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# JACKIE FRENCH

*Australian Children's Laureate*

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a million ways to  
share a story ,*



HISTORY



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## Hitler's Daughter

9780207198014 | BPB | Ages: 10+

- Winner, CBC Awards Book of the Year (Younger Readers), 2001
- WOW! Award Winner, UK National Literacy Association, 2001
- Notable Book, US Library Association
- Koala Awards Roll of Honour, 2007 and 2008
- Semi-Grand Prix Award, Japan

The bombs were falling and the smoke rising from the concentration camps, but all Hitler's daughter knew was the world of lessons with Fraulein Gelber and the hedgehogs she rescued from the cold.

Was it just a story or did Hitler's daughter really exist? And if you were Hitler's daughter, would all the horror that occurred be your fault, too? Do things that happened a long time ago still matter?

First published in 1999, *Hitler's Daughter* has sold over 100,000 copies in Australia alone and has received great critical acclaim, both in Australia and the twelve countries where it has been published. *Hitler's Daughter* has also won or been shortlisted for 23 awards, both in Australia and internationally, including winner of the 2000 Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year for Younger Readers.

*Hitler's Daughter* has also been dramatised by the MonkeyBaa Theatre, and in 2007 won the Helpmann award for Best Presentation for Children and the Drovers Award for Touring Excellence.



## Pennies for Hitler

9780732292096 | BPB | Ages: 10+

- Honour Book, CBC Awards Book of the Year (Younger Readers), 2013
- Winner, NSW Premier's History Award (Young People's History Prize), 2013
- Shortlisted, Queensland Literary Awards (Children's Book), 2013

It's 1939, and for Georg, son of an English academic living in Germany, life is full of cream cakes and loving parents. It is also a time when his teacher measures the pupils' heads to see which of them have the most 'Aryan' shaped heads. But when a university graduation ceremony turns into a pro-Nazi demonstration, Georg is smuggled out of Germany to war-torn London and then across enemy seas to Australia where he must forget his past and who he is in order to survive.

Hatred is contagious, but Georg finds that kindness can be, too.

The companion piece to *Hitler's Daughter*, *Pennies for Hitler* examines the life of a child during World War 2, from a different perspective.

'Jackie French's research and subsequent feeling for the era is superb the descriptions of wartime Australia alone are fascinating. This is historical fiction at its best. Thoroughly recommended for upper primary children and beyond'

### FIVE STARS

Bookseller and Publisher

*Pennies for Hitler* is for older readers ready for a more confronting and sustained exploration of French's messages that: 'Enemies change. One enemy becomes just like us and new enemies are found.' From its dramatic opening sequence ('There were cream cakes for tea the afternoon they killed Georg's Father') to its one word conclusion 300 pages later, this is an absorbing story rich with details of everyday life'  
*Canberra Times*

## Nanberry: Black Brother White

9780732292022 | BPB | Ages: 12+

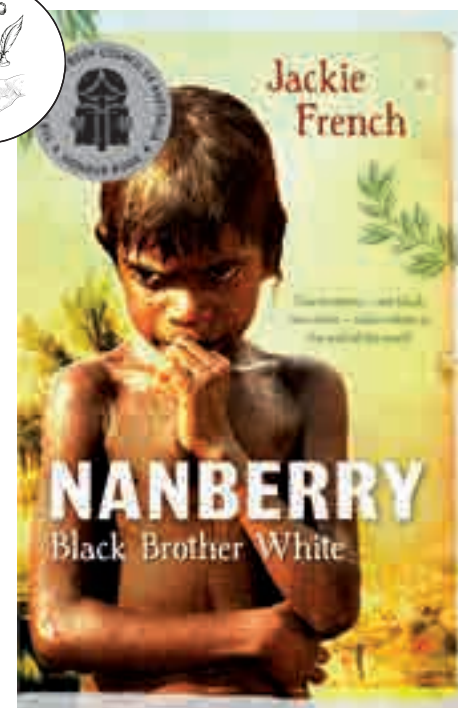
- Honour Book, CBC Awards Book of the Year (Older Readers), 2012

Two brothers — one black, one white — and a colony at the end of the world

It's 1789, and as the new colony in Sydney Cove is established, Surgeon John White defies convention and adopts Nanberry, an Aboriginal boy, to raise as his son. Nanberry is clever and uses his unique gifts as an interpreter to bridge the two worlds he lives in. With his white brother, Andrew, he witnesses the struggles of the colonists to keep their precarious grip on a hostile wilderness. And yet he is haunted by the memories of the Cadigal warriors who will one day come to claim him as one of their own.

This true story follows the brothers as they make their way in the world — one as a sailor, serving in the Royal Navy, the other a hero of the Battle of Waterloo.

No less incredible is the enduring love between the gentleman surgeon and the convict girl who was saved from the death penalty and became a great lady in her own right.



'I've been telling all my friends to read this book, and to give it to their kids to read. It's absolutely engrossing.'

*The Herald Sun*

'She is one of few masters who can embed historic characters in rattling good tales, and her meticulous research is seamlessly inserted so that you live the detail rather than learn it. Irresistible for history buffs of any age.'

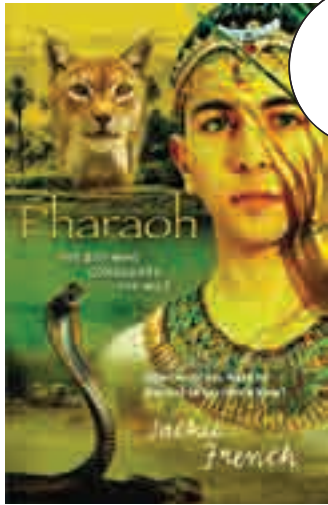
*Good Reading Magazine (a 5 star review)*

'French breathes life into the narrative of these people's stories, She not only describes in fascinating detail their living conditions but gives the reader an insight into how people such as Nanberry, Rachel and the surgeon might have responded to the life around them.'

*Saturday Age*

'If every Australian history class in the country could be taught by, Jackie French, we'd have an entire generation of kids with an enormous thirst for knowledge about our early European settlement and a whole lot more compassion for those who already called this country home.'

*Sunday Tasmanian*



## Pharaoh

9780207200823 | BPB | Ages: 10-14

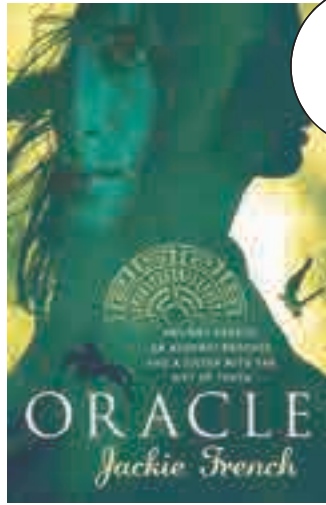
- Shortlisted, CBC Awards Book of the Year (Older Readers), 2008
- Shortlisted, ACT Book of the Year (competing with general adult titles), 2008

The people call Prince Narmer 'the Golden One' - a boy with the brightest future ahead of him. Handsome and talented, he is destined to be King of Thinis, the greatest town in Egypt and, for Narmer, the centre of the world.

