



***SPINELESS WONDERS***



**SPINELESS WONDERS AUDIO**

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Spineless Wonders Audio creates audiobooks, audio-dramas, podcasts and place-based storytelling in collaboration with writers, voice actors and sound designers.

We offer fiction and non-fiction for adults, young adults and children as well as memoirs, short contemporary literary fiction, novellas and verse novels. Genres range from historic to dystopic, true crime to comedy and everything in between.

We produce multicultural, outside the square, imaginative stories by fresh Australian writers, narrated by professional actors or read by authors.

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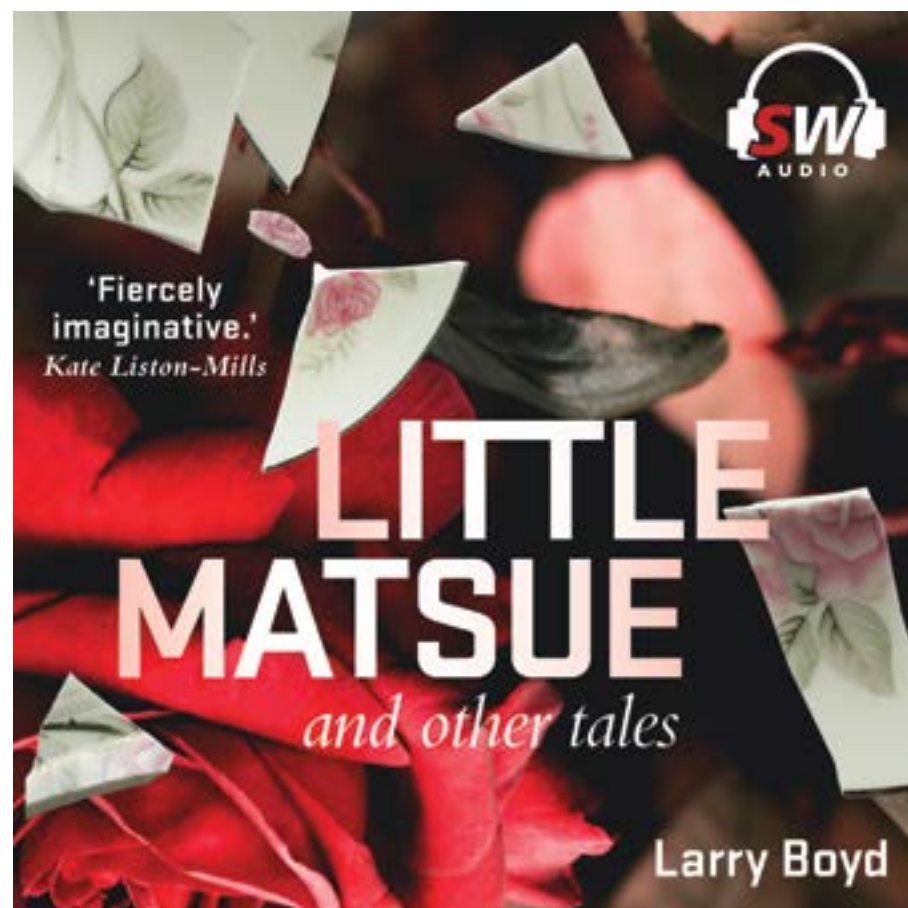
## A QUICK WORD



### SIARAD

Siarad, a Welsh word meaning to talk or speak, is a 34-track audiobook that pushes the limits of the form. The work pulses with images of stars and stray dogs, highways with no horizon and mothers with fading memories. It's a book of social and cultural commentary with poems about life and death and love. There are betrayal stories, surreal stories and lush stories that luxuriate in language, all with a consistent element of surprise.

AUTHOR:	CAROLINE REID	NARRATOR:	CAROLINE REID
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### LITTLE MATSUE

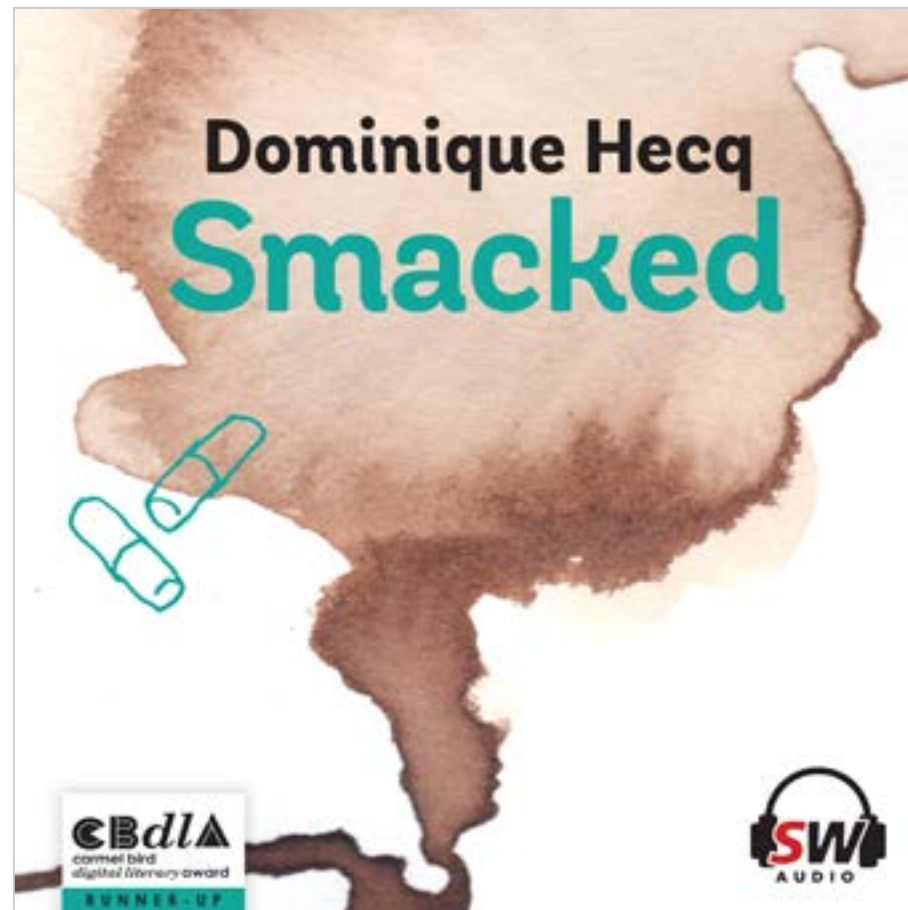
Little Matsue and Other Tales encompasses a magnificent thread of entangled journeys of acceptance and resignation, longing and resolution. The uniqueness of each story comes from Larry Boyd's intricate and vivid storytelling, which allows the reader to effortlessly step into the point of view of the characters and connect to their most nuanced emotions. From the graphic, imaginative way a little girl interprets the world around her to the surprisingly relatable dynamics displayed by a family of fish, Little Matsue and Other Tales has the perfect blend of realistic and fictional narratives.

