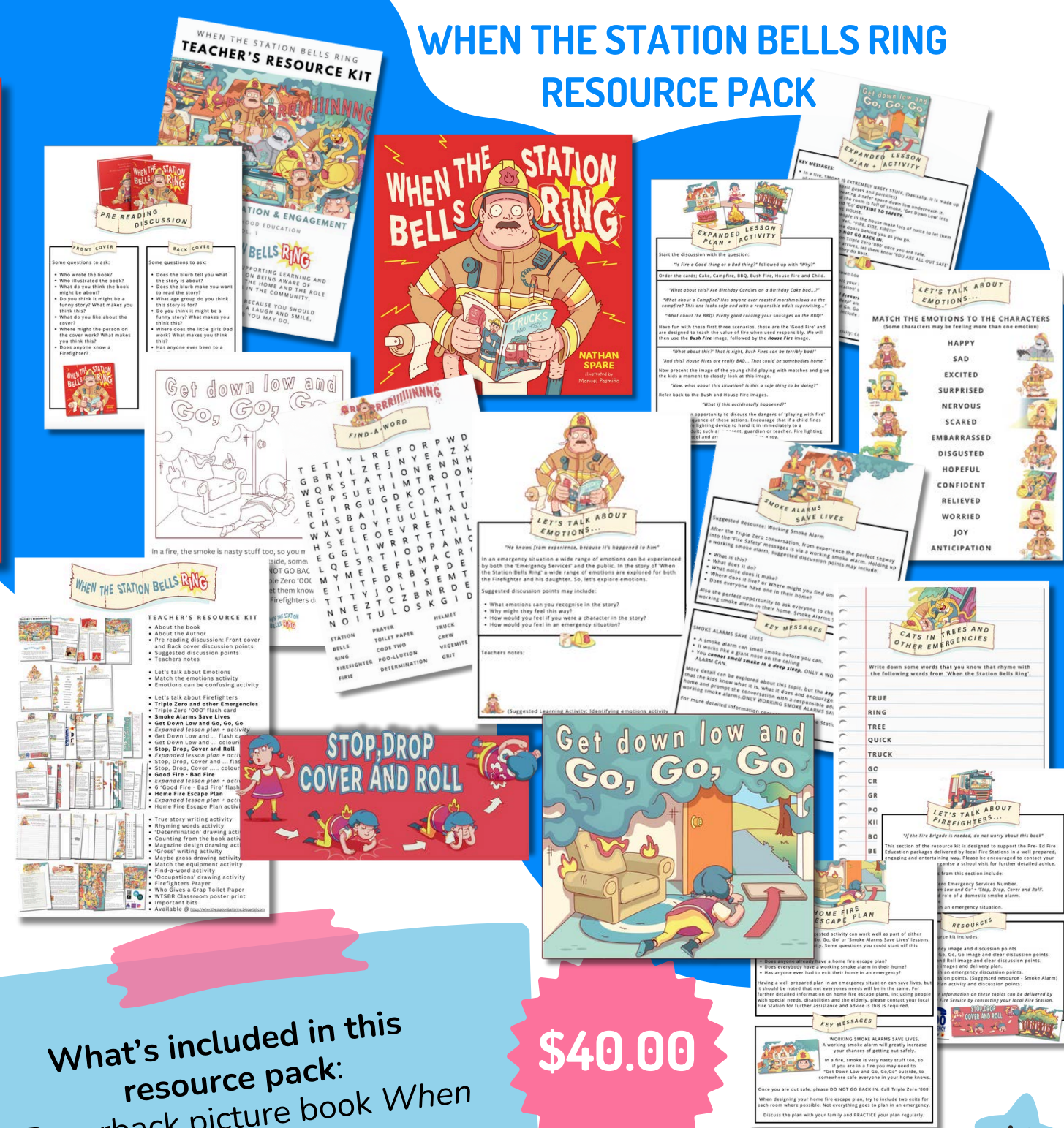
**REVIEW**

Nathan is a Saratoga local, and a Firefighter with Fire + Rescue NSW, and has turned his many years of experience into a story that provides a very honest depiction of life as a firefighter. Our Firefighters respond to a range of challenging callouts every day, and this book helps us understand the job they do in a highly entertaining and relatable way.

Federal Member for Robertson,  
 Dr Gordon Reid MP



## WHEN THE STATION BELLS RING RESOURCE PACK



- What's included in this resource pack:**
- Paperback picture book When The Station Bells Ring
  - pdf - Teacher's Resource Kit - with questions to ask before, during and after reading
  - pdf - 11-page Writing Activities
  - pdf - 23-page Early Childhood Fire Education - including Triple Zero (000), smoke alarms, how to react in a fire, types of fires and home fire escape plan

**\$40.00**



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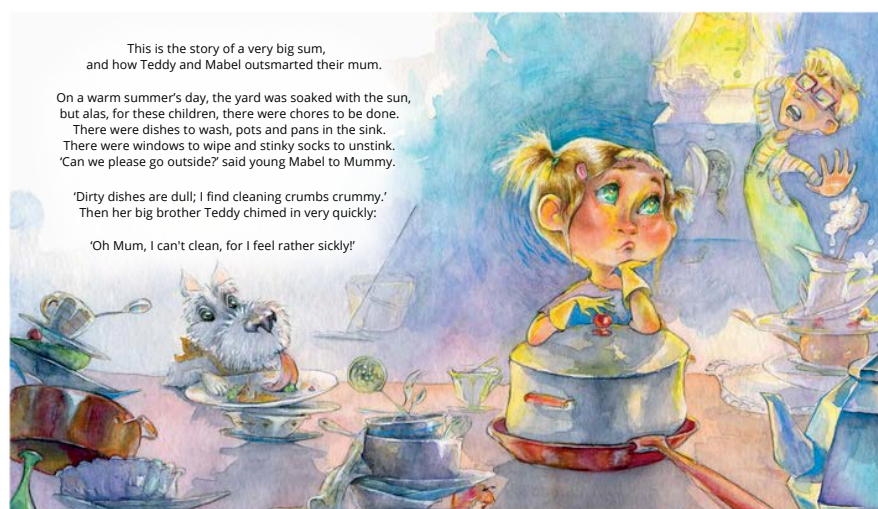
**KEY THEMES**  
**SOLVING PROBLEMS**  
**MATHS**  
**TEAMWORK**  
**RESILIENCE**  
**LATERAL/CREATIVE THINKING**

## The VERY Big Sum

Author: Adrian Dudek; Illustrator: Naya Lazareva

This is the story of a very big sum, and how Teddy and Mabel outsmarted their mum.

Teddy and Mabel have been given a challenge! Can they add up all the numbers from 1 to 100 before it gets too dark to play?



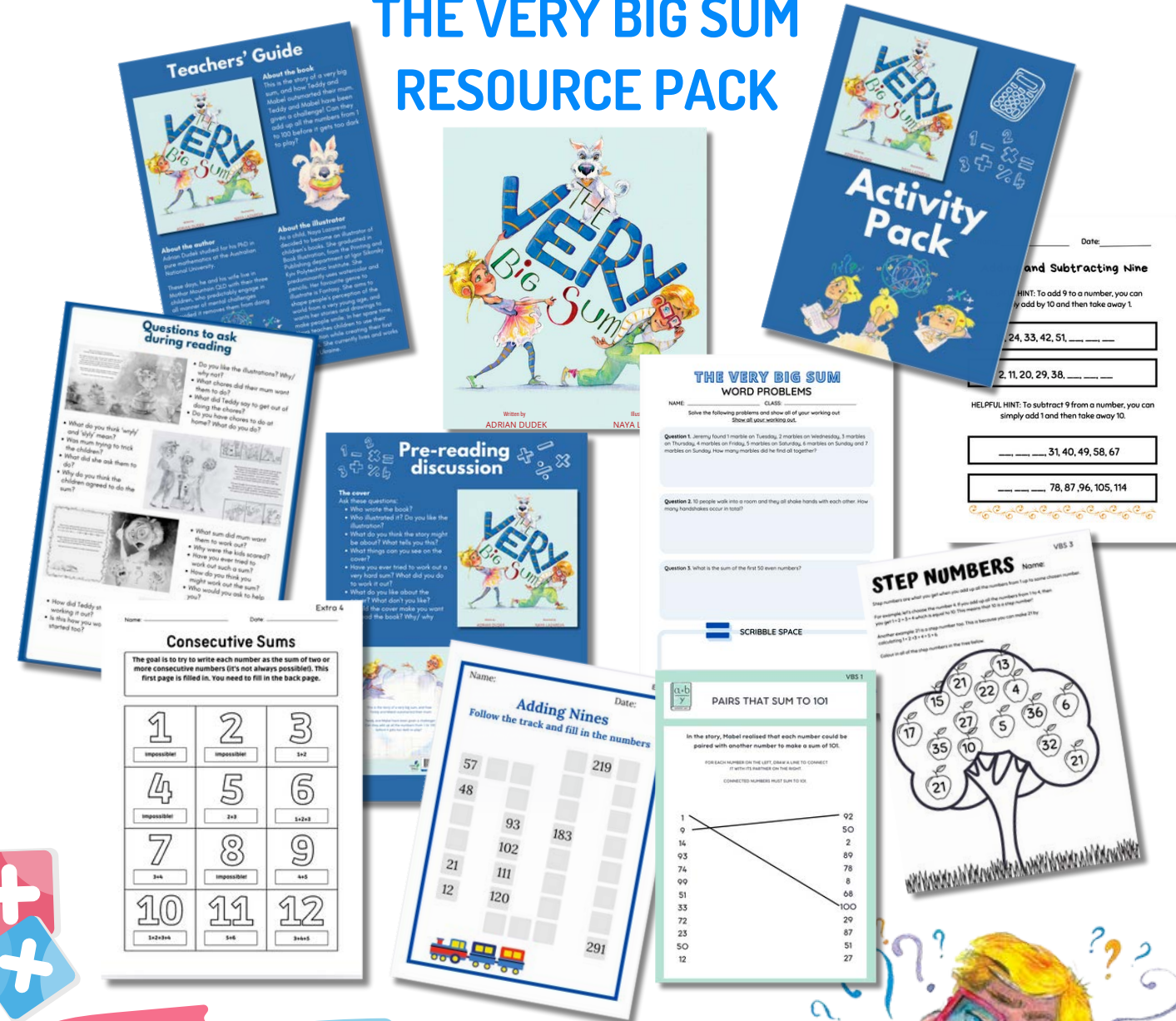
### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9M3N06 Use mathematical modelling to solve practical problems involving additive and multiplicative situations including financial contexts; formulate problems using number sentences and choose calculation strategies, using digital tools where appropriate; interpret and communicate solutions in terms of the situation
- AC9HP4P01 Investigate how success, challenge, setbacks and failure strengthen resilience and identities in a range of contexts

**REVIEW**  
 This is an entertaining read and will encourage children to see if the children in the story calculated correctly. The illustrations are delightful with bright colour and full of expression and definitely add to the busyness of the story, and the huge effort to solve the maths problem!