Then his whole life changes overnight. A devastating accident forces him to give up his right to the throne and sends him journeying across the ancient Middle East with the mysterious Trader; the crippled Nitho and a tamed wildcat called Bast. And as he travels through the desert and visits the great cities of Punt and Sumer, he learns that Thinis is actually a very small place indeed.

But can he ever truly forget his homeland? When he decides to pay one last visit to Thinis, he will discover what it really means to be a leader, and will find his destiny fulfilled beyond his wildest expectations.

Set in a time before the pyramids and based on real historical events, *Pharaoh* will sweep readers along on a fascinating journey through a part of the world we hear so much about today.



## Oracle

9780732288402 | BPB | Ages: 10-14

- Notable Book, CBC Awards, Book of the Year (Older Readers), 2011

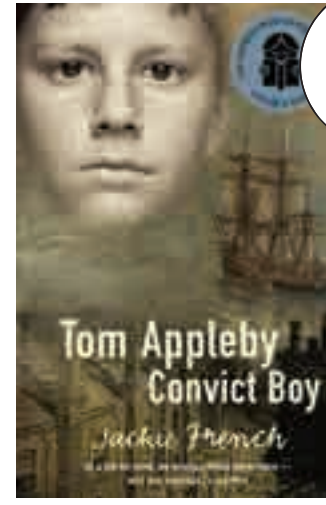
After Nikko and Thetis are taken from their village, their amazing acrobatic skills save them from slavery and make them the focus of the Mycenaean court. The courtiers are in awe of them; the King is enchanted.

But Thetis may destroy them both when she tells the King a truth about his future that he doesn't want to hear.

Nikko and the daring horse dancer Euridice must travel across Greece to find his sister again - and the extraordinary future that awaits them all - in Delphi.

Can one young girl change history?

Jackie French weaves history, myth and fantasy together into one enthralling tale of horse dancers, earthquakes and tsunamis, as well as love and courage, from beyond recorded time.



## Tom Appleby, Convict Boy

9780207199424 | BPB | Ages: 10+

A story of transportation and life in a new world.

Eight-year-old chimney sweep Tom Appleby is convicted of stealing and sentenced to deportation to Botany Bay. As one of the members of the First Fleet, he arrives in a country that seemingly has little to offer - or little that the English are used to, anyway.

However things start to look up - the fair and kind Sergeant Stanley decides to take on Tom as a servant. Together Tom, Sergeant Stanley and his son, Rob, build a house, set up an orchard and a vegetable garden for themselves - and thrive, unlike many others in the new colony.

Jackie French weaves Tom's story in with the story of the development of Australia. She tells of a colony that, despite its natural abundance, cannot offer what the colonists want - familiarity. While the people's health is better than it ever was in England, their morale is low as they wait for news from home.

'French has a wonderful ability to write imaginative historical fiction that engages a wide age range.'

Magpies



## Soldier on the Hill

9780207196379 | BPB | Ages: 12+

It's World War Two and the world is in turmoil, but for Joey the enemy isn't as he imagined.



## A Rose for the Anzac Boys

9780732285401 | BPB | Ages: 12+

- Honour Book, CBC Awards Book of the Year (Older Readers), 2009

It is 1915. War is being fought on a horrific scale in the trenches of France, but it might as well be a world away from sixteen-year-old New Zealander Midge Macpherson, at school in England learning to be a young lady. But the war is coming closer: Midge's brothers are in the army, and her twin, Tim, is listed as 'missing' in the devastating defeat of the Anzac forces at Gallipoli.

Desperate to do their bit - and avoid the boredom of school and the restrictions of Society - Midge and her friends Ethel and Anne start a canteen in France, caring for the endless flow of wounded soldiers returning from the front. Midge, recruited by the over-stretched ambulance service, is thrust into carnage and scenes of courage she could never have imagined. And when the war is over, all three girls - and their Anzac boys as well - discover that even going 'home' can be both strange and wonderful.

Exhaustively researched but written with the lightest of touches, this is Jackie French at her very best.



## Daughter of the Regiment

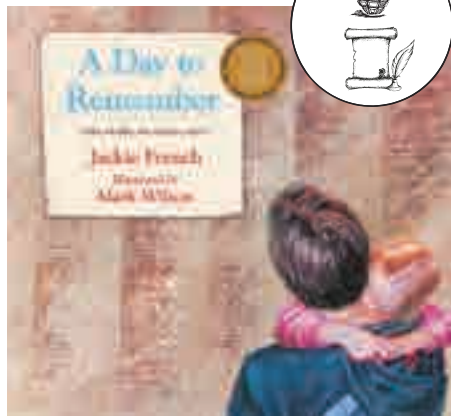
9780207196744 | BPB | Ages: 10+

Harry and Cissie live 150 years apart. What is the mystery that links them?

'We are fortunate that Jackie French is such a prolific author, as her tales give so much pleasure to young readers.'

Reading Time





## A Day to Remember (with Mark Wilson)

9780732293604 | Ages: 7+

• Shortlisted, CBC Awards Book of the Year (Picture Book), 2013

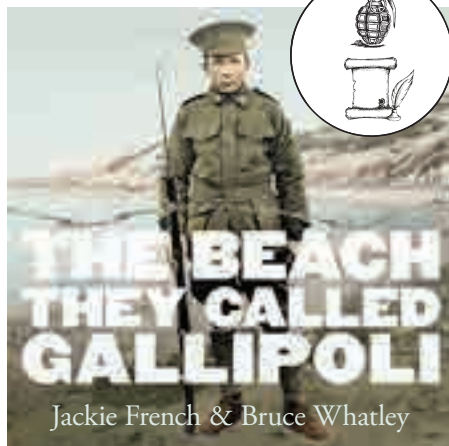
Jackie writes:

*For some it was a celebration of military tradition. Others in the crowd were pacifists, or felt that Australians shouldn't be in Afghanistan. It didn't matter. There are many different memories that make up Anzac day now. We remembered fathers, husbands, aunts, sons, daughters and grandfathers; those who our country sent to war and then forgot, when they returned home damaged; the starving and tortured who struggle towards refugee camps; all who suffer in war, or give their lives to try to make things better.*

*I wrote A Day to Remember because by honouring the suffering and sacrifice of others we find the gift of empathy ourselves. On this one day of the year, it is good to stand together, and remember not just the past, but why we need to remember, too.*

Anzac Day is the day when we remember and honour Anzac traditions down the ages, from the first faltering march of wounded veterans in 1916 to the ever-increasing numbers of their descendants who march today.