AUTHOR:	LARRY BOYD	NARRATOR:	MARK DESSAIX
RUN TIME:	4 HRS 37 MINUTES	RELEASE DATE:	04/20/22
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## A QUICK WORD



### SMACKED

Smacked and other stories of addiction is an evocative collection of moments showcasing human nature at its weakest and most vulnerable. Hecq's poetic prose situates the reader firmly into the lives of her characters as she presents each story with an inimitable flair that retains the realities of addiction and dependency. She handles each moment of fixation with a respect and delicacy that are fitting for such weighty themes, while still doing justice to the physical and mental ramifications and side effects of what some might call mere obsession.

AUTHOR:	DOMINIQUE HECQ	NARRATOR:	ELLA WATSON-RUSSELL
RUN TIME:	2 HRS 59 MINUTES	RELEASE DATE:	01/07/22
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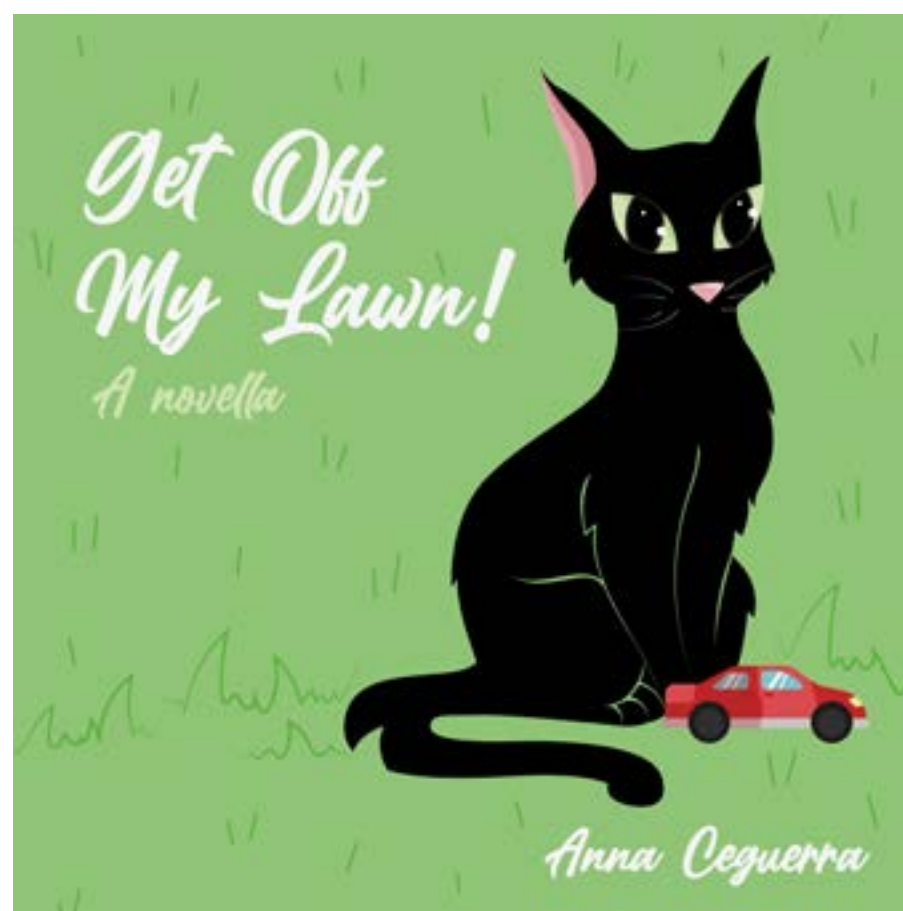
### CUPID'S KISS

Cupid, a 35-year-old scientist, is unlucky in love but successful in his career. When the CEO of a multinational perfume corporation asks him to develop an aphrodisiac using his trained mosquitoes, he jumps at the chance. At the same time, the woman he's been chatting with on an online dating app has finally agreed to meet up. But what Cupid doesn't know is that he's about to go from bitten to smitten.

AUTHOR:	ANNA CEGUERRA	NARRATOR:	ELENI SCHUMACHER
RUN TIME:	56 MINUTES	RELEASE DATE:	12/20/21
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## A QUICK WORD



### SLINKIES 2020

Spineless Wonders Audio is pleased to present five new short Australian stories written by authors under 30 and narrated by professional actors. You'll hear about a levitating housemate, a lost child, a zombie in the make-up department, a haunted tree and a deadly workplace.

AUTHOR:	SOPHIE OVERETT, EMIL COLIC, LIAM HIGHAM, THOMAS ALAN	NARRATOR:	ELENI SCHUMACHER, MARK DESSAIX, BRIALLEN CLARKE, DANIEL FISCHER, THOMAS G BURT
RUN TIME:	2 HRS 28 MINUTES	RELEASE DATE:	07/21/21
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### GET OFF MY LAWN!

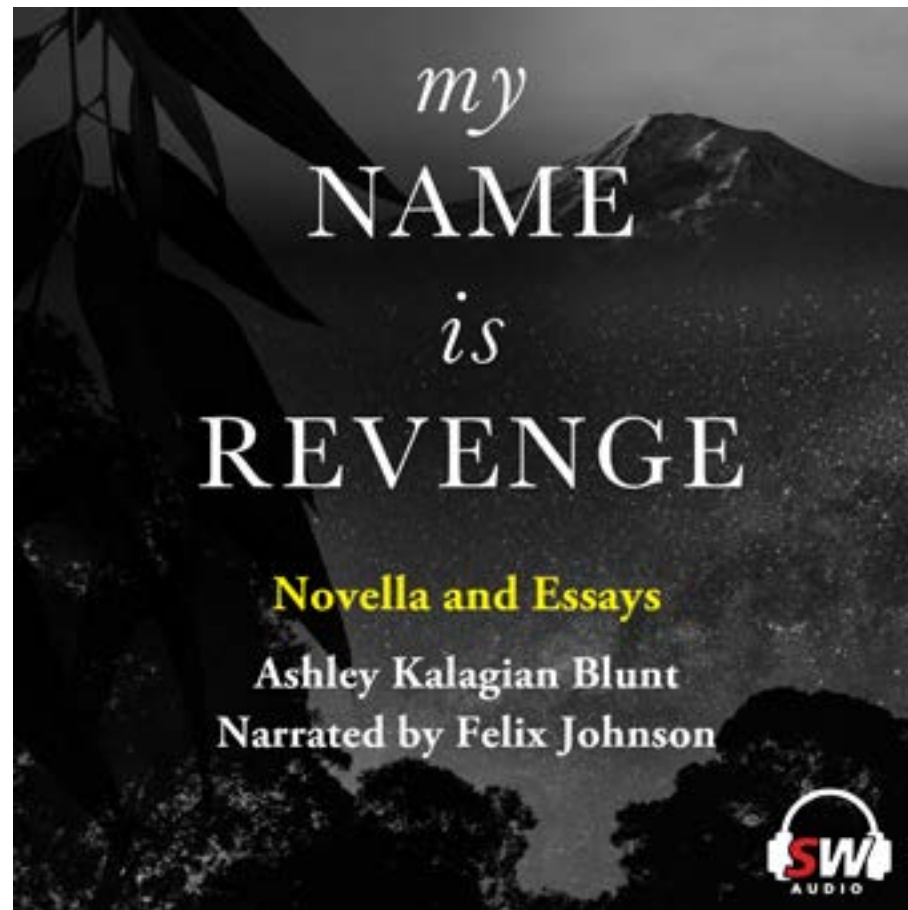
2090. Retired millennial Olivia has fallen into a familiar routine. Gardening. Painting. Keeping the stray cat off the grass. Until Dotty, her new seven-year-old neighbour, starts fiddling with her pristine front lawn. Olivia must now choose between the memories of her past or the promise of companionship.