- What's included in this resource pack:**
- Paperback picture book: The VERY Big Sum
  - pdf - 6-page Book Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading
  - pdf - 21-page Activity Pack with mathematical problems & solutions

## THE VERY BIG SUM RESOURCE PACK



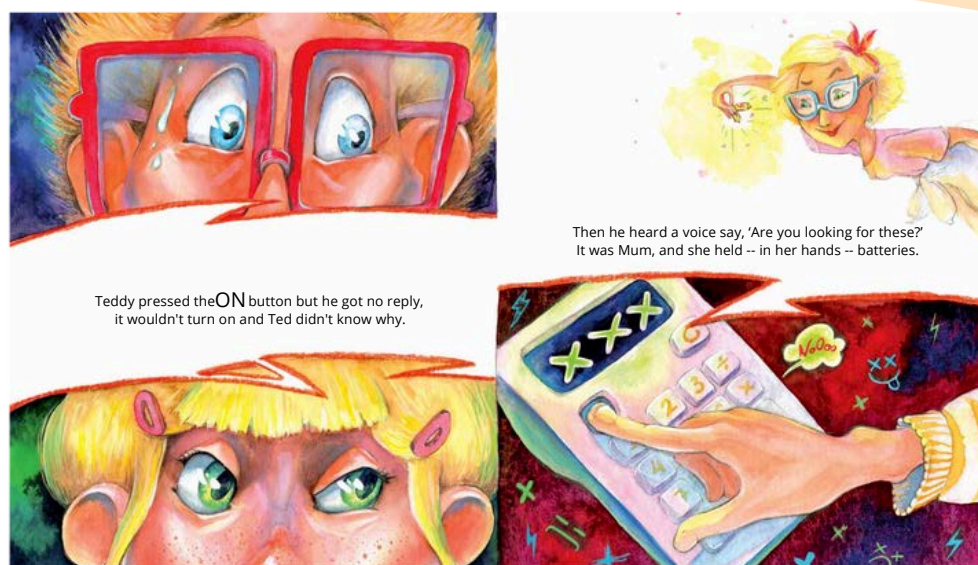
**\$25.00**



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**KEY THEMES**  
ENCOURAGING READING  
READING PURPOSES  
EXPLORING WORDS

## Books Are NOT Just For Bedtime

Author: Eleanor Pearson; Illustrator: Angela Perrini

*Books Are NOT Just For Bedtime* is a fun and beautifully illustrated book with an important message; books are NOT just for bedtime!



### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

AC9E2LE02 Identify features of literary texts, such as characters and settings, and give reasons for personal preferences

AC9E3LE03 Discuss how an author uses language and illustrations to portray characters and settings in texts, and explore how the settings and events influence the mood of the narrative

Reading for pleasure is on the decline, so it is vitally important that reading is visible in our public sphere.

*Books Are NOT Just For Bedtime* reminds young (and old!) readers of all the wonderful places books can be enjoyed.



**REVIEW**  
A beautifully illustrated reminder of many of the different places that books can be read. I can relate to all of the locations, but my favourite scene is on the beach! This is essential reading for young and old and will inspire all readers to take their books out and about.  
Primary School Teacher



## BOOKS ARE NOT JUST FOR BEDTIME RESOURCE PACK



- What's included in this resource pack:**
- Paperback picture book: *Books Are NOT Just For Bedtime*
  - pdf - Book Guide - with questions to ask before, during and after reading
  - pdf - 33-page Activity Guide & Resources pack- includes lesson plans and printables

**\$28.95**



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**KEY THEMES**  
KINDNESS  
FRIENDSHIP  
ANIMAL WELFARE  
PROBLEM SOLVING

## George Meets Pippo

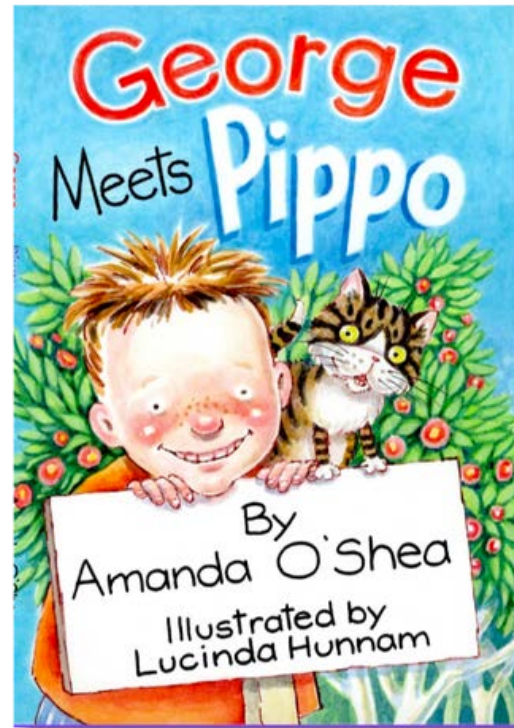
Author: Amanda O'Shea; Illustrator: Lucinda Hunnam

George is sad when he hears his friend Milly is sick and can't come to play.

How can he help her feel better?

He doesn't have anyone to play with now - or does he?

Meet George who loves to solve problems.



### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9S3U01 Compare characteristics of living and non-living things and examine the differences between the life cycles of plants and animals
- AC9HP4P05 Describe how valuing diversity influences wellbeing and identify actions that promote inclusion in their communities

George Meets Pippo is a short, beginning chapter book for developing readers. The sentences are short and contain words that can be easily sounded out and decoded. The subject matter and themes (pets, problem solving, and friendship) are engaging and relevant to young readers.

### REVIEW

This book is lovely, well-written and beautifully pitched to young readers. The characters are vivid and the dialogue is natural, with easy-to-digest narratives that model for kids how to work through "problems" they might encounter in everyday life.



## GEORGE MEETS PIPPO RESOURCE PACK



### What's included in this resource pack:

- Paperback 46-page chapter book: George Meets Pippo
- pdf - 20-page Reading Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading plus writing activities, problem solving tasks, pet care and data collection

**\$25.00**



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'Hello Bingo,' says George.  
Mr Jones laughs. 'Did you hear me say treat, Bingo?'

'Thanks,' says George. He frowns. 'But a cone will be too crunchy for Milly's sore throat.'

Mrs Bramble smiles and tips the ice cream out of the cone into a small cup.

George takes the cup. 'Thank you, Mrs Bramble.'

'You're welcome,' says Mrs Bramble.

George's mum pays Mrs Bramble.



'I wish I had a pet,' says George as he waves goodbye to the cat.  
'Pets can be fun,' says Mum. 'But they can also be a lot of work.'





## KEY THEMES UNDERSTANDING FEELINGS EXPRESSING EMOTIONS

# Fuzzy Feelings

Author: Sandi Hobbs; Illustrator: Anastasiya Klempach

Discover a world of emotions through the eyes of loveable cats and dogs!

Join our fuzzy friends on a journey as they navigate feelings of happiness, anger, jealousy, and more.

This delightful book is perfect for young readers who are learning to understand and express their own emotions.

A helpful checklist is included for parents and caregivers to help talk to their children about emotions.