Containing reference to the many places the Anzacs have fought, and the various ways in which they keep the peace and support the civilians in war-torn parts of the world today, this is a picture book that looks not only at traditions, but also the effects of war



## The Beach they Called Gallipoli (with Bruce Whatley)

**In bookstores November 2014**

9780732292263 | NSH | Ages 7+

Many books have been written about the battles of Gallipoli; the men who went to war and what they faced, the letters, and the tears of those left behind.

But this is a book about Gallipoli, the place, and what happened on Gallipoli Beach from April - December 1915.

With beautiful and painterly illustrations by Bruce Whatley, this is a book that explores the beaches where the battles took place. In focusing on the actual place of war; the book will also examine many other aspects of WWI, from the soldiers and the conditions they fought in, to the civilians at home.

This is more than a book about Anzacs; this is a book about and for all of the nationalities who fought at that cove, not matter what side they were on.



## MacBeth

9780207200342 | BPB | Ages: 10-14

• Shortlisted, CBC Awards Book of the Year (Older Readers), 2007

Luke lives in modern-day Australia with his mother and stepfather, Sam. He is burdened by a guilty secret: Sam has helped him to cheat in an entrance exam for a prestigious school.

Lulach lives in ninth-century Scotland with his mother and stepfather, Macbeth. Macbeth becomes a great king and restores peace to the land.

Luke dreams about Lulach and Macbeth at night. He is also studying the play *Macbeth* at school and in Shakespeare's version, Macbeth is a villain who murders the rightful king.

Why did Shakespeare lie about who Macbeth really was? When is it okay to lie and when should you tell the truth?

Similarly to *Hitler's Daughter*, *Macbeth and Son* challenges the reader to consider the actions of people, both in the past and present, and from a seemingly simple storyline, *Macbeth and Son* arrives at the morally complex question of 'What is Truth? And how important is it?'



## They Came on Viking Ships

9780207200113 | BPB | Ages: 10-14

• Shortlisted, (UK) Essex Book Award  
• Winner, West Australian Young Readers' Book Awards (WAYBRA) (Younger Readers), 2007  
• Shortlisted, NSW Premier's History Awards (Young People's History Prize), 2006

When Vikings raid and destroy a small coastal village, Hekja and her dog, Snarf, are captured and taken to Greenland. In this harsh and cold land, Hekja becomes a thrall — a slave — to Freydis Eriksdottir, daughter of the infamous Erik the Red.

Hekja's fiery determination earns her the respect of her mistress. But Hekja's journey was just the beginning, as she and Snarf and other colonists join their leader, Freydis, on a voyage to Vinland to establish a new settlement where more perilous adventures await them...



## Valley of Gold

9780207199882 | BPB | Ages: 10+

One valley's stories of gold through the ages. Interspersed with historical and geological information are stories that bring to life the valley and its occupants. We move through stories of European settlement, gold rushes, Chinese immigration, bushrangers, relations between Indigenous and European people, world wars, the Depression and natural disasters. When we arrive at the present day, the substance that has so shaped the valley recent history — gold — is still an important commodity, but no longer at the expense of the valley.

Jackie French once again manages to inform and entertain in this wonderful collection of stories.



## The Night They Stormed Eureka

9780732285418 | BPB | Ages: 10+

• Winner, NSW Premier's History Award (Young People's History Prize), 2011

It's 1854, and the Ballarat goldfields are a place of dreams and rebellion as Sam, a homeless teenager, is called back to the past to join the Puddlehams, who run 'the best little cook shop on the diggings'.

The Puddlehams dream of buying a hotel with velvet seats, while others dream of freedom from the British crown, away from the rule of wealthy landowners and corrupt officials.

As the summer days get hotter, and the miners' protests are ignored with catastrophic results, Sam experiences first-hand the power of a united stand which will change her life forever.



## The White Ship

9780207197987 | BPB | Ages: 12+

*The White Ship* is a story of religious persecution, friendship, and an idealism that stretches over four hundred years; but most of all, it's a story about the search for safe harbour and a place to call home.



## How the Finnegans Saved the Ship

9780207197499 | B+PB Ages: 10+

*How the Finnegans Saved the Ship* is set in 1913, the year after the Titanic sank. It is the story of the voyage to Australia that is made by the Finnegan children and their mother, who travelled in a

boat as unlike the Titanic as is possible. This ship also hits an iceberg, although luckily it is saved. There is also the family's anticipation of going to a different country - and a country they know very little about and one that couldn't be more different from their beloved Ireland.

What does make a family leave the country they love and travel to another?

## Refuge

9780732296179 | BPB | Ages: 10+

• Shortlisted, NSW Premier's Literary Awards shortlist – Patricia Wrightson Prize for Children's Literature, 2014  
• Shortlisted, NSW Premier's Literary Awards shortlist – Community Relations Commission for a Multicultural NSW Award, 2014  
• Shortlisted, CBC Awards Book of the Year, (Older Readers), 2014  
• Shortlisted, Aurelias Awards, Best Children's Book, 2013

*He had ridden the storm without screaming. They had survived.*

*And then he saw the wave.*

*Had it waited till the storm had eased, the better to show its majesty? It reared like a sea beast from the ocean depths, as high as a three-storey building.*

*Foam danced about the top.*

*Jadda's hand gripped his. She yelled 'I love you!'*

*The wave crashed down.*

*Pain. His body was crashed down, then up, then sideways and down again. The water tried to tear him apart. Water that was green, not grey, and filled with bubbles. A sensation that was only down, down, down, but no knowledge or where 'up' might be. His arms and legs seemed lost. They didn't work. Nothing worked, except his eyes, no air to breathe, no ears to hear. More pain.*

*No, he thought. This is not happening. We will reach Australia! Keep thinking of Australia ...*

*I will open my eyes and I'll be safe, he thought. I will be in Australia, in my room. Safe in bed, a real bed.*

*And then darkness.*

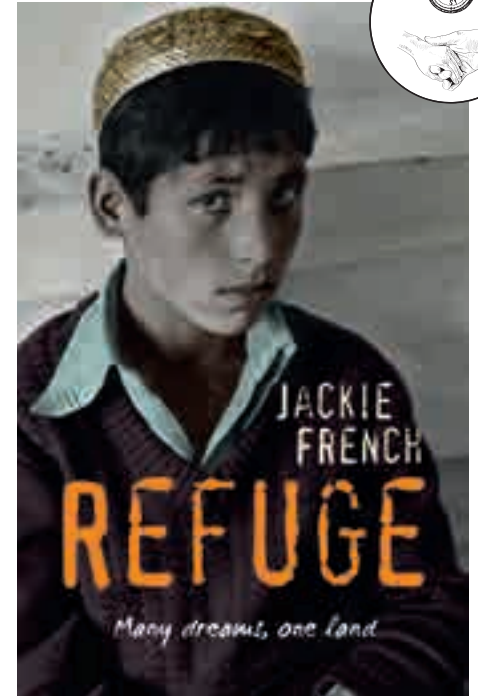
Brilliant in construct, compelling and extraordinarily moving, this is a book that speaks to each of us and reminds us that while we mightn't be refugees, we are all newcomers to this country and that everyone has a story worth hearing.