A funny story of female friendship spanning generations.

AUTHOR:	ANNA CEGUERRA	NARRATOR:	LEWIS SCAMOZZI
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# BATED BREATH



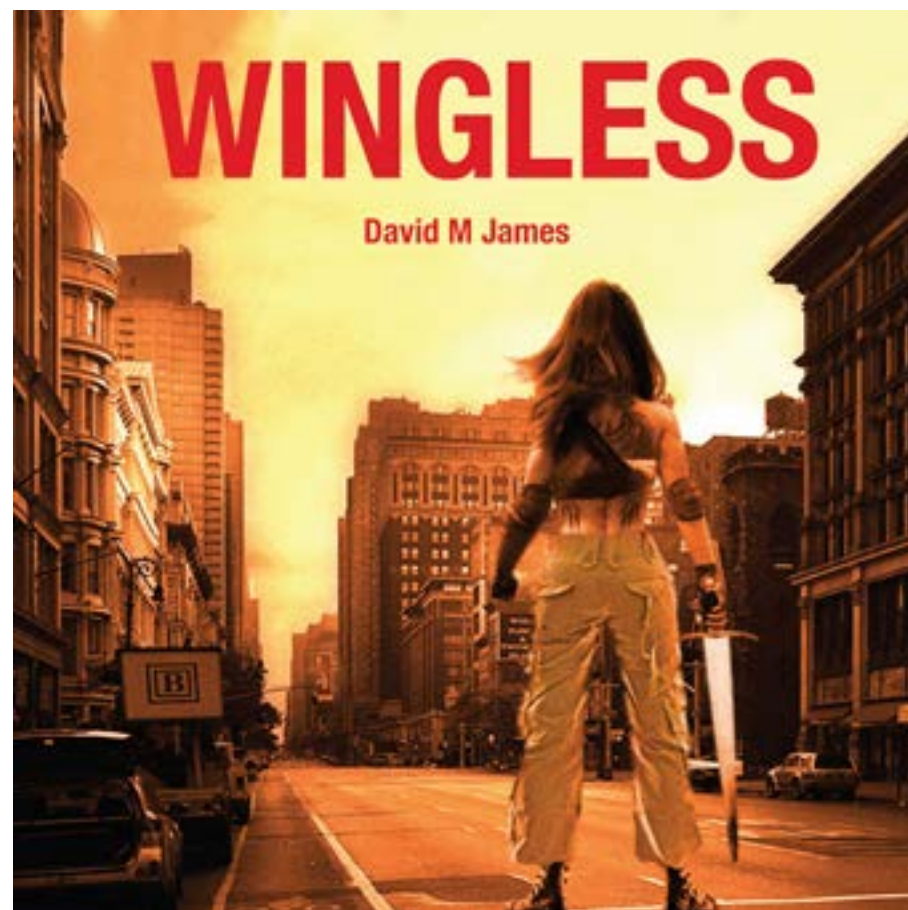
## MY NAME IS REVENGE

On 17 December 1980, at 9:47 am, two men shot the Turkish consul-general to Sydney and his bodyguard near the consul's home in Vaucluse. The assassins aimed, fired, and vanished.

A young idealistic Armenian sets out to discover if his brother was involved in the crime – and how he can take part in the next one.

From Australia to the streets of 1920s Berlin and the horrors of the Armenian genocide of World War I, this story blends historical facts with compelling crime fiction.

AUTHOR:	ASHLEY KALAGIAN BLUNT	NARRATOR:	FELIX JOHNSON
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## WINGLESS

When Joan, the leader of a group of fallen Heavenly Angels stripped of most of their power and now known as the Wingless, wakes from a nightmare to find a Fallen Angel in her room and one of her own people missing, she begins a search that discovers a plot far older and more dangerous than just one misplaced Angel. Joan soon realises that the threat is more than just an attack on her Wingless family and unless they can join forces to prevent it, the world they love could be utterly destroyed.