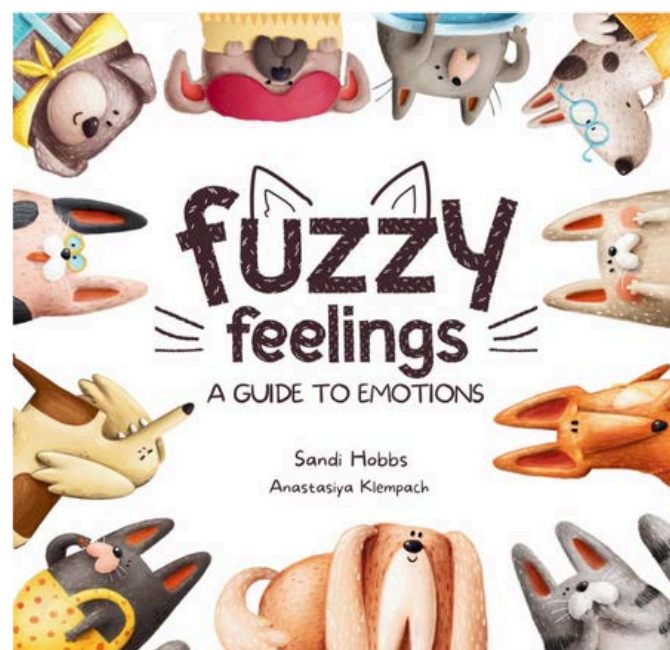
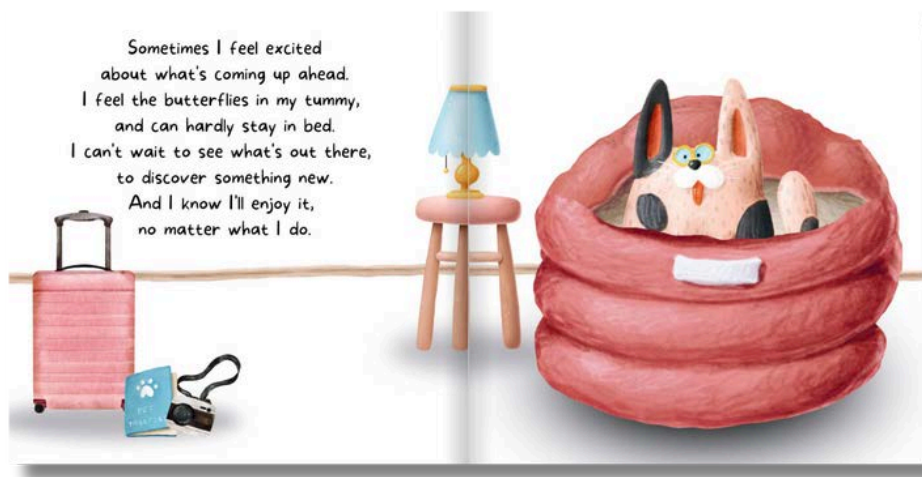
Sometimes I feel anxious, and it's hard to say goodbye to the comfort of the familiar, where I never had to try. I'll make new friends and learn new things, and soon enough I'll see that starting something new is not as scary as it seems!



### REVIEW

What's not to love? This book is engaging, easy to read rhyme and so cute visually. But, what I love the most is the parent's guide at the end of the book. This helps facilitate a conversation with your child and also serves as a checklist for parents. Love, and would recommend for any parent with young kids.

Sometimes I feel excited about what's coming up ahead. I feel the butterflies in my tummy, and can hardly stay in bed. I can't wait to see what's out there, to discover something new. And I know I'll enjoy it, no matter what I do.



## ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

AC9HP2P03 Identify how different situations influence emotional responses

AC9HP2P04 Practise strategies they can use when they need to seek, give or deny permission respectfully



## FUZZY FEELINGS RESOURCE PACK

**What's included in this resource pack:**

- Paperback picture book: Fuzzy Feelings, A Guide to Emotions
- pdf - Teachers' Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading
- pdf - 35-page Feelings Activity pack with activities at different levels of ability
- pdf - 43-page Activity Pack with puzzles, colouring & bingo games

**\$29.95**

**Author profile**

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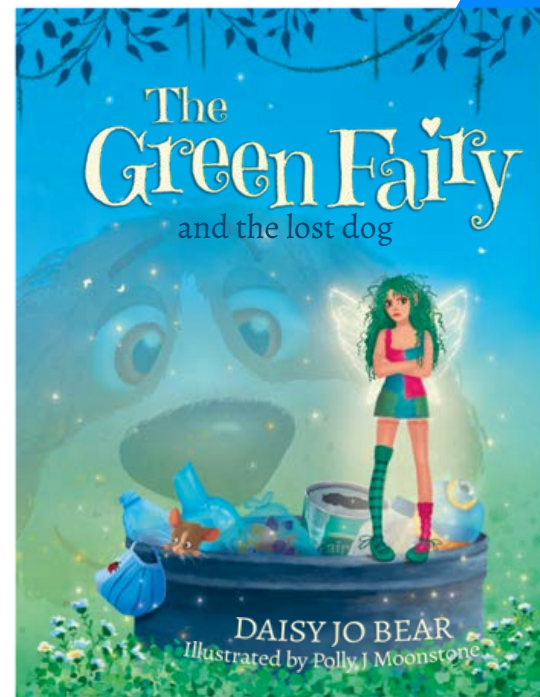


# The Green Fairy and The Lost Dog

Author: Daisy-Jo Bear; Illustrator: Polly J Moonstone

An abandoned dog and a fairy on a mission. Not a tooth Fairy, not a dream fairy, and certainly not a fairy godmother.

The Green fairy recycles discarded trash, trying to protect her animal friends by keeping the sea and forest clear of waste. But can she recycle an abandoned dog? Children will adore Bear, the dog full of love and eager for another family. They will also learn the Green Fairy's serious message: Our planet needs us and there is work to be done!



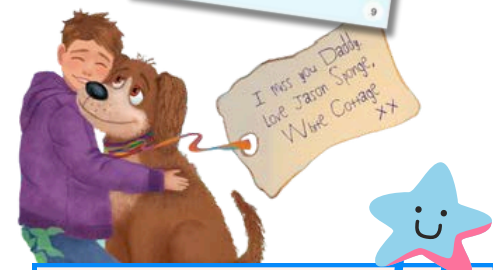
## ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9HS4K05 The importance of environments, including natural vegetation and water sources, to people and animals in Australia and on another continent
- AC9HS4K06 Sustainable use and management of renewable and non-renewable resources, including the custodial responsibility First Nations Australians have for Country/Place



- What's included in this resource pack:**
- Hardcover picture book: The Green Fairy and The Lost Dog
  - pdf - 28-page Teachers' Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading, plus activities at different levels of ability for English, Science and Technology

\$38.99



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KEY THEMES  
FRIENDSHIP  
DIVERSITY  
MOVING HOUSE/ SCHOOL/  
COUNTRY

AGES 6-9

MY NEW HOME  
RESOURCE PACK

## My New Home

Author: Nick Baker; Illustrator: Tristan Klein

*My New Home* is about a kid called Alex and his family, who must leave earth after some intruders make their planet unliveable. They build a spaceship using everyday objects and leave Earth. On their journey they must escape space pirates, and they are rejected from a few planets.

Once they find a planet they can join, the family struggle with all the differences on that planet. Then Alex's struggles continue at his new strange School where the aliens make fun of him.

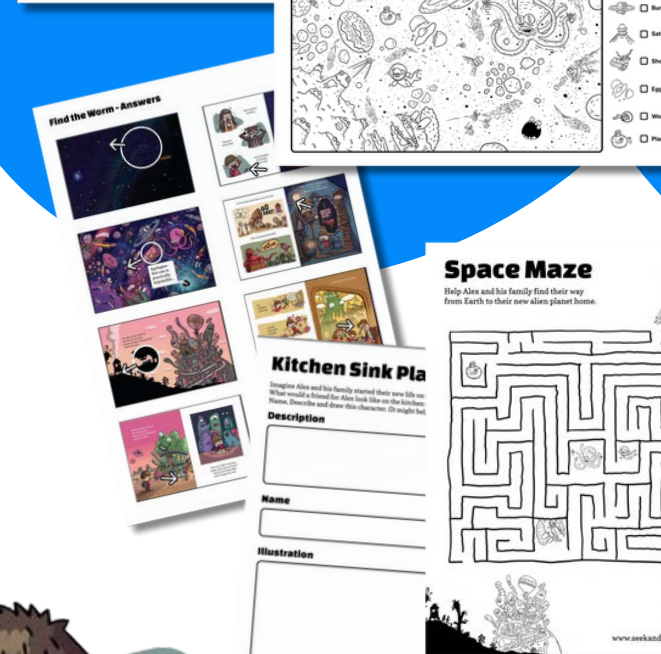
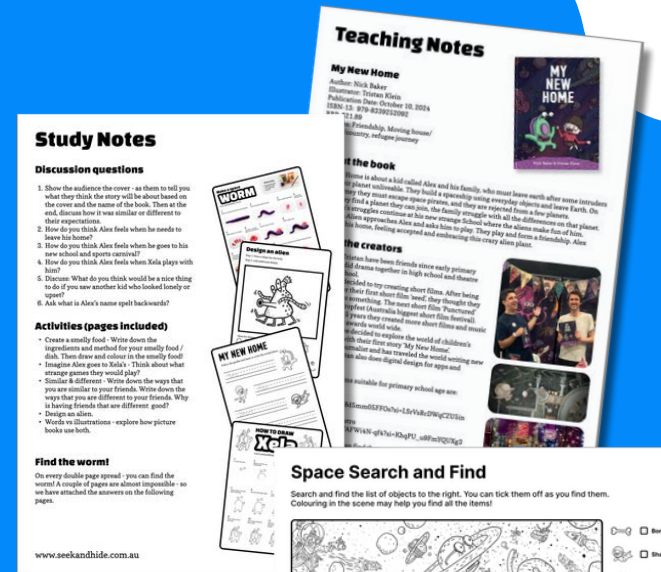
Later, an Alien approaches Alex and asks him to play. They play and form a friendship. Alex returns to his home, feeling accepted and embracing this crazy alien plant.

### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9HP2P03 Identify how different situations influence emotional responses
- AC9HP4P05 Describe how valuing diversity influences wellbeing and identify actions that promote inclusion in their communities

#### REVIEW

A sweet and funny story that's easy to follow and engaging for little ones with gorgeous illustrations in really distinct style. There's so many details in the pictures for little eyes to find something new each time they open a page.



\$24.00

#### What's included in this resource pack:

- Paperback picture book: My New Home
- pdf - 21-page Teachers' Notes with questions to ask before, during and after reading, plus activities for English, Art, Craft and Design

RUN FAR AWAY



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## KEY THEMES

### INTERACTIVE ADVENTURE

### MYSTERY

### DECISION MAKING

# The Midnight Manor

Author: Fionna Cosgrove

Can you solve the mystery and escape *The Midnight Manor*?