When a boat carrying a group of asylum seekers is sunk by a freak wave, Faris wakes from the shipwreck in an Australia he's always dreamed of. There are

'Jackie French's brisk and striking book delivers a potent blow in favour of the country we should want Australia to become...' *The Sydney Morning Herald*

'A prolific Australian writer's most important work of fiction yet. French treats her characters sensitively and has crafted an inventive, progressive work of fiction which is sure to have a powerful impact on young and old readers alike.' *The West Australian*

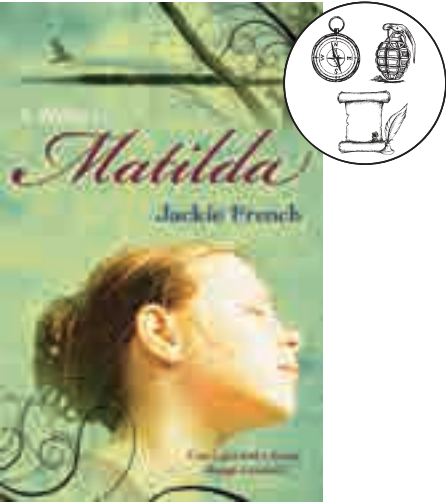
Her considerable imagination and passion for history spills to overflowing in this astonishing, fictionalised tale that has been woven together from the threads of both real history, family history and the author's own life experiences.' *Kids' Book Review*



kangaroos grazing under orange trees and the sky is always blue. On a nearby beach, Faris meets a group of young people who have come from far different times and places.

They are also seeking refuge, and each has their own story of why they had to leave their own story of why they had to leave their country to make a new life for themselves. It is only when Faris chooses to return to 'real life' and find his father in Australia that he learns the extraordinary truth about the friends he made in the golden beach...

# The Matilda Saga



## Waltz for Matilda

9780732290214 | BPB | Ages 11+

• Notable Book, CBC Awards Book of the Year (Older Readers), 2011

In 1894, twelve-year-old Matilda flees the city slums to find her unknown father and his farm. But drought grips the land, and the shearers are on strike. Her father has turned swaggie and he's wanted by the troopers. In front of his terrified daughter, he makes a stand against them, defiant to the last. 'You'll never catch me alive, said he...'

Set against a backdrop of bushfire, flood, war and jubilation, this is the story of one girl's journey towards independence. It is also the story of others who had no vote and very little but their dreams.

'Jackie French has a passion for history, and an enviable ability to weave the fascinating minutiae of everyday life into a good story.'

Magpies Magazine



## The Road to Gundagai

9780732297220

Blue Laurence has escaped the prison of her aunt's mansion to join The Magnifico Family Circus, a travelling troupe that brings glamour and laughter to country towns gripped by the Depression. Blue hides her crippled legs and scars behind the sparkle of a mermaid's costume; but she's not the only member of the circus hiding a dark secret. The unquenchable Madame Zlosky creates as well as foresees futures. The bearded lady is a young man with laughing eyes. A headless skeleton dangles in the House of Horrors.

And somewhere a murderer is waiting ... to strike again.



## The Girl From Snowy River

9780732293109 | BPB Ages | 11+

Set among the landscapes of the great poems of Australia, this book is a love song to the Snowy Mountains and a tribute to Australia's poets who immortalised so much of our land. *The Girl from Snowy River* combines passion, heartbreak, history and an enduring love and rich understanding of our land. It continues the grand saga that began with *A Waltz for Matilda*.

'... when I was 11 or 12, I would have read and reread it until it fell to bits. It has everything: horses, poems, ghosts, heroism, war, the bush and a love story.'

Saturday Age

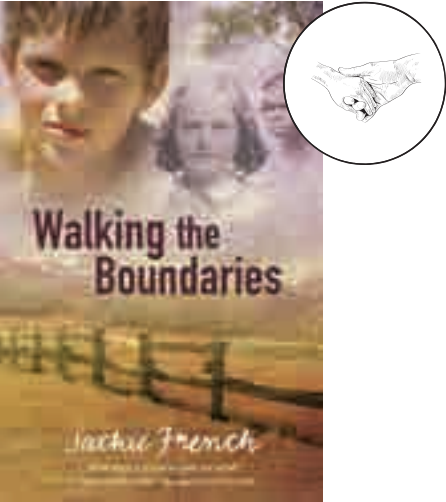


## Somewhere Around the Corner

9780207183591 | BPB | Ages 10+

*Just shut your eyes and picture yourself walking around the corner. That's what my friend told me. Somewhere around the corner and you'll be safe.*

The demonstration was wild, out of control. Barbara was scared. She saw the policeman running towards her. She needed to escape. She closed her eyes and did precisely that: she walked somewhere around the corner - to another demonstration - to another time. Barbara was lucky she meet young Jim who took her out of this strange, frightening city to his home. It was 1932, when Australia was in the grip of the depression, and Jim lived in a shantytown. But Barbara found a true friend and a true home - somewhere safe around the corner.



## Walking the Boundaries

9780207200434 | BPB | Ages 10+

A book about time, culture and the land ...

All Martin has to do is walk around the boundaries and he'll own the farm and be rich. But as he walks he discovers that boundaries aren't just lines on a map. He meets Meg from last century, Wullamudulla from 40,000 years ago following the path of his born snake ancestor - and they all have very different ideas of what owning land means.



The Animal Stars Series



The Goat who Sailed the World

9780207200779 | BPB | Ages 8-12

- Notable Book, CBC Awards Book of the Year (Younger Readers), 2007
- Shortlisted, Fiction for Older Readers, Young Australian's Best Book Award (YABBA)
- Shortlisted, Koala Awards, 2008
- Shortlisted, Croc Awards, 2008
- Shortlisted, Cool Awards, 2008

Isaac is twelve and has joined the crew of the *Endeavour* as a master's servant, good for scrubbing decks and not much else. He's certainly not considered good enough to fetch hay for the Goat who will provide fresh milk for Cook and his officers. And this goat even has more experience at sea than Isaac - she has already sailed around the world once, watching the ocean and lands slip by from her spot on the quarterdeck.



