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Episode 2 - Get The Picture with illustrator Nicky Johnston



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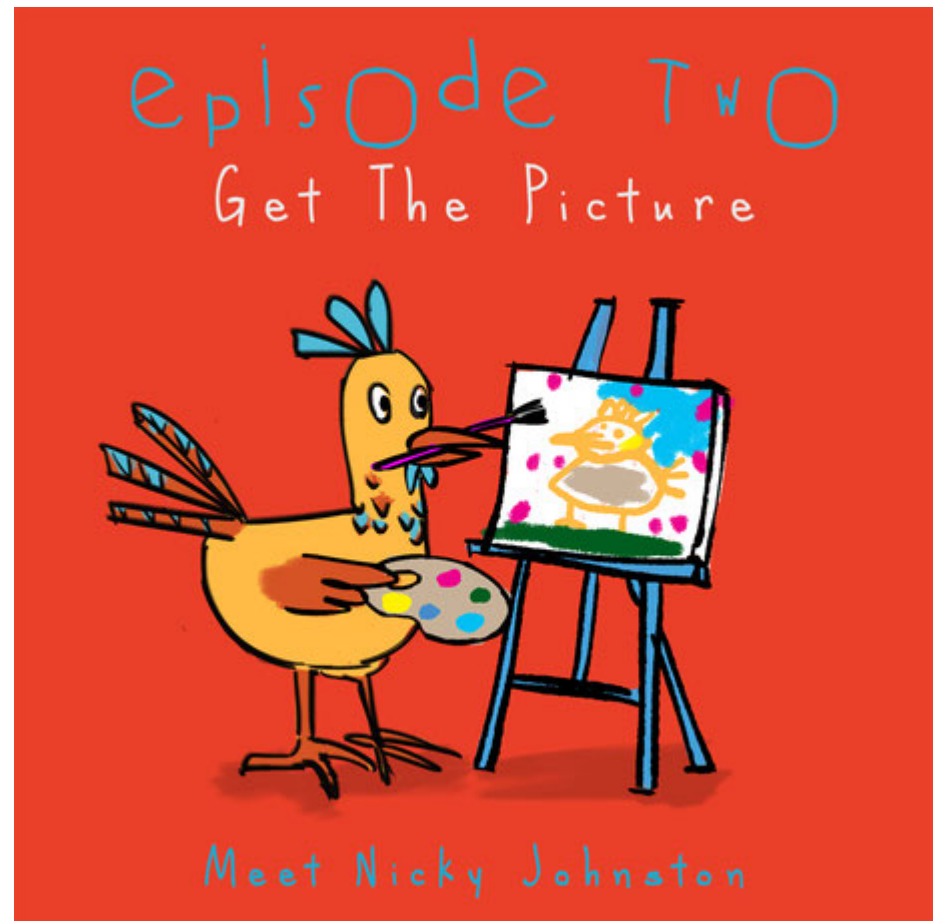
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In this episode, we interview illustrator Nicky Johnston.

Nicky Johnston is a mum to four boys, a primary teacher, a speaker and a Melbourne based children's book author and illustrator.

Her illustration style is often described as whimsical, playful, narrative, emotive and dreamy. She works in watercolour, ink, pencil and paste as well as using digital programs.



Grandma Forgets by Paul Russell & Nicky Johnston