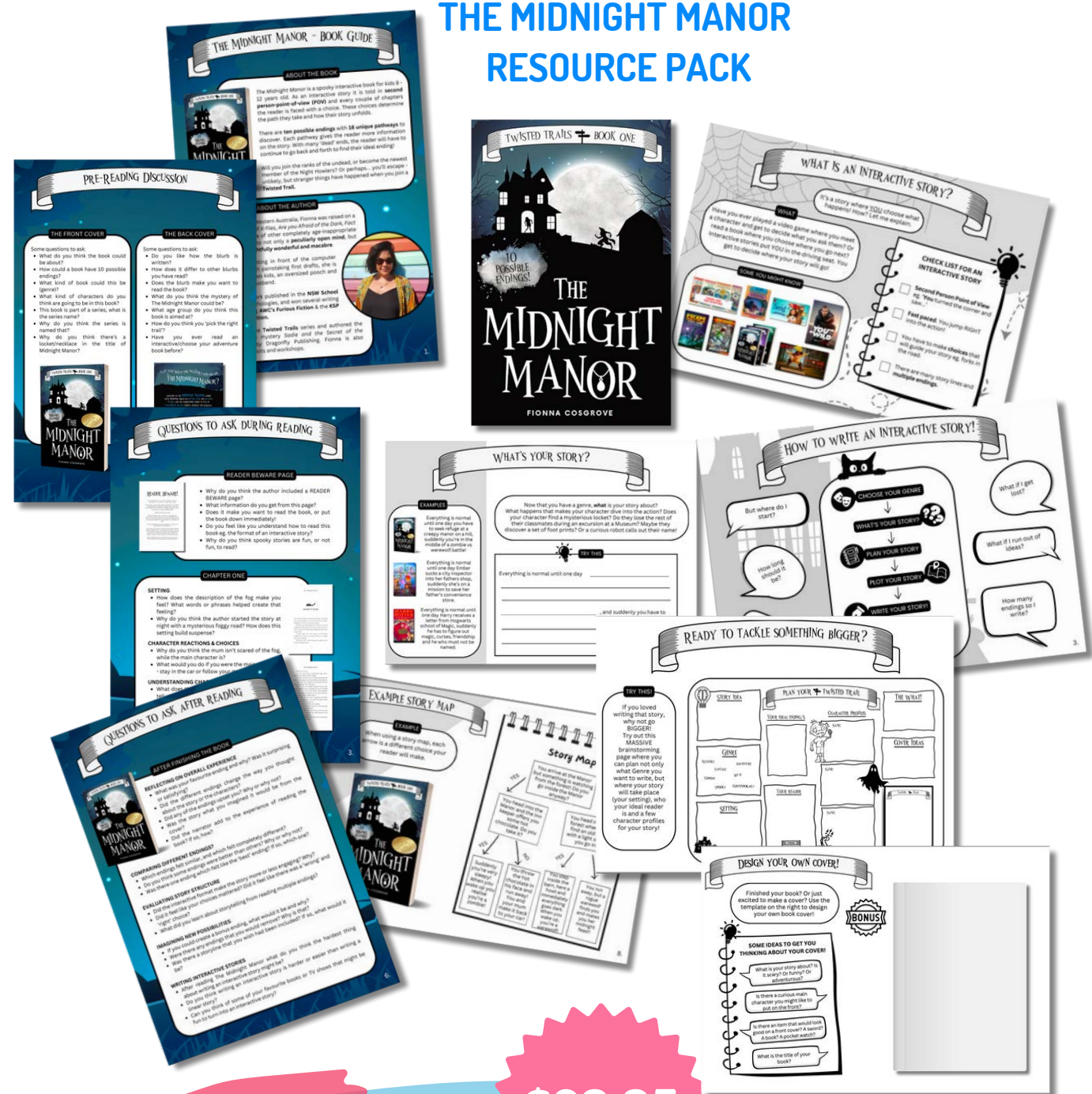
When you and your mum are forced to stop driving and face the mysterious fog that has devoured the road ahead, you are faced with your first twist in your path! Will you hop out of the car and seek sanctuary at the eerie Midnight Manor? Or will you bunker down in the car and let your mum investigate on her own?

A spooky, choose your own adventure story for those brave enough to read it!



## ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9E6LA08 Identify authors' use of vivid, emotive vocabulary, such as metaphors, similes, personification, idioms, imagery and hyperbole
- AC9E6LE03 Identify and explain characteristics that define an author's individual style
- AC9E6LY05 Use comprehension strategies such as visualising, predicting, connecting, summarising, monitoring and questioning to build literal and inferred meaning, and to connect and compare content from a variety of sources



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## What's included in this resource pack:

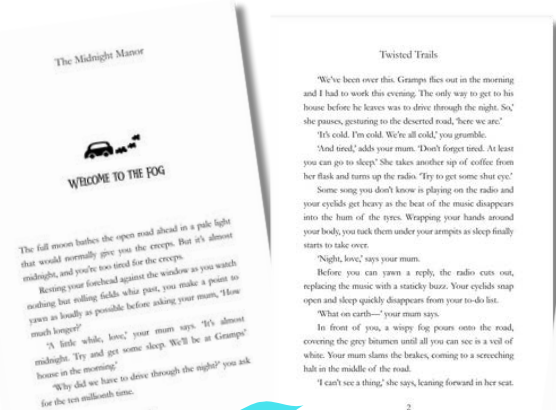
- Paperback 190-page chapter book: *The Midnight Manor*
- pdf - Book Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading
- pdf - 20-page Activity Pack on how to write an interactive story



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## REVIEW

Spine-chilling and creepy with characters you will love, and some you will love to fear, this is one that will make you want to curl up somewhere warm with your wide-eyed kids, and figure your way out of this mess. And then you'll want to do it again because there may just be more than one way!! (and really it's not too scary just the right amount of terrifying.)

## REVIEW

This story is a great read for kids who enjoy all things creepy. Choose your own adventure books were always a favourite of mine when I was a kid, and watching my son devour this story--over and over and over again, and never the same way twice--warmed my heart.

## REVIEW

Spook-tastic! The narrator creates an intimate reading experience, as she escorts the reader every step of the way through a myriad of twists and turns, allowing the reader to become the protagonist and drive the story in their chosen direction. I had so much fun!





KEY THEMES  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AND AWARENESS  
WILDERNESS CONSERVATION  
ENDANGERED ANIMALS

# Tracks in the Mist

Author: Sandra Bennett

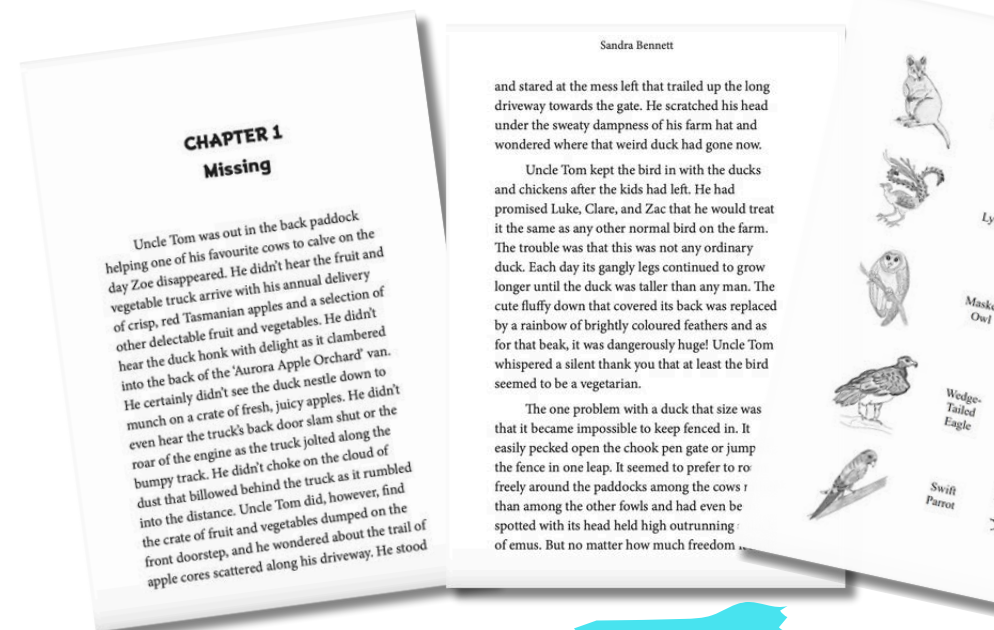
When there are strange bird sightings in Southern Tasmania, it's no coincidence that Luke, Clare, and Zac learn from Uncle Tom that their mysterious beloved farm pet, Zoe, has gone missing.

Eager to rescue the missing bird, the kids have a struggle on their hands to convince their mother to allow them to follow their hearts and travel to Tasmania to begin their quest.



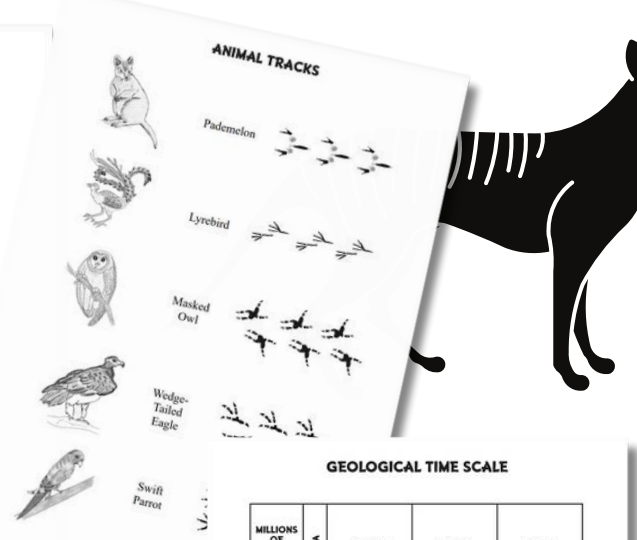
## ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9S6U01 Investigate the physical conditions of a habitat and analyse how the growth and survival of living things is affected by changing physical condition
- AC9E6LE01 Identify responses to characters and events in literary texts, drawn from historical, social or cultural contexts, by First Nations Australian, and wide-ranging Australian and world authors









**REVIEW**

I love the way this story combines family relationships, personal development, and fascinating nature lessons with a spirited adventure that puts young heroes front and centre in saving the day and protecting the environment. The magic happens when you race through their nail-biting escapades, only realising later how many new things you've learned about Australian native animals and bushcraft.