The Dog Who Loved a Queen

9780732285081 | BPB | Ages: 8-12

To the world outside her luxurious prison, Mary Queen of Scots is either a shameless beauty who killed her husband, or the rightful queen of England and Scotland, tragically held captive by Elizabeth the First. But to the dog who loved her, Mary is simply his mistress, and the centre of his life.

While Mary desperately plots to seize both her freedom and the throne, her dog Folly's world is one of chasing mice behind the tapestries and enjoying turkey legs with quinces for supper. Until the day comes when they try to take his Queen away ...

Based on the true story of the dog who was with Mary when she died, *The Dog Who Loved a Queen* is a fascinating tale of religious bigotry, plots and passion - and the unquestioning loyalty of a small Scottish terrier.



The Camel Who Crossed Australia

9780732285432 | BPB | Ages: 8-12

*The story of the famous Burke and Wills expedition ... as it has never been told before*

*The humans called him 'Bell Sing', but to the other camels he is known as 'He Who Spits Further Than the Wind'.*

*Transported from the mountains and deserts of the 'Northwest Frontier' (present-day Pakistan and Afghanistan), Bell Sing accompanies explorers Burke and Wills as they try to cross Australia from south to north.*

*Bell Sing has never had a high opinion of humans - or horses. And this expedition is the worst managed caravan he's even been in. Camel handler Dost Mahomet and soldier John King are also beginning to wonder if their leader is competent, or crazy.*

*Bell Sing can smell water over the sandhills on the horizon ... and freedom too. Can the expedition succeed? And who - if anyone - will survive?*

*This is the gritty and true story about one of the most extraordinary and iconic events in Australia's history.*

*Praise for The Camel Who Crossed Australia:*

*'an irreverent and informative charmer'*  
Sunday Age

*'This exciting story of adventure and survival against the odds with likeable main characters has greater power than text books to spark new interests and extend existing ones'*  
Viewpoint



The Donkey Who Carried the Wounded

9780732288396 | BPB | Ages: 8-12

Most Australians know of Simpson and his donkey, who became heroes at Gallipoli, even among the Turkish forces. Few know where the donkey came from, or what happened to him after World War I. Or that another man carried on rescuing the wounded with the donkey after Simpson died.

This is the story of a small unassuming donkey. It's also the story of Gallipoli, of Jack Simpson, and New Zealander stretcher-bearer Richard Henderson, who literally took up the reins after Simpson's death. Exhaustively researched, it gives a new depth to our understanding of this story of Anzac heroism.

*'Jackie French is excellent at telling history in an exciting way for children',*  
writes Burke's Backyard.



The Horse that Bit a Bushranger

9780732289287 | BPB | Ages 8-12

Young Billy Marks is a pickpocket, transported to the penal colony of New South Wales. He and his mate reckon they'll become bushrangers- but that's before Billy's had a chance to see the bush up close. And when he buys the big white brumby stallion, covered with scars but refusing to bend to any man's will, he knows he made the right choice.

Billy's daughter Mattie Jane thinks her father can ride any horse who ever lived ... and so can she! But when tragedy strikes, the Marks clan, including Mattie and her beloved horse, Rebel Yell, will need all the courage they can find to keep the family together.

*Praise for The Horse Who Bit A Bushranger:*

*'This is a gripping, moving story that is also wonderfully evocative of an era when survival meant growing, creating or killing everything you needed. Kids will love the book for its pace, its sense of adventure and the fact that it is a darn good tale, like French's earlier books in the series.'*  
Australian Bookseller + Publisher

*'What a delight to read this book! ... I think this book could inspire much original history reading by young readers'*  
Book News

*'This is history brought to life for the young reader'*  
Reader's Feast Book Guide



Dingo: The Dog Who Conquered a Continent

9780732293116 | BPB | Ages: 8-12

All of Australia's dingoes may be descended from one south-east Asian 'rubbish dog' who arrived here over 5,000 years ago. This is a story about the first dingo.

It is also the story of Loa, who heads off across the sea in his canoe when the girl he loves marries another. He takes only his spears and a 'rubbish dog', one of the scavengers from around the camp to eat if he gets hungry, or to throw to threatening sharks or crocodiles. But when a storm blows boy and dog out to sea, both must learn to survive in a strange new world as partners - and even as friends.

From renowned author Jackie French comes a story about survival in our earliest times.



Let the Land Speak:  
How the Land Created Our  
Nation

9780732296759 | NSH

*To understand the present, you need to understand the past. To understand Australia's history, you need to look at how the land has shaped not just our past, but will continue to shape our future.*

This is a new and fascinating interpretation of Australian history, focusing on how the land itself, rather than social forces, shaped the major events that led to modern Australia.

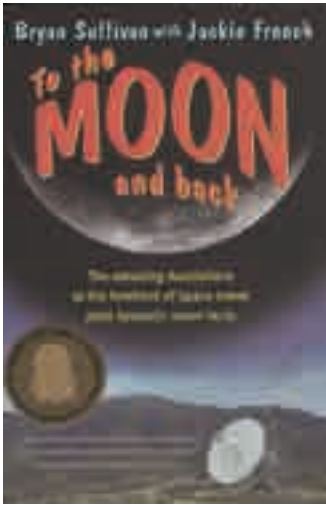
Our history is mostly written by those who live, work and research in cities, but it's the land itself which has shaped our history far more powerfully and significantly than we realise. Reinterpreting the history we think we all know - from the indigenous women who shaped the land, from Terra Incognita to Eureka, from Federation to Gallipoli and beyond, Jackie French shows us that to understand our history, we need to understand our land.

Taking us behind history and the accepted version of events, she also shows us that there's so much we don't understand about our history because we simply don't understand the way life was lived at the time. Eye-opening, refreshing, completely fascinating and unforgettable, Let the Land Speak will transform the way we understand the role and influence of the land and how it has shaped our nation.



'Sometimes controversial, but always insightful, this is a refreshing view of Australia and will fundamentally change the way you think of the land and of our history'  
*Sunday Mail*

'Let *The Land Speak* is wonderfully detailed and informative ... the author's knowledge and passion is palpable ...'  
*Canberra Times*



To The Moon and Back  
(with Bryan Sullivan)

9780207200090 | Ages: 10-14 | BPB

• Winner, CBC Eve Pownall Award, 2009

When Neil Armstrong took his first step onto the Moon it was a small group of dedicated Australian technicians at Honeysuckle Creek who tracked the Eagle landing craft and relayed the first television pictures to the world.