AUTHOR:	DAVID M JAMES	NARRATOR:	KATIE REGAN
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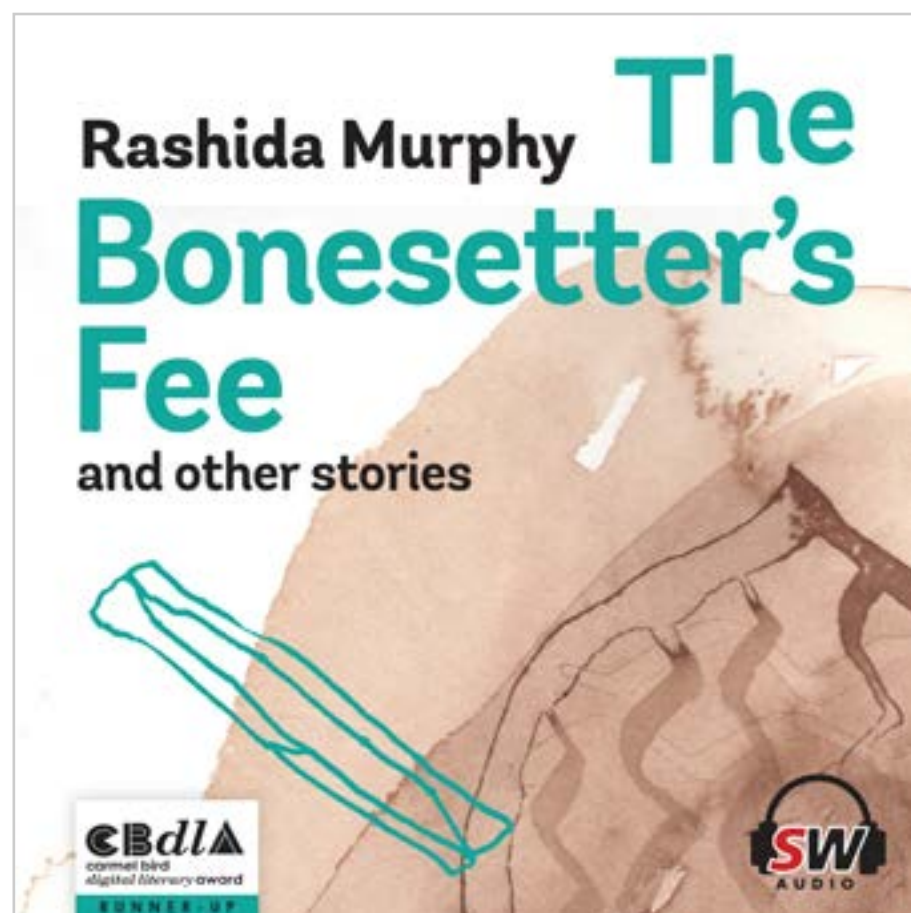
# LEAP ACROSS OCEANS



## A HUNDRED WORDS FOR BUTTERFLY

It was meant to be the experience of a lifetime, for Australian twin sisters Helen and Alex Dorian, to walk the famous Camino from Saint Jean Pied de Port in the French Basque country to Santiago del Compostella in Spain. But Helen injures her leg on the day they arrive and stays behind while Alex goes on alone. Helen tries to make the best of things and meets with an old schoolmate, Tony Garcia, who is in Saint Jean to explore his Basque ancestral roots. She and Tony investigate the mysteries surrounding his family's past. And then Alex goes missing...

<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>SOPHIE MASSON</b>	<b>NARRATOR:</b>	<b>SARAH KENNEDY</b>
<b>RUN TIME:</b>	<b>3 HRS 10 MINUTES</b>	<b>RELEASE DATE:</b>	<b>08/23/21</b>
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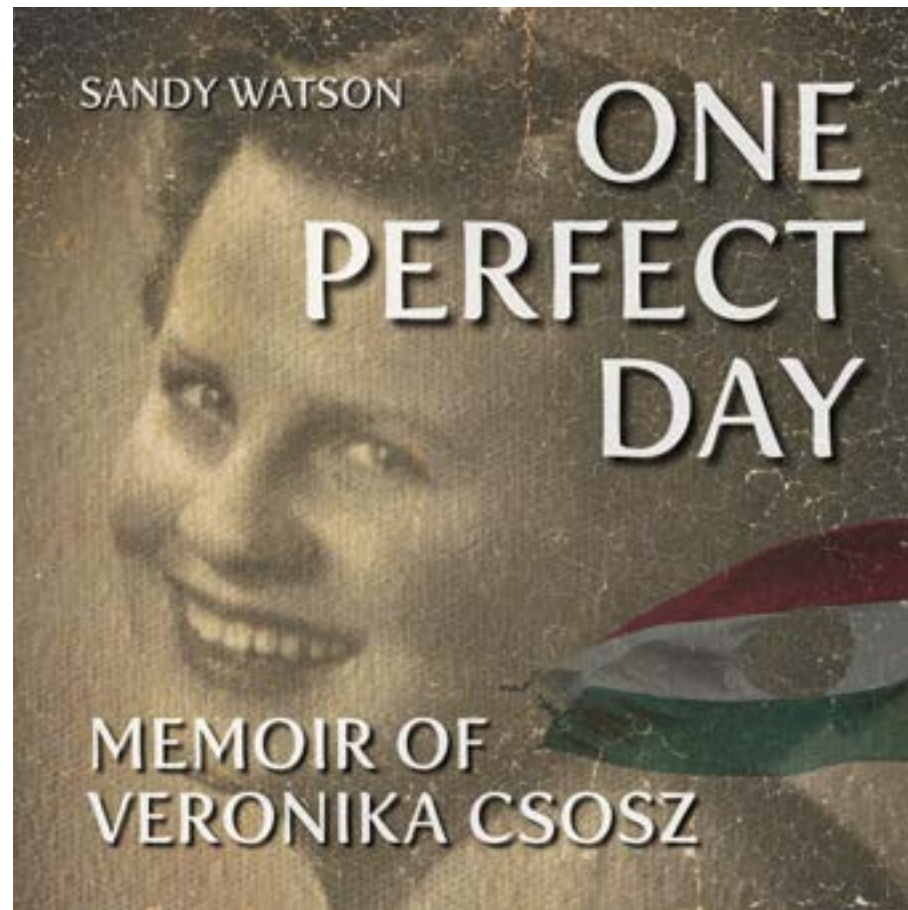
## THE BONESETTER'S FEE AND OTHER STORIES

The Bonesetter's Fee and Other Stories brings light to the growing pains of the migrant experience, exploring themes of identity and breathing life into superstition and myth. The collection encapsulates how one's heritage and history can influence their personhood and how human connection and understanding link us together. The Bonesetter's Fee and Other Stories is a captivating and inspiring collection of work, weaving a little bit of mystery into the reader's life.