## GEOLOGICAL TIME SCALE

MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO	ERA	PERIOD	EPOCH	ANIMAL
0	CENOZOIC	QUATERNARY Rise of Man	Holocene	
			Pleistocene	
1.8		TERTIARY Rise of Mammals	Miocene	
			Oligocene	
50			Paleocene	
100	MESOZOIC	CRETACEOUS Dinosaurs		
150				
200		JURASSIC First Birds		
250		TRIASSIC First Dinosaurs		

## TRACKS IN THE MIST RESOURCE PACK



- What's included in this resource pack:**
- Paperback 200-page chapter book: *Tracks in the Mist*
  - pdf - 10-page Teacher's Guide including before and after discussion questions, literacy & STEAM activities
  - pdf- 15-page Resource Pack incl. animals and their tracks, snap and memory cards.
  - pdf- 16-page Activity Pack including writing and native animals activities

**\$28.00**



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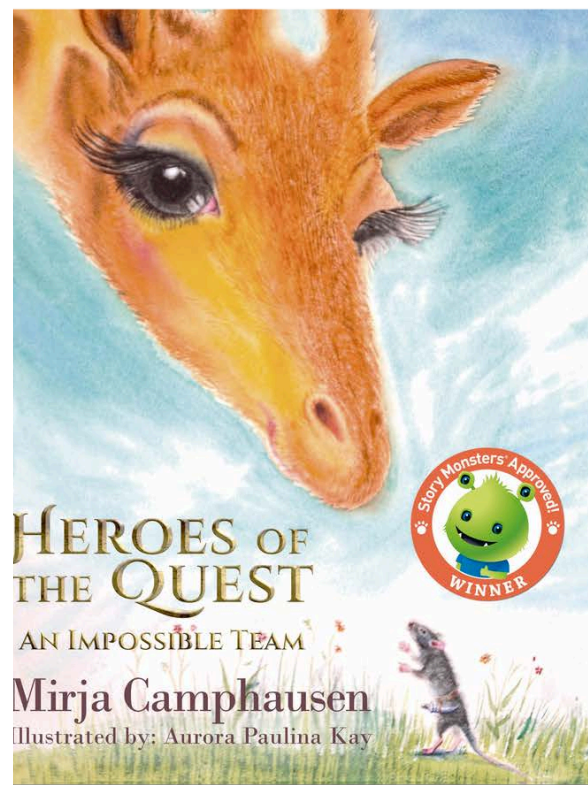


KEY THEMES  
ADVENTURE  
INDIVIDUALITY  
DIVERSITY  
RESILIENCE

# Heroes of the Quest An Impossible Team

Author: Mirja Camphausen; Illustrator: Aurora Paulina Kay  
From the outset of their adventure, Master Mouse is hampered by his hilarious and calamitous teammates who don't even recognize him as their leader. A mouse, a giraffe, a slug and ... a pig?!

All perfectly imperfect, how can they possibly compete against the mighty lions? Will they even finish the final challenge of Quest School?



## ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9HP6P04 Describe and demonstrate how respect and empathy can be expressed to positively influence relationships
- AC9HP6P05 Describe and implement strategies to value diversity in their communities

Through an hilarious series of mishaps and misunderstandings, this story shows children how vulnerability brings us closer to each other. It demonstrates how embracing our perceived weaknesses helps us cooperate while acknowledging our individuality and diversity.



AN IMPOSSIBLE TEAM

Only Master Mouse wasn't happy. Piggy had taken over his leadership role. How dare he! On top of that, he'd allowed Peanut-Brain to stay on the team! This was no good. Master Mouse didn't agree at all. He had to fix this. Again, it was up to him to rescue the world. There was only one way.

Master Mouse gave his voice a casual tone. He was proud of himself for achieving such self-control. On the inside, he churned with anxiety. He stood as tall as he could and pressed his shoulders back for extra effect. "Team," he hollered, "This still leaves the problem with the sign!" He gestured at the notice.

Robert and Sally turned their heads.

"Who's talking?" Gemma said.

Robert let his eyes fly over the sign and sat down with a thud. He scratched his fluffy ears. "This is unheard of!" he blurted.

"What is the matter?" Gemma arched her neck and stared at the sign.

"Gemma, dear," soothed Sally. "Might be a tiny problem here, nothin' to worry at all." Robert read out the sign.

Gemma stiffened. Her eyes widened. She gasped and scowled, "Robert, my dear, are you quite sure YOU can read?"

Robert stared back. "YES, I am!"

Gemma tossed her head. "I'm starting to think we might be better off getting a second opinion. First, you cannot decipher my prophecy. Next, you come up with 'BEWARE'. Really, Robert, you should remember the first Quest rule. 'No limits or boundaries apply to official Quest teams on a mission.' I suppose you'd agree this is what we are: an official Quest team on a mission." Gemma drew a deep breath. This was a long speech, even for a giraffe.

Robert shrugged and stuffed himself with more excruciating amounts of raspberries. He pretended not to listen.



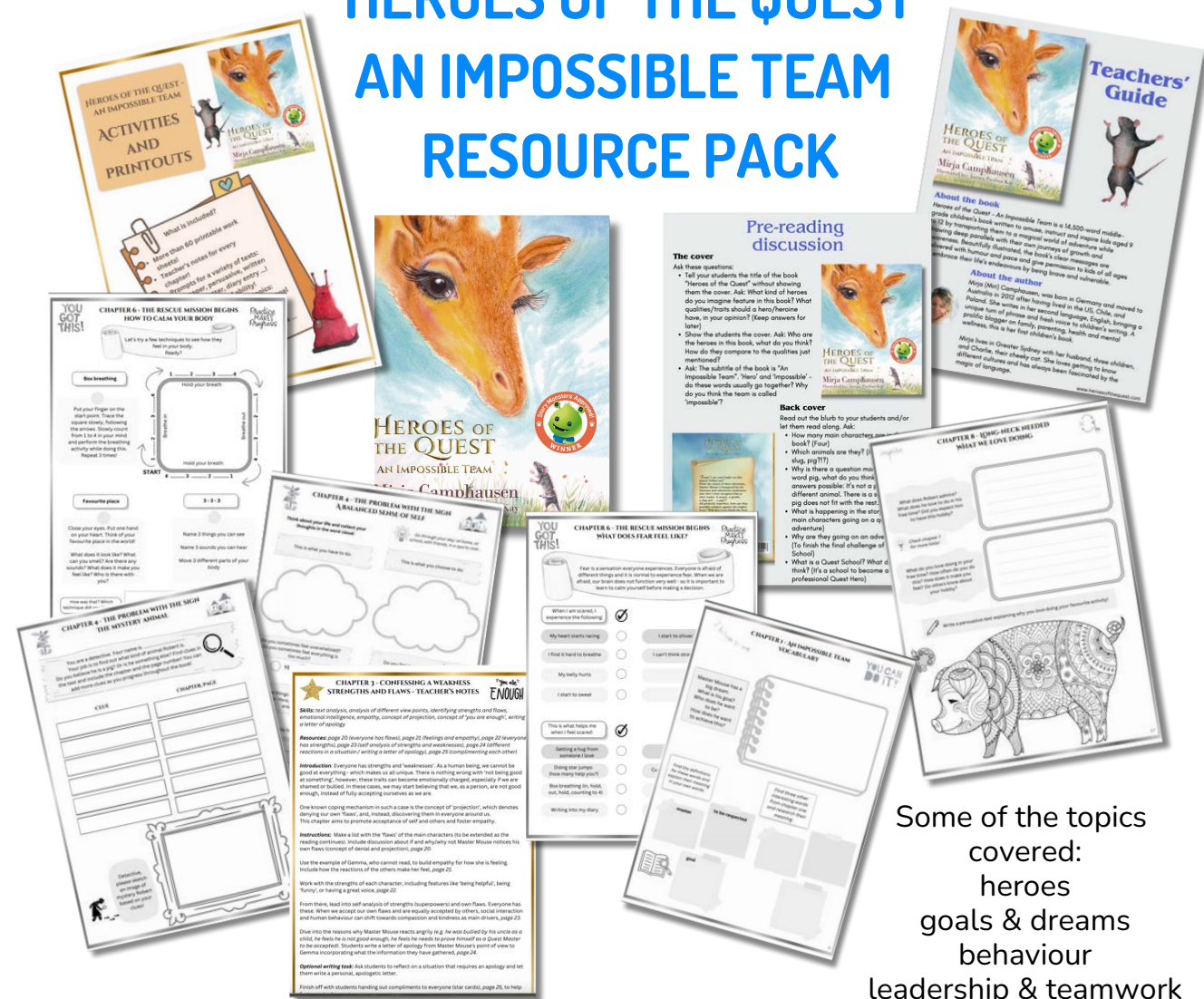
**REVIEW**

Beneath the exquisite illustrations and funny, often poignant, mishaps, I found myself identifying with the characters. I resonated with the theme of personal world, both in what we look like and what we dare, or dare not, do. All of this is explored through the funny, unique characters in the book. I go back again, and again, and find different messages around teamwork and failure and all the messiness of life and life's lessons.