This is their story, told by Bryan Sullivan, one of the technicians on duty at the time, and co-written with his wife, best-selling children's author, Jackie French.

From the tragic loss of *Apollo 1* and its astronauts, to the dedicated professionalism that brought the astronauts of the crippled *Apollo 13* spacecraft back to earth, *To the Moon and Back* is a fascinating insight into the science and technology of the time and the heroism and determination of the people who helped pioneer those early days of space travel.



The Secret World of  
Wombats (illustrated by  
Bruce Whatley)

9780207200311 | B+PB

Underneath your feet is a strange new world... the world of wombats!

Jackie French has been living with and studying wombats for over thirty years – they are her Muse for many wonderful stories she has written.

Now Jackie has put down almost everything anyone ever wanted to know about wombats – especially her wombats! *To Jackie Wombats* are more fascinating even than aliens – and just as strange!



A Year in the Valley

9780732290641 | B+ P

*Here in the valley, food is part of our lives ... When I eat a peach I remember the smell of the soil as I planted the tree ...*

Jackie French brings vividly to life her wonderful experiences living in the Araluen Valley, an extraordinary part of the NSW Southern Tablelands. Sprinkled in between her stories are natural remedies and tips for the home, and over eighty wonderful recipes Jackie has derived from the valley's four seasons

The Phredde Series

Ages: 7-12

Spell-binding and spooky stories starring Phredde, a fractious but fun-loving phaery, Bruce, a mosquito-eating frog, and Pru, an everyday-normal school girl - except that she lives in a fairy castle, keeps pet piranhas, has a werewolf for a brother and a vampire for a teacher:

**This series is best enjoyed with a bowl of fruit on hand**

9780207200007 A Phaery Named Phredde

9780207200014 Phredde and a Frog Named Bruce

9780207200021 Phredde and the Zombie Librarian and Other Stories to Eat with a Blood Plum

9780207200267 Phredde and the Temple of Gloom

9780207199561 Phredde and the Leopard-Skin Librarian

9780207199349 Phredde and the Purple Pyramid

9780207200106 Phredde and the Vampire Footy-Team

9780207200328 Phredde and the Ghostly Underpants



Lessons for a Werewolf Warrior

9780207200762 | BPB | Ages: 7-12

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

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

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

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



Dance of the Deadly Dinosaurs

9780732285425 | BPB | Ages: 7-12

Boo's back ... in another crazy adventure of Heroes, dinosaurs and the most fearsome weapon in the universes ... the zombie sausage.

Boojum Bark, werewolf puppy and would-be-Hero, is about to do what no other Hero has done before - go into the scariest universe of them all, the Ghostly Otherwhen, rescue his mum and come back alive.

And he'll need help from his friends: mysterious Yesterday, gorgeous Princess Princess Sunbeam Caresse of Pewké, Mug the down-to-earth zombie, and Squeak the warrior mouse.

But the Ghostly Otherwhen isn't what Boo expects! And his friends start acting strangely, too ...

What is the bond between Yesterday and her dinosaurs? And why won't she let Boo rescue her from slavery? Can Mug really be as dumb as he looks, or is it a clever zombie disguise? And could Princess Princess be an actual Hero underneath her cowardly exterior?

The bogeys are scarier — and the food is grosser than ever — it's Jackie French at her hilarious best!

And you think your family’s strange...

Wacky Family Series

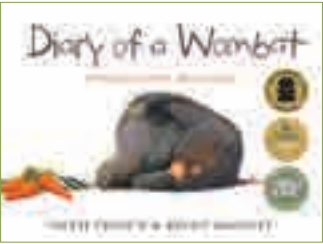
BPB | Ages: 6-12

There's no such thing as a normal family! But some are wackier than others ... Cecil's Mum wears long black boots and carries a sword; Gunk's dog Spot loves lettuce and seems to be growing awfully big, awfully fast; Horace's Dad has silver wings and a green and orange tail; and Tom's family circle includes a Senior Bogeyman, a Tooth Fairy's assistant and a large and hairy best friend called Mog. Fortunately for Tom, his Uncle Gus is great at proving the old saying that small people can make a big difference. With drawings by award-winning illustrator Stephen Michael King, this series is guaranteed to delight younger readers

- 1. A My Dog the Dinosaur | 9780207199417
- 2. 3 My Mum the Pirate | 978020719949
- 3. My Dad the Dragon | 9780207199509
- 4. My Uncle Gus the Garden Gnome | 9780207199585
- 5. My Uncle Wal the Werewolf | 9780207200137
- 6. My Gran the Gorilla | 9780207200120
- 7. My Auntie Chook the Vampire Chicken | 9780207200793
- 8. My Pa the Polar Bear | 9780207200786



Meet Mothball



Ages: 3+

She eats. She Sleeps. She wins awards. She's a bestseller and her story has been translated into 10 languages.

Diary of a Wombat  
(created with Bruce Whatley)

It's the story of a wombat. She eats. She sleeps. she scratches. And she is training humans to become better pets ...

- Board 9780732286620
- Paperback 9780207198366
- Hardback 9780207199950
- Boxed Set 9780207200816



Christmas Wombat  
(created with Bruce Whatley)

It's Christmas! And it's Christmas for Mothball the Wombat, too. She eats, she sleeps, she scratches, but on Christmas Eve ... Created by writer Jackie French and illustrator Bruce Whatley, Christmas Wombat is another irresistible picture book by this extraordinary award-winning pair

- Board 9780732295554
- Paperback 9780732291723
- Hardback 9780732291716



Baby Wombat's Week  
(created with Bruce Whatley)

He sleeps. He eats. He gets bored. He creates havoc wherever he goes! He's Mothball's baby - and he's even cuter, naughtier and more determined than his mum

- Board 9780732293185
- Paperback 9780732286958
- Hardback 9780732286941



Wombat Goes to School  
(created with Bruce Whatley)

When Mothball discovers a new hole, it unexpectedly leads her to the local school. The children learn that wombats love carrots and grass, while Mothball learns that lunch boxes contain very few carrots, that sports sheds can be a good place to have a nap, and that when you're brown and round, it's not a good idea to get too close to a ball ...