<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>RASHIDA MURPHY</b>	<b>NARRATOR:</b>	<b>RASHIDA MURPHY</b>
<b>RUN TIME:</b>	<b>3 HRS 7 MINUTES</b>	<b>RELEASE DATE:</b>	<b>12/10/21</b>
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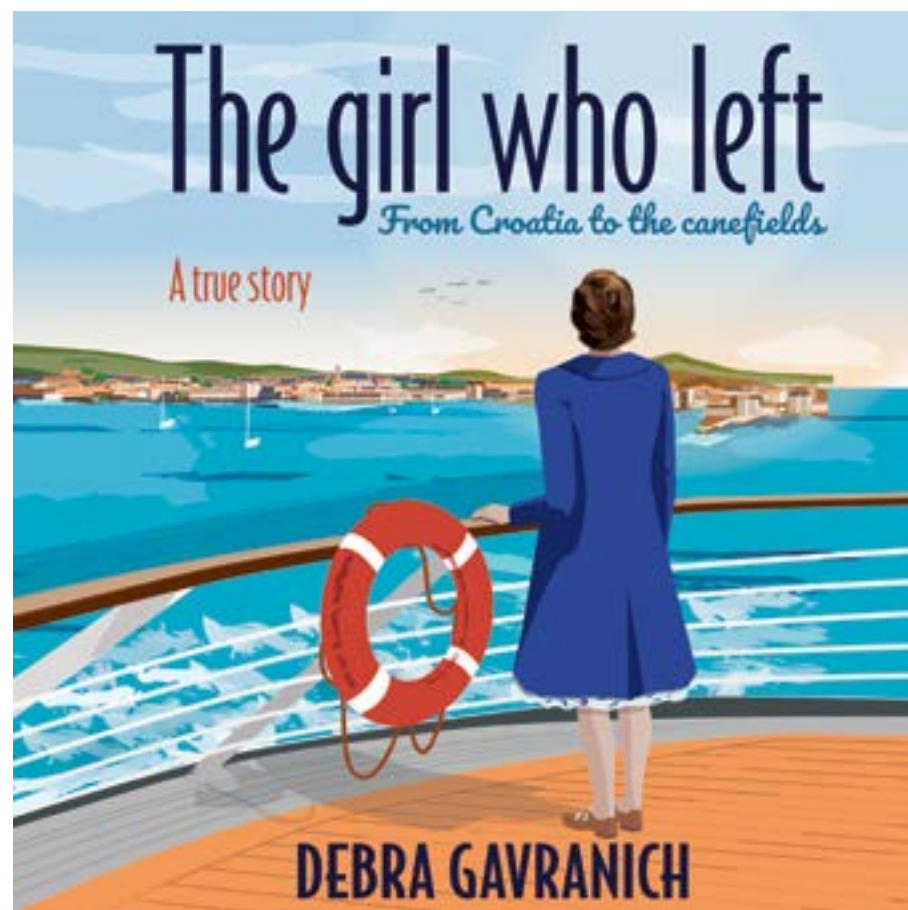
# LEAP ACROSS OCEANS



## ONE PERFECT DAY

The profoundly moving story of Veronika Csosz, her experiences during the 1956 Hungarian Uprising and her traumatic escape. It is also about young people with an unshakeable desire to be free of the fear, violence and oppression of Communist rule which led to the tragic events of 1956. Despite calls for help to the leaders of the free world, Hungary's fight for freedom was overshadowed by the international stand-off over the Suez Canal. Help never came, and the desperate fight for democracy was crushed by the Soviet Army just days after freedom seemed to be won.

AUTHOR:	SANDY WATSON	NARRATOR:	ELLA WATSON-RUSSEL
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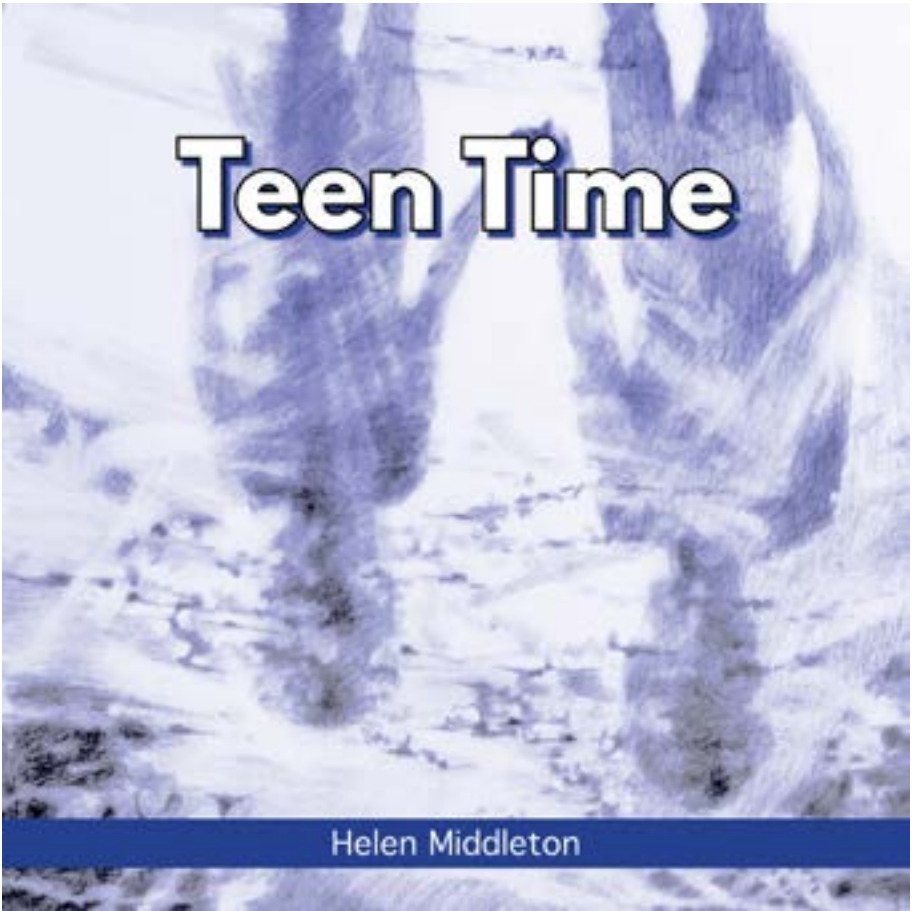
## THE GIRL WHO LEFT

Marija lives in a small village on the idyllic island of Korcula. At 18 years of age she agrees to a proxy marriage to a 27-year-old sugarcane farmer in Far North Queensland. This marriage is Marija's escape from a traumatised post-war Europe. After the island is occupied by the Italian army and the Nazis, Marija's older sister joins the Partisan Rebels as a codebreaker for General Tito, and Marija secretly helps the Partisans by providing intelligence on the enemy. She travels to Australia where she falls in love with her husband but faces new battles in a foreign land.