**REVIEW**

Beautifully written and spoken (if you have the audiobook as well, I got both!), the author weaves a tale of courage and connection and reminds us of the value of acceptance and appreciation of each others differences. It leaves you feeling good, more aware and perhaps even a little better as a person!

## HEROES OF THE QUEST AN IMPOSSIBLE TEAM RESOURCE PACK



Some of the topics covered:

- heroes
- goals & dreams
- behaviour
- leadership & teamwork
- fears/ anxiety
- problem solving
- rules
- emotions & choices
- strengths & flaws
- disappointment
- communication
- story planning
- persuasive writing
- newspaper articles

## What's included in this resource pack:

- Paperback chapter book: An Impossible Team, plus audiobook version
- pdf - 10-page Teachers' Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading
- pdf - 80-page Activity Pack with suggestions for the teacher for each chapter & a wealth of relevant printables

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**KEY THEMES**  
FANTASY ADVENTURE  
SURFING  
CHASING DREAMS

## CALL THE WILD SEA RESOURCE PACK

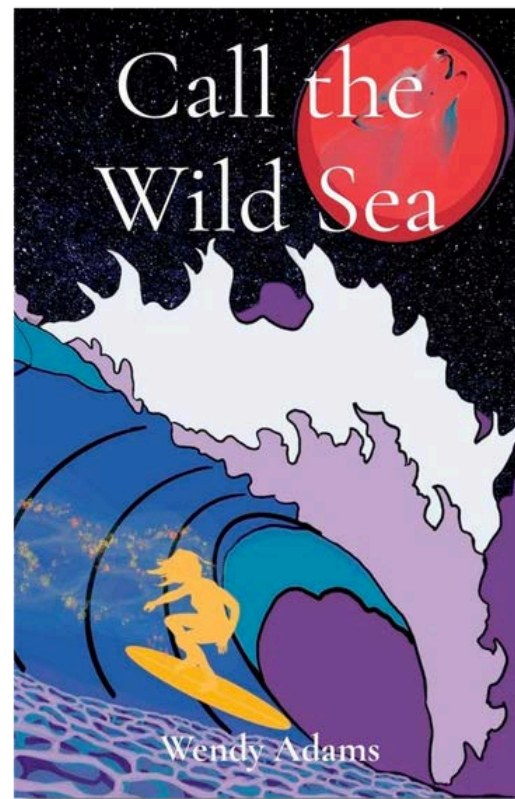
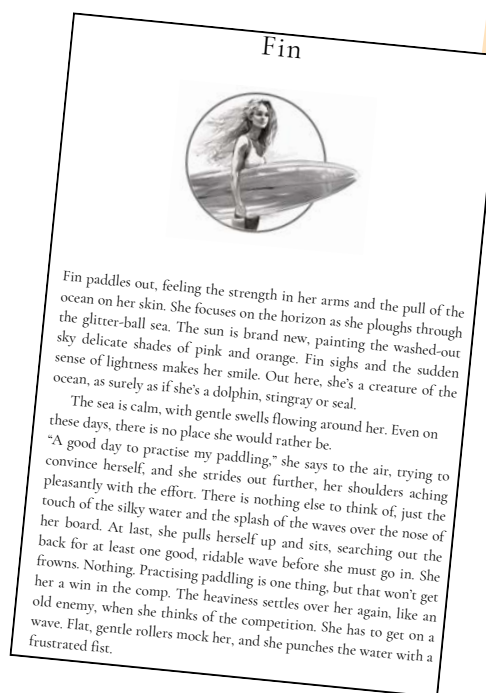
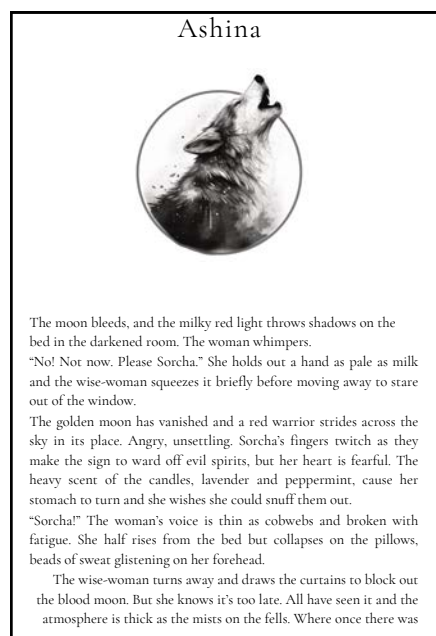
### Call the Wild Sea

Author: Wendy Adams

Fin wants to be a great surfer like her hero Tyler Wright. Ashina, a girl born of privilege in an ancient time, destroys everything she loves when she gains the one thing she desires - her voice.

Born under a wolf blood moon, both are blessed, or cursed, with earthmagic. But to create the futures they desire, they must travel to Turrakana located in the rugged south-east of Tasmania. There, within its fearsome beauty, they seek the last of the wildemagic.

Their quest hasn't gone unnoticed, and a magic-thief shadows them with schemes of his own. But he is not the only enemy, as ancient secrets obscure their journey. And when the final choice is made, whose dream will come true and whose life will be changed forever?



### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9E5LE02 Present an opinion on a literary text using specific terms about literary devices, text structures and language features, and reflect on the viewpoints of others
- AC9E5LY01 Describe the ways in which a text reflects the time and place in which it was created

#### REVIEW

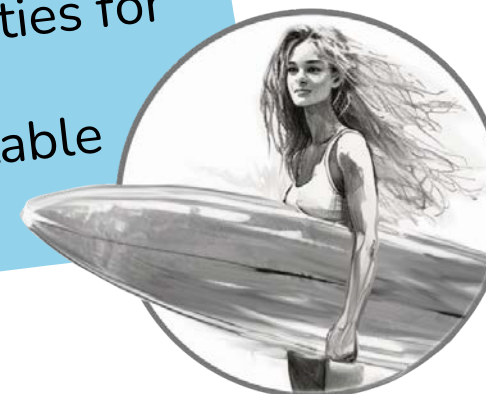
Totally recommend this fantastic book! Once I started reading, I just couldn't put it down. I just wish I could be like Fin and 'magic' a wave to surf on, as it's very flat at Binalong!

Call the Wild Sea is a stylish and fast-moving fantasy with some wonderful world-building details and interesting creature names.



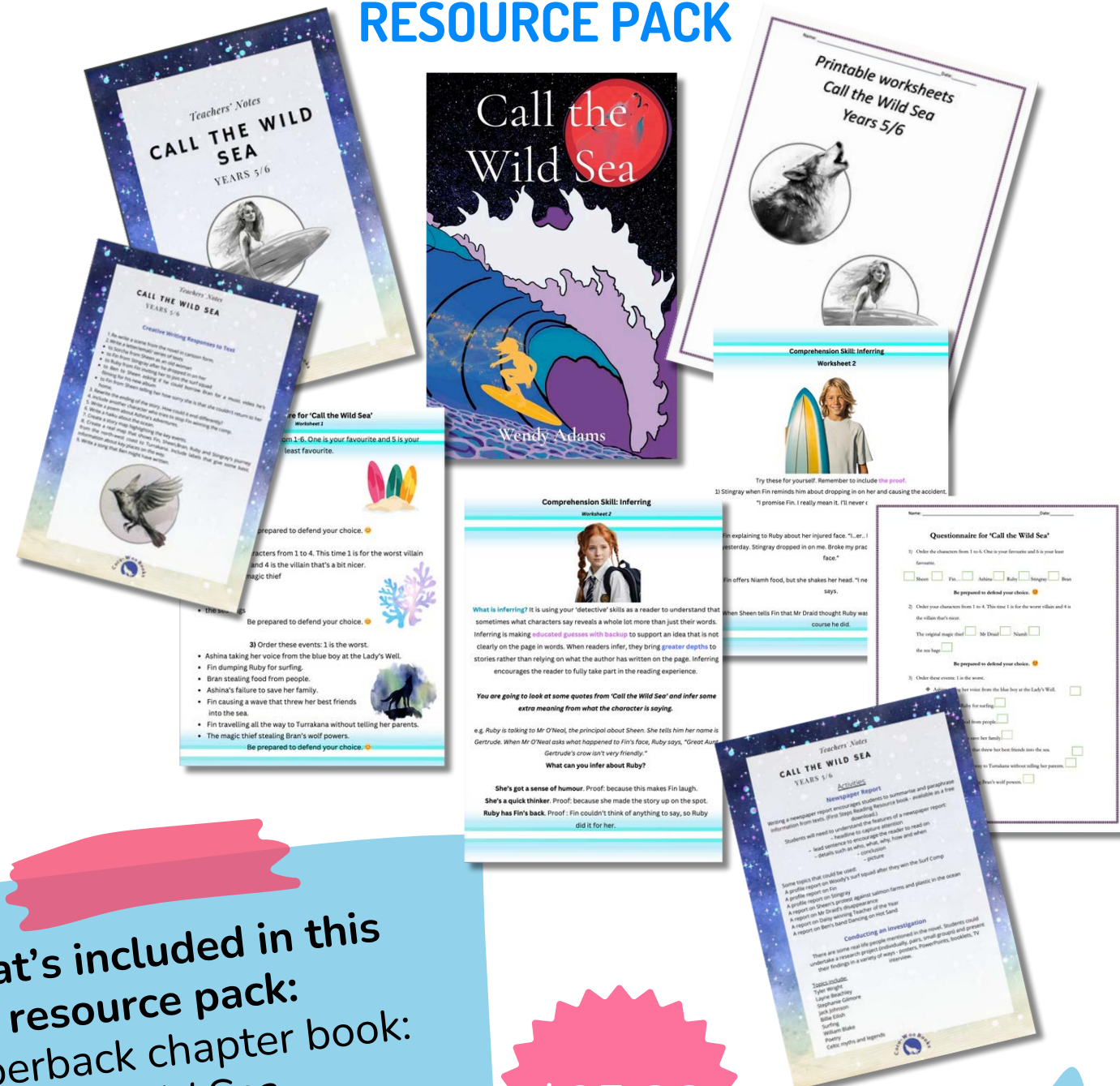
- ### What's included in this resource pack:
- Paperback chapter book: Call the Wild Sea
  - pdf - 17-page Teachers' Notes guide to the book with activities & discussion matched to the curriculum
  - pdf - 8-page activities for smartboards
  - pdf - 8-page printable activities