- Hardback 9780732295493





Pete the Sheep  
(created with Bruce Whatley)

Ages: 4-8  
Paperback 9780207199745  
Board 9780732287948

Now *Pete the Sheep: The Musical*, thanks to the wonderful people at MonkeyBaa. One critic described it as 'baa-vellous'.  
Shaun the Shearer has a sheep called Pete. But Pete isn't just any old sheep, he's a sheep-sheep which is like a sheep-dog, but woollier. After being rejected by the other shearers and their dogs, Sean and Pete set up a sheep salon in town. Sheep from everywhere flock to have their wool shorn in the latest style and even the shearers' dogs end up arriving for a cut in order to look gorgeous.  
*Pete the Sheep* is a very funny story about what can happen when you do things a little differently.  
*"This is a truly must-have Aussies book - delightful, funny, iconic, warm and hilariously icker."*  
*KidsBookreviews.com*



Josephine Wants to Dance  
(created with Bruce Whatley)

Ages: 4-8  
Paperback 9780207200809  
Board 9780732287955  
• Australian Booksellers' Book Of The Year (Younger Readers), 2007  
• Notable Book: CBC Awards (Early Childhood), 2007  
• Notable Book: CBC Awards (Picture Book Of The Year), 2007  
Josephine is a kangaroo - who loves to dance ballet. Her little brother, Joey, tells her that kangaroos don't dance, they hop - but Josephine continues to point her toes and leap through the air.  
When a ballet troupe comes to town and both the lead ballerina and understudy are injured, Josephine's talents are called upon to help save the day. Can she do it and, more importantly, does it matter that she's a kangaroo?  
A very funny picture book that looks at the importance of believing in yourself and realising your dreams.



Emily and the Big Bad Bunyip  
(created with Bruce Whatley)

Ages: 4-8  
It's Christmas Day in Shaggy Gully.  
The kangaroos are feeling bouncy, the echidnas are being prickly, the emus are feeling peckish and the possums are just hanging around.  
Only the Bunyip is gloomy. 'I'm mad and I'm mean! Bunyips don't like Christmas!'  
Meanwhile, Dawn and her chorus are playing Christmas carols, but somehow Emily Emu can't get a note right. Her musical mishaps float down to the creek, where the Bunyip lives...  
Can Emily Emu and her friends possibly make the Bunyip smile this Christmas?



The Shaggy Gully Times  
(created with Bruce Whatley)

Ages: 7+  
Hardback 9780732284107  
Paperback 9780732284114  
• Shortlisted, CBC Awards Book of the Year (Younger Readers), 2009  
• Shortlisted, YABBA Awards, 2010  
Look! Up in the sky! Is it a bird? Is it a plane?  
No, it's a wombat, a sheep and a dancing kangaroo – And they're on the front page of *The Shaggy Gully Times*!  
The small bush town of Shaggy Gully is home to many animals, including local celebrities Mothball, Pete and Josephine.  
Pete the Sheep runs a successful hairdressing salon and Josephine is a renowned ballerina. Mothball is editor of the weekly newspaper, *The Shaggy Gully Times*.  
She also can't spell.  
This week's edition is jam-packed with exciting news of how a small town comes together to rescue some unfortunate animals from Mr Nasty's zoo. How did the rescue take place and will the newcomer animals fit into life in Shaggy Gully?





Queen Victoria’s Underpants (created with Bruce Whatley)

Ages: 4-8  
Hardback 9780732288228  
Paperback 9780732288235

Queen Victoria was Empress of half the world.  
She owned palaces and huge armies.  
Mighty sultans gave her precious jewels.  
But she didn’t have any underpants.  
Explore the hilarious story of Her Majesty’s under-wear as told by award-winning duo Jackie French and Bruce Whatley.



Queen Victoria’s Christmas (created with Bruce Whatley)

Hardback 9780732293574 | Ages: 4-8  
Something strange is happening at the palace and the dogs can’t work it out.  
The cooks are busy ... are royal visitors arriving?  
Mysterious parcels are arriving.  
And most curious of all ... what is that tree doing in Prince Albert’s study?

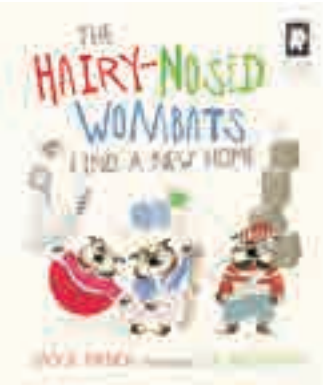
*Queen Victoria’s Christmas* is the story of the first ‘traditional’ Christmas, complete with a Christmas tree and presents for the family, as seen from the point of view of Queen Victoria’s beloved four-legged friends.  
Like *Queen Victoria’s Underpants*, this book is based on real events. Even the war between the palace dogs and the parrot is based on the many letters and diaries of Queen Victoria.



The Tomorrow Book (created with Sue deGennaro)

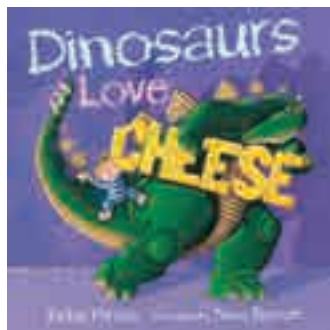
9780732289409 | Ages: 4-8  
• Winner of the Wilderness Society’s Environment Award for Children’s Literature.

A timely picture book about a young prince who is determined to rule over a country where the future is filled with environmental hope - and practical solutions, such as common usage of solar and wind power.  
Lively, fun and positive, this book serves to give young people information about their world and shows them that a lot of environmental solutions are simple and relatively easy to put in place.  
Produced on recycled paper to reflect the message within, this is a beautiful book.



The Hairy-Nosed Wombats find a New Home (created with Sue deGennaro)

9780732295486 | Ages: 4+  
Once upon a time, deep underground, there was a colony of wonderfully whiskery wombats who all had hairy noses. They lived in the only home for Hairy-nosed Wombats in the world.  
Could there ever be another home for Hairy-noses?  
Created by wombat-loving and award-winning duo, author and Australian Children’s Laureate Jackie French and illustrator Sue de Gennaro, this is the (almost) true story of how finding a happy new home for Hairy-nosed wombats helped one of the world’s most endangered species to breed and thrive again.  
All author royalties are being donated towards wombat research and care.



**Dinosaurs Love Cheese  
(created with Nina Rycroft)**

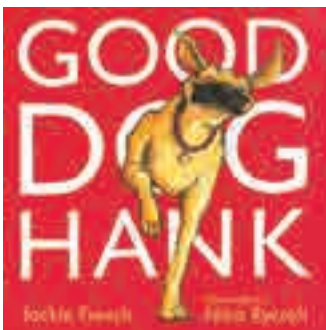
9780732292645 | Ages: 3+

*Giraffes can't resist the trees,  
I like milk and sandwiches ...  
But who stole the cheese?*

A delightful picture bok about a world of hidden animals only a chlid can see.