AUTHOR:	DEBRA GAVRANICH	NARRATOR:	ELLA WATSON-RUSSELL
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# THE HUMAN CONDITION

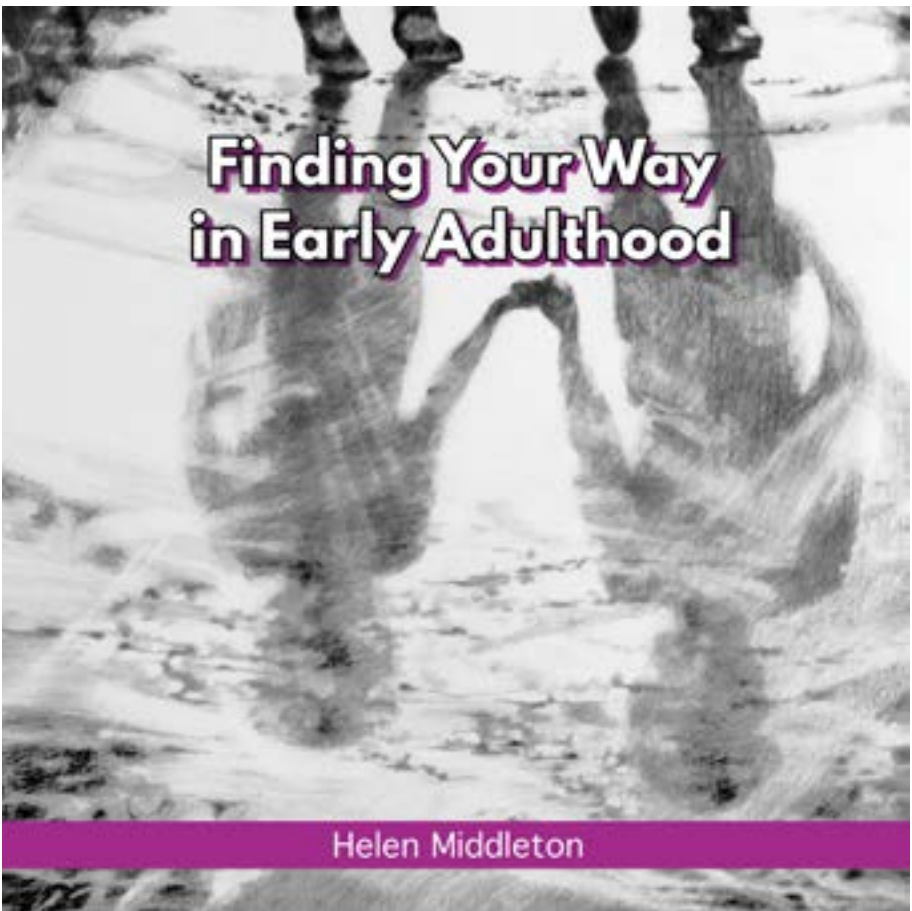


## TEEN TIME

Covering a wide range of issues presented frequently in counselling sessions by 13-17 year olds, Teen Time invites teenagers to make time for self-reflection and to consider alternative possibilities rather than acting on impulse. It encourages them to choose how they want to be in every area of their life.

Because it details the many issues confronting teenagers, Teen Time is also a valuable resource for parents, teachers, beginning counsellors, social workers and youth workers.

<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>HELEN MIDDLETON</b>	<b>NARRATOR:</b>	<b>HELEN MIDDLETON</b>
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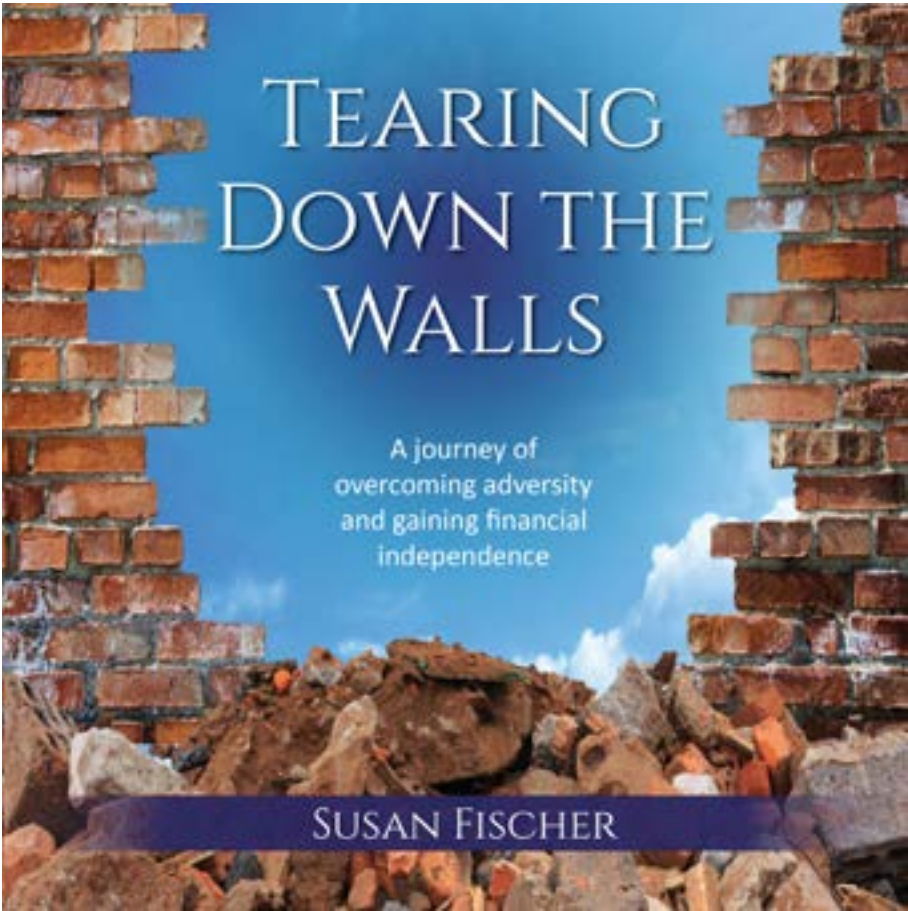
## FINDING YOUR WAY IN EARLY ADULthood

Finding Your Way in Early Adulthood challenges readers to take charge of their life by working out what they really want. It encourages them to consider new perspectives that lead to wise choice-making and positive outcomes. It shows them how to break down tricky situations and emerge with a positive course of action.