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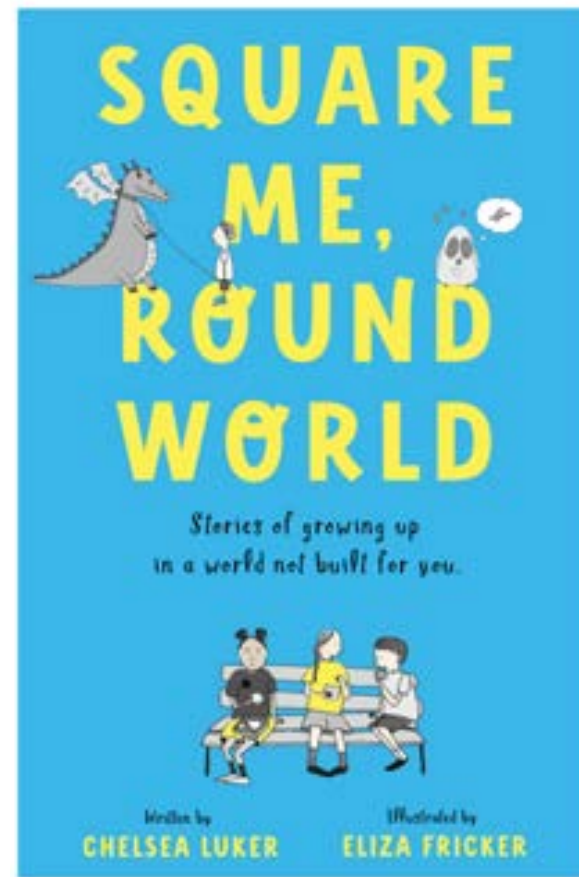
**KEY THEMES**  
DIVERSITY  
INCLUSION  
EMOTIONAL REGULATION

## Square Me, Round World

Author: Chelsea Luker; Illustrator: Eliza Fricker

*Square Me, Round World* is an illuminating collection of seven short stories delving into the distinctive experiences of those who feel like square pegs in a world of round holes.

From social challenges to sensory differences, this book aims to foster greater empathy, understanding, and inspiration for a more inclusive world.

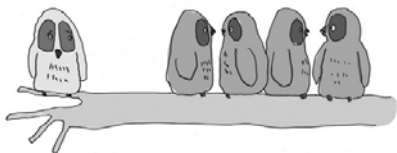


### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

AC9HP6P05 Describe and implement strategies to value diversity in their communities

AC9HP6P04 Describe and demonstrate how respect and empathy can be expressed to positively influence relationships

#### Finding Your Flock



A lonely owl perched on a branch.

"I wish I had someone to sit with," sighed Lily.

The problem was, Lily didn't know how to make a friend.

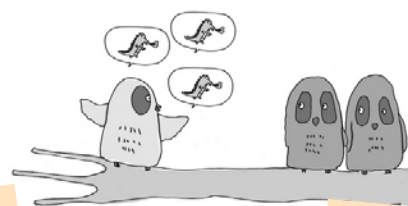
All the other owls seemed to make friends so easily.

In fact, they didn't seem to be trying at all.

But no matter how hard she tried, Lily just couldn't get it right.

Sometimes she spoke too fast.  
Sometimes she said too much.  
Sometimes she couldn't find words at all.  
Sometimes Lily only wanted to talk about dragons.

Lily could talk about dragons all day. But when she tried, the other owls looked bored. They rolled their eyes. Or worse, they flew away.



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#### REVIEW

These stories are for the squares, triangles and diamonds of this world. Try to make yourself round and you're just a misshapen circle. Embrace the beauty that is your true self and you will truly shine. A wonderful, must-read book for every child to help understand and embrace their authentic self, no matter what shape they are."



#### REVIEW

As a teacher, delving into conversations about neurodiversity can feel daunting; you want to get it right. This book and its lessons provide the perfect support to feel confident initiating these crucial discussions. It's been invaluable in fostering an authentically neuro-affirming classroom environment, making every child feel seen and valued.

The stories are the perfect length and level for any primary classroom, my class and I love them all. But the real magic happens when it opens up heartfelt discussions about differences. Through it, my students have discovered connections with each other they never imagined. It's truly special."



### What's included in this resource pack:

- hardcover book: *Square Me, Round World*
- 120-page eBook providing key insights on each story from the book, tailoring learnings, discussion points and activities, specifically for educators. Also accompanied by templates for SMART boards and handouts.
- 43-page eBook providing information about Autism, ADHD, and PDA, how to support Neurodivergent students, and useful resource lists for teachers and parents.

**\$40.00**

## SQUARE ME, ROUND WORLD RESOURCE PACK



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**KEY THEMES**  
DIVERSITY  
TEAMWORK  
RACISM, BULLYING  
FAITH

## Ayesha Dean The High School Heist

Author: Melati Lum

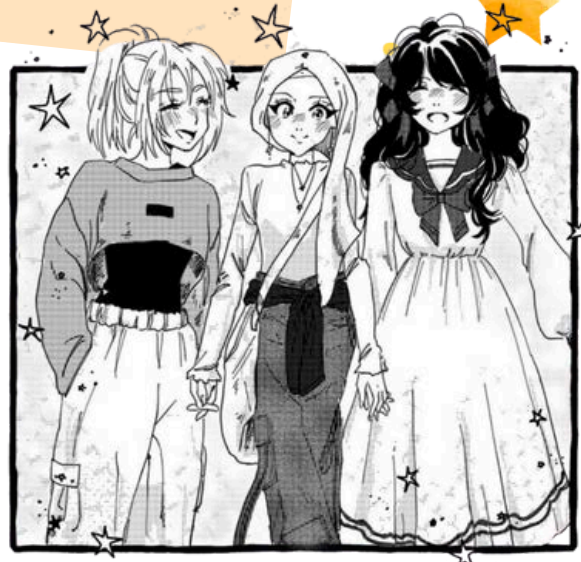
Ayesha Dean has recently started wearing hijab and on top of that is going to a new high school. She thinks this gives her more than enough reason to lie low. But when things keep going missing from the Year Eight students' lockers, Ayesha is determined to find the culprit. Can she overcome her fears and embrace a new role as a kickass teen sleuth?

### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9HP6P01 Explain how identities can be influenced by people and places, and how we can create positive self-identities
- AC9HP6P05 Describe and implement strategies to value diversity in their communities
- AC9E6LE01 Identify responses to characters and events in literary texts, drawn from historical, social or cultural contexts, by First Nations Australian, and wide-ranging Australian and world authors

### REVIEW

The story, language and characters all hit just right for the genre and age group for which they are intended. Yes, the themes of friendship, trust, loyalty, family and—most importantly—personal identity, are serious, and this book handles those beautifully through engaging characters, clever dialogue, and introspective moments.



AGES 9-12

## THE HIGH SCHOOL HEIST RESOURCE PACK



### What's included in this resource pack:

- Paperback chapter book: The High School Heist
- pdf - Teachers' Guide with questions to ask about the story, plus writing, art, and design activities
- pdf - 14-page Activity Pack with tasks on bullying, racism, faiths, team work and character profiles

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# Wildlife Wong and the Sun Bear

Author: Dr Sarah Pye; Illustrator: Ali Beck

When Wildlife Wong meets Damai, she is a tiny sun bear cub with an uncertain future. Her mother has been killed by poachers. She is scared and alone.

Wildlife Wong becomes her new mum. He teaches her to climb trees and dig for food. Before long, she joins a gang of new sun bear friends at the Bornean Sun Bear Conservation Centre.

Life is much better...but... Will Damai ever be a free sun bear again?

Award-Winning Finalist in the Children's Non-Fiction category of the 2021 International Book Awards.



## ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

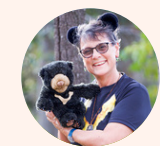
- AC9S6H02 Investigate how scientific knowledge is used by individuals and communities to identify problems, consider responses and make decisions
- AC9S6U01 Investigate the physical conditions of a habitat and analyse how the growth and survival of living things is affected by changing physical conditions

**REVIEW**  
Great educational book for kids about sun bears and the amazing work that Dr Wong does in saving them. It's a wonderful teaching tool for any parent or classroom teacher to educate kids about saving nature and the environment. The experiments at the back of the book are great in creating a hands on experience in some of the things that Wong and the staff at the BSBCC do.