*"The simple text and colorful illustrations will keep toddlers entertained"*

*Australian Mother and Baby*



**Good Dog Hank (created  
with Nina Rycroft)**

9780732293642 | Ages: 3+

**In bookstores June 2014**

Good dogs...  
Don't ever eat from the table ...  
Climb on Beds  
Dig holes in the garden

**and Hank is ALWAYS a good dog ... in his own special way.**

Based on a real almost-good dog, *Good Dog Hank* is a very funny and affectionately warm picture book about a dog who is convinced he is doing the right thing - and a family who love him, no matter what

**Coming Soon**

**I am Juliet  
In bookstores July 2014**

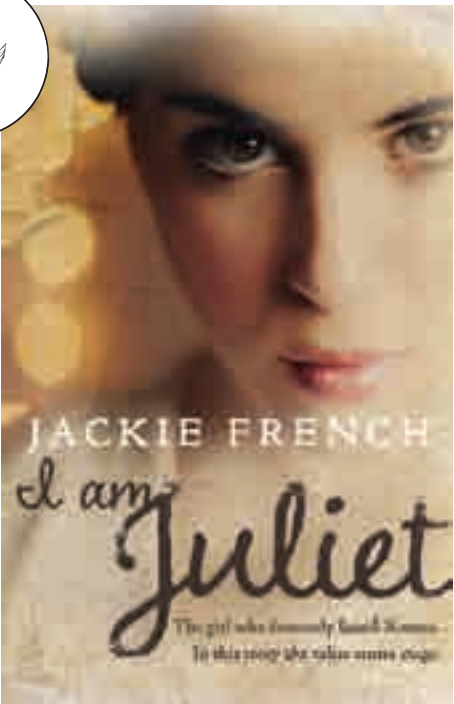
9780732297985 | BPB | Ages 10+



*Who am I? Only a daughter? A Capulet, wed to my father's choice?  
No! I am the girl who chose her destiny, whose love outlasts the sun.  
I am Juliet.*

We all know the story of Romeo's love for Juliet, but in this version Juliet takes centre stage.

**Also keep an eye out for  
Ophelia: Queen of Denmark July 2015  
The Third Witch 2016**



## Coming Soon

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### To Love a Sunburnt Country

9780732297237 | TPB | Ages 11+

**In bookstores December 2017**

The year is 1942 and the world is at war. Nancy Clancy is 16 and left school to spend a year droving, just like her grandfather Clancy of the Overflow was famed for. Now Nancy's family has sent her to Malaya to bring home her sister-in-law Moira and baby Gavin. Moira is British and married to Nancy's brother Ben, who is now a soldier. Malaya is under threat from the Japanese, but despite the warnings Moira has resisted leaving as she wants to stay near her husband. When Malaya is invaded, Nancy, Moira and Gavin are fortunate to get out before Singapore falls. When their ship is bombed they end up stranded on an island where they, and some other colonial women, are captured. There begins the nightmare and horror of internment in a Japanese camp.

Back home at Gibber's Creek families are doing their bit for the war. They worry constantly about their men who are fighting - and now those who are missing after Singapore falls.



**Cover to come**

Powerful, compelling and confronting, this is a book that pulls no punches. Filled with emotional truth and heartfelt agony, this unforgettable fourth book in The Matilda Saga continues the journey that started with *A Waltz for Matilda*.

## Coming Soon

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### I Spy a Great Reader

9780732299521 | BPB

'Every child can experience the joy and power of reading if they are taught to read properly and given that 'magic book' - the one that turns them into eager readers.

Books give kids the power to understand the world and imagine their own future. They also give kids the tools to create it.

Every child can be a great reader. This book shows you how.

Award-winning author and Australian Children's Laureate Jackie French knows what it is to struggle with reading and literacy. As Jackie herself says, 'I'm dyslexic, but books are my life.'

Drawing on her own experience, Jackie has written this book to help parents identify possible reading difficulties and offers many fun and rewarding ways to help launch kids into a lifelong love of books, including:

- Starting early - comprehensive tips on how to help develop your baby into a reader
- Fun games for coordination, concentration and focus
- An 8-part plan to kickstart your child into the reading habit
- Tips on how to keep the reading habit alive

All children learn differently, and Jackie offers many interesting and accessible ways to get your child on the path to literacy.



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## Jackie French is the Australian National Children's Laureate for 2014 and 2015

She is also an historian, ecologist, dyslexic, and a passionate worker for literacy, the right of all children to be able to read, and the power of books.

Jackie wrote her first children's book *Rainstones* in a desperate attempt to earn \$106.40 to register her car, while living in a shed with a wallaby called Fred, a black snake called Gladys and a wombat called Smudge. The editor at HarperCollins said it was the messiest, worst spelt manuscript they'd ever received. The mess was because Smudge the wombat left his droppings on the typewriter every night. The spelling was because Jackie is dyslexic. Jackie recommends all beginning writers misspell their first book so it stands out of the pile.

She is one of the few writers to win both literary and children's choice awards. *Hitler's Daughter* spent a decade on most of Australia's kid's choice award shortlists; among other awards it won the 2000 CBC Book of the Year for Younger Readers, the UK Wow! Award, a Semi Grand Prix Award in Japan and has been listed as a "blue ribbon" book in the USA. Monkey Baa's production of *Hitler's Daughter: The Play* won both the Helpmann and Drover's Awards and toured the USA in 2013. *Diary of a Wombat*, created with Bruce Whatley, is also one of Australia's best-loved picture books. It has been on bestseller lists across the world, with a still increasing number of awards and translations.

Jackie's vast body of work contains both fictional and non fictional accounts of the last 60,000 years of Australian history, with books like *Nanberry: Black Brother White*; *The Girl from Snowy River*, *Tom Appleby: Convict Boy*; *A Day to Remember* created with Mark Wilson; and *Flood*, created with Bruce Whatley.

Jackie is also the ACT Children's Week Ambassador; 2011 Federal Literacy Ambassador; patron of Books for Kids, YESS, and joint patron of Monkey Baa Theatre for Young People with Susanne Gervais and Morris Gleitzman. She is also a director of The Wombat Foundation that raises funds for research into the preservation of the endangered northern hairy nosed wombat.

Jackie is a passionate advocate of help for children with learning difficulties as well as the conservation of wildlife and our planet. For nearly 40 years she has studied the species in the bush where she lives, with publications ranging from scientific articles on wombat ecology or endangered species to her ground breaking books on theories and practices for pest and weed ecology and more popular books on subjects like backyard self sufficiency.

Jackie and her husband Bryan live in the Araluen valley, a deep valley on the edge of the Deua wilderness area.

For a full list of awards, anecdotes and wombat pics go to:

[www.jackiefrench.com](http://www.jackiefrench.com)

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