<b>AUTHOR:</b>	<b>HELEN MIDDLETON</b>	<b>NARRATOR:</b>	<b>HELEN MIDDLETON</b>
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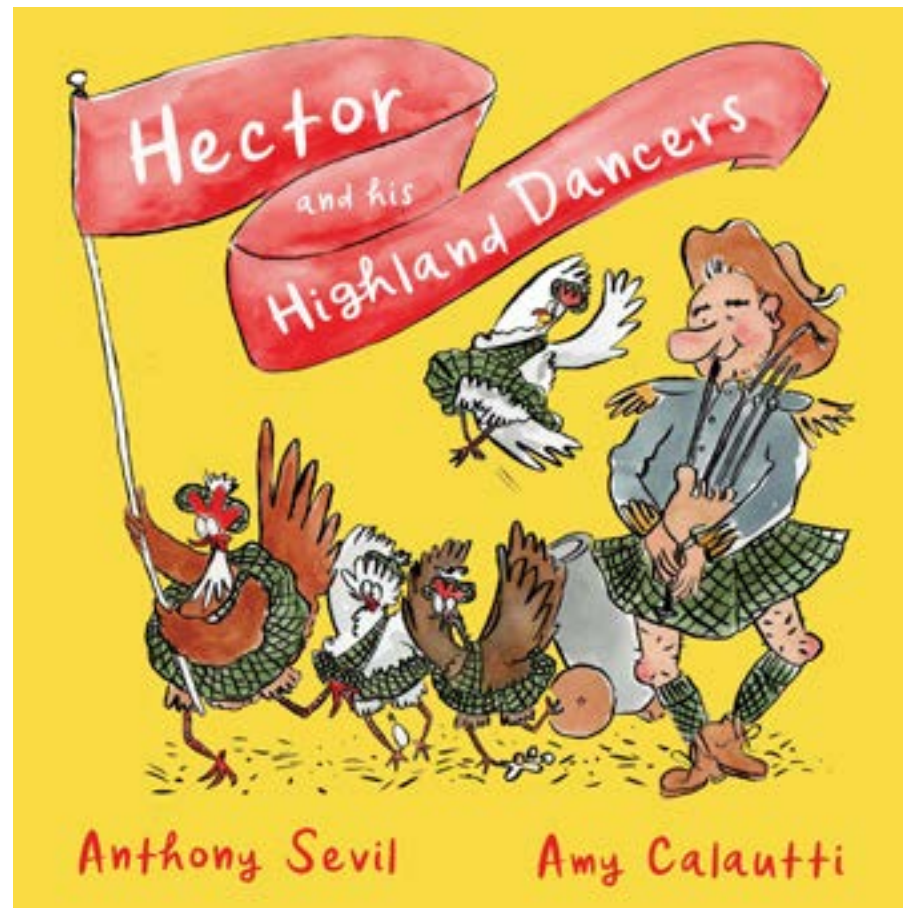
TEARING DOWN THE WALLS

Tearing Down the Walls is a raw and captivating story of overcoming hardship and seeking financial independence. It is an enlightening journey of self-realisation spanning a troubled adolescence, a budding career in the Australian Navy, and the exploration of family life. Whether you’re recovering from the experience of a personal trauma or find yourself out of your depth when it comes to money management, Susan Fischer demonstrates that it’s never too late to take control of your life and to overcome any financial hurdles.

AUTHOR:	SUSAN FISCHER	NARRATOR:	ANNI FINSTERER
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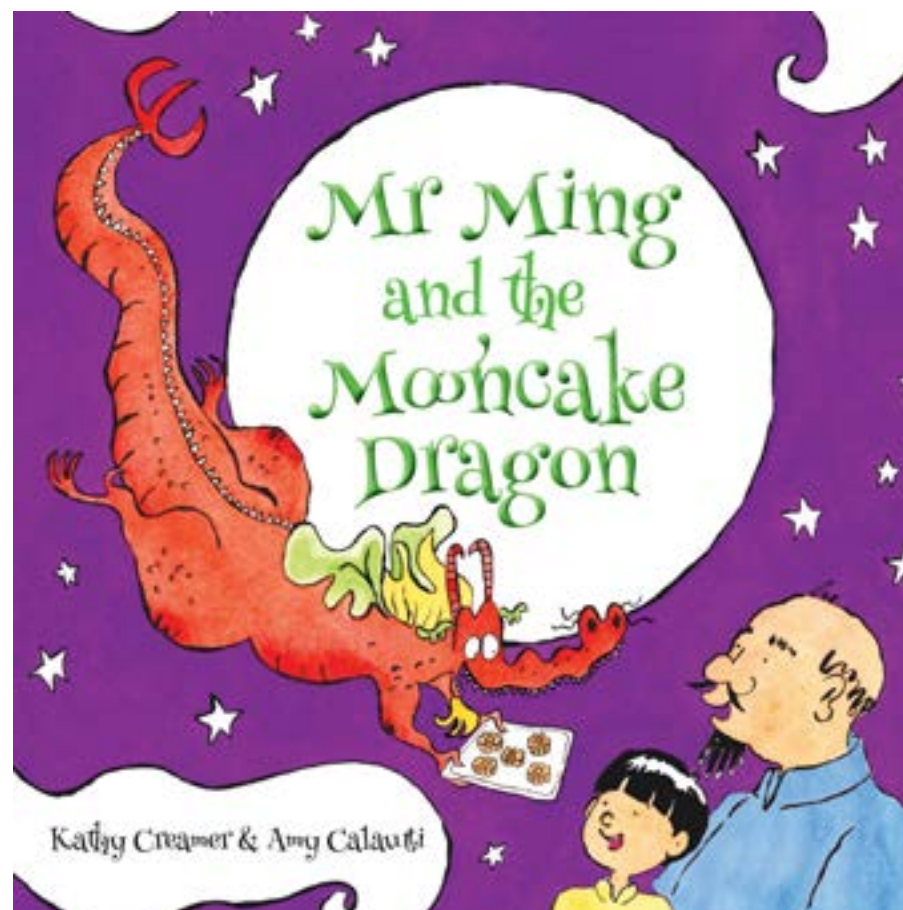




## HECTOR AND HIS HIGHLAND DANCERS

Mr McFowler fails to win competitions with his prized chicken, Hector, mainly because Hector has a nose pecking habit and an inability to remain still when being judged. Mr McFowler loves to play old Scottish songs in his shed and sometimes dance to them. One day Hector starts dancing with him, and Mr McFowler sees an opportunity. He trains Hector and the other chickens to become Highland Dancers. Mr McFowler is a resourceful man and makes things to aid with training. He dusts off his bagpipes and provides the music for the troupe.

AUTHOR:	ANTHONY SEVIL	NARRATOR:	THOMAS G BURT
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## MR MING AND THE MOONCAKE DRAGON

An enchanting family story about a shopkeeper and his preparations for the mid-autumn festival. Colourful lanterns are an important part of the celebrations, as are the mooncakes which Mr Ming sells in his shop. Everyone agrees that Mr Ming's mooncakes are the most delicious they have ever tasted. They all want to know what the secret recipe is, but Mr Ming won't tell them or even let them peep inside his kitchen. This was because he had another secret, a secret even bigger than his marvellous mooncake recipe. What can it be?