- What's included in this resource pack:**
- Paperback chapter book: Wildlife Wong and The Sun Bear
  - pdf - 26-page Classroom Resources Pack - with questions to ask before, during and after reading.
  - QR codes to videos, hands-on experiments, worksheets that align with the curriculum, and things to make

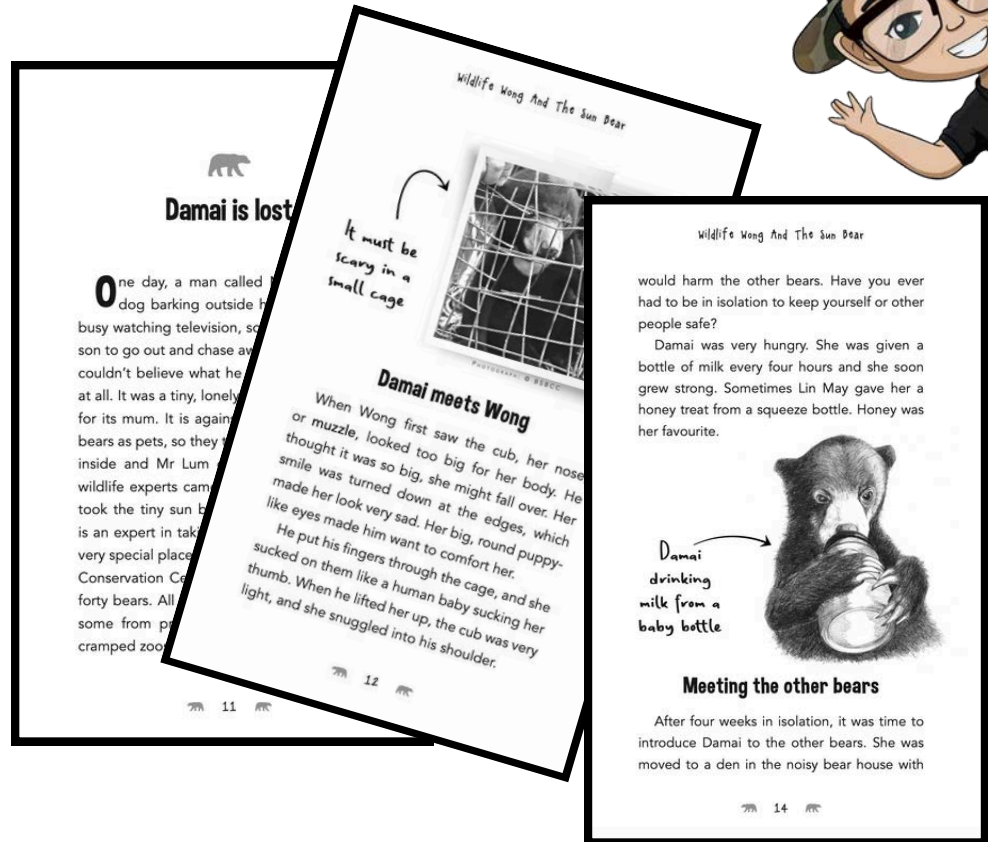
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**KEY THEMES**  
**FAMILY**  
**BELONGING**  
**LOSS & SEPARATION**  
**MAGIC'S CONNECTION TO NATURE**

AGES 9-12

**A WITCH FORGOTTEN**  
**RESOURCE PACK**

## A Witch Forgotten

Author: M A Shieldhouse

*A Witch Forgotten* is a historical fantasy. Twelve-year-old Annabel Wood is sure of one thing: magic doesn't exist. She's already lost her mother, and now a war is tearing her family apart. When Annabel and her sister, Lottie, are sent to live with their uncle at mysterious Morven Manor, Annabel wants nothing more than to return to her old life.

But the sleepy village of Little Morven hides secrets. What are the strange standing stones lurking on the outskirts of the village, and why does Lottie insist she hears singing there? Then Lottie disappears, and Annabel is forced to reevaluate everything she believes about magic.



### ACARA V.9 CURRICULUM LINKS

- AC9E6LE01 Identify responses to characters and events in literary texts, drawn from historical, social or cultural contexts, by First Nations Australian, and wide-ranging Australian and world authors
- AC9E6LY05 Use comprehension strategies such as visualising, predicting, connecting, summarising, monitoring and questioning to build literal and inferred meaning, and to connect and compare content from a variety of sources

**REVIEW**  
 This book was amazing . My dad bought it for me, and it was brilliant. It was fast paced and exciting from the start. I can't believe this is her first book, it was a perfect fantasy book without being too childish.

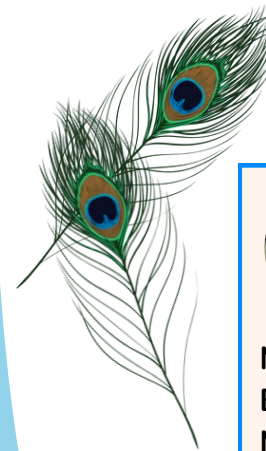
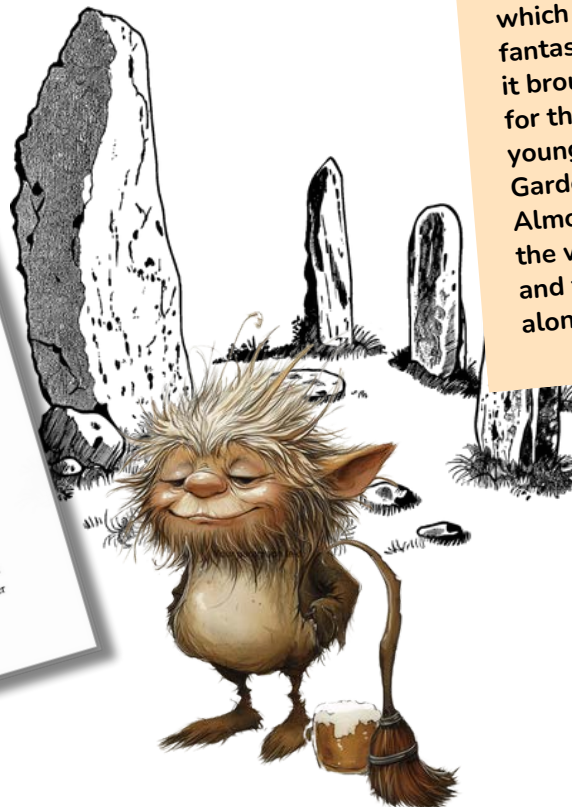
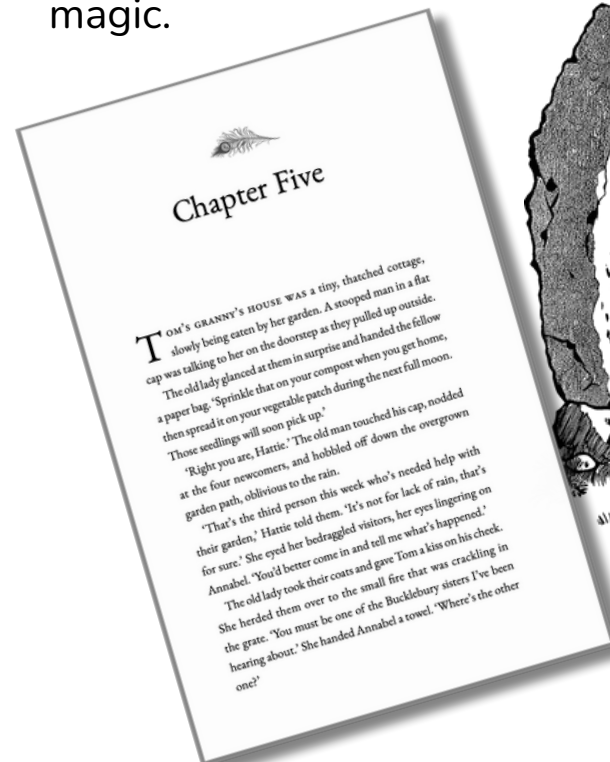
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### REVIEW

I absolutely devoured this book, which will delight lovers of the fantasy genre. As an adult reading it, it brought up feelings of nostalgia for the books I loved as a child and young adult – from the Secret Garden, to Narnia, to Harry Potter. Almost instantly, I was immersed in the world of the Bucklebury sisters and the magical friends they meet along the way.

### What's included in this resource pack:

- Paperback 344-page chapter book: *A Witch Forgotten*
- pdf -15-page Teachers Guide with questions to ask before, during and after reading. Plus additional activities including discussion and writing tasks and character studies
- pdf - 5-page Ecosystems Activity Pack
- pdf - 6-page Bullying Activity Pack
- pdf - 10-page Creative Activity Pack



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### **Ages 3-6 Books and Resources EYLF Learning Outcomes**

**I love Rockets** – EYLF Learning outcome:

4 Children are confident and involved learners

**Someone Left the Gate Open** EYLF Learning outcome:

1 Children have a strong sense of identity

2 Children are connected with and contribute to their world

**Feelings and Me** EYLF Learning outcome:

1 Children have a strong sense of identity

3 Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

**Bush-Turkey Needs a Friend** EYLF Learning Outcome:

3 Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

4 Children are confident and involved learners

**Scruffy & Silk** EYLF Learning Outcome:

2 Children are connected to their world

**Gary the Goat** EYLF Learning Outcome:

4 Children are confident and involved learners

5 Children are effective communicators

**Jana's Brightly Coloured Socks** EYLF Learning Outcome:

2 Children are connected to their world.

**Amy Can Do Maths** EYLF Learning Outcome:

4 Children are confident and involved learners

**A Day on the Brine** EYLF Learning Outcome:

4 Children are confident and involved learners

**Friends of the Flood** EYLF Learning Outcome:

2 Children are connected to their world

**Dinosaurs Can't Wear Yellow** EYLF Learning Outcome:

2 Children are connected to their world

**Shawn the Prawn** EYLF Learning Outcome:

3 Children have a strong sense of wellbeing

4 Children are confident and involved learners

**The Making of a Monarch** EYLF Learning Outcome:

4 Children are confident and involved learners

5 Children are effective communicators





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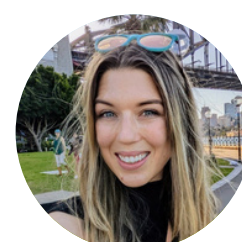
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