AUTHOR:	KATHY CREAMER	NARRATOR:	ANGELA TRAN
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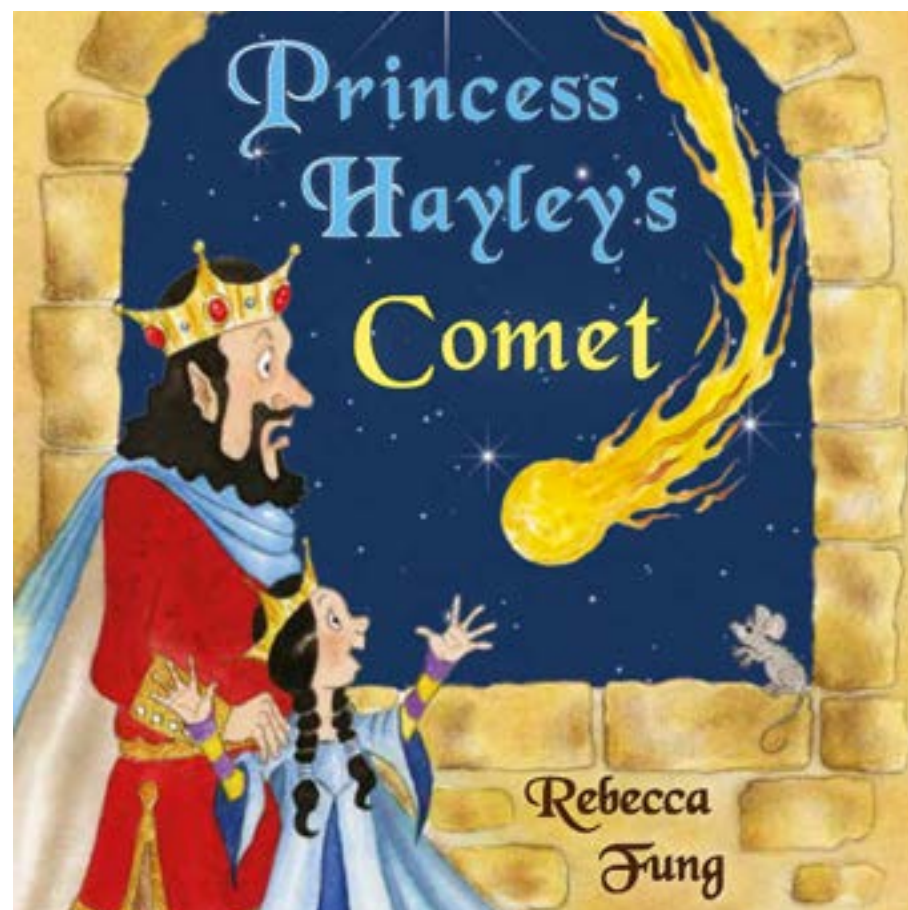
## LITTLE EARS



### LUCY NEWTON, LITTLE WITCH

Lucy's mum is always busy, going to this meeting and that, leaving Lucy alone in their old house with one strict rule: NO MAGIC. Lucy doesn't mean to conjure the giant green slug. She only wanted a friendly kitten to keep her company. Now, with the help of a talking spellbook and a grumpy cat called Thomas, she must race to get rid of the slug before it eats the prized cabbage garden of the witch next door — and before her mum gets home.

AUTHOR:	PHOEBE MCARTHUR	NARRATOR:	AIMEE SMITH
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### PRINCESS HAYLEY'S COMET

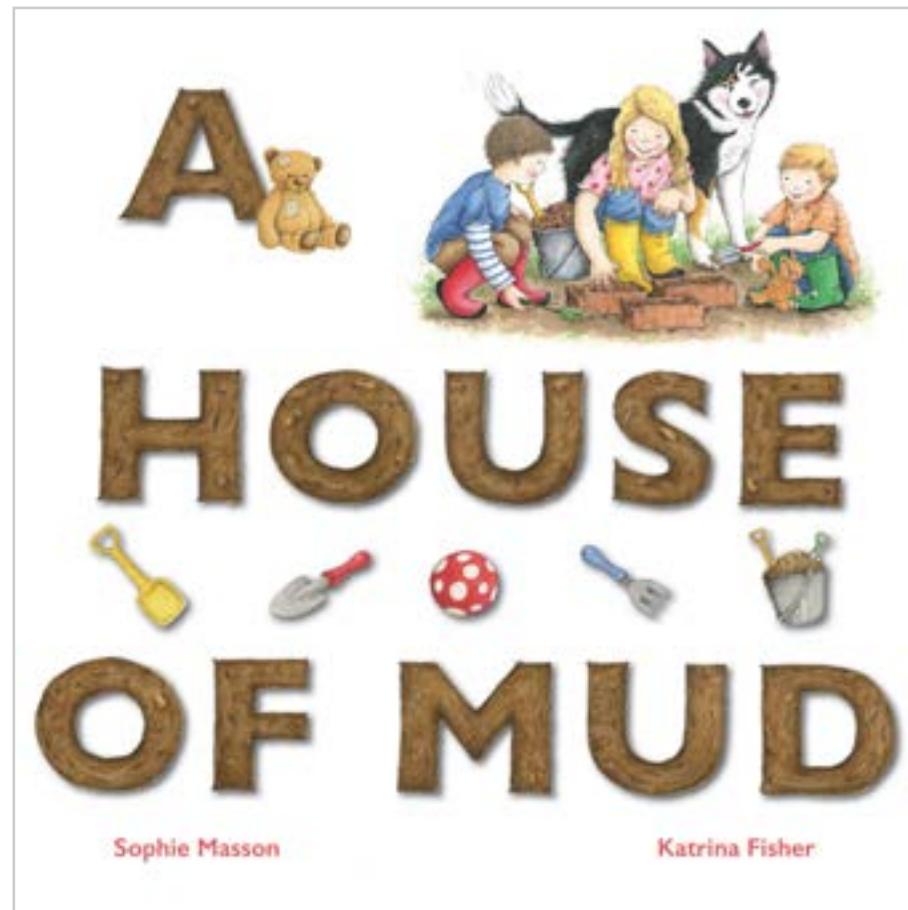
Princess Hayley has everything a princess could want ... except a comet. It's her only birthday wish. Comets are so sparkly and they shoot through the sky so fast – who wouldn't want one? But then Hayley realises the only way she's going to get her wish is to catch a comet for herself. Joined by the very best friends a princess could have, Hayley aims to build the biggest and best – the only – comet-catcher in the world and make sure her birthday dream comes true!

AUTHOR:	REBECCA FUNG	NARRATOR:	AIMEE SMITH
RUN TIME:	42 MINUTES	RELEASE DATE:	08/20/21
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# LITTLE EARS



## A HOUSE OF MUD

Building a mudbrick house is an adventure for everyone—Mum, Dad, kids and even Tess, the family dog! Heading out to the block to help make bricks, seeing their house take shape week by week, the children decide that Tess needs her own house too...

With warmth, sensitivity and liveliness in words and pictures, this book recreates the fun-and work!-of a special family experience, building your own unique house.

AUTHOR:	SOPHIE MASSON	NARRATOR:	KATIE REGAN, THOMAS G BURT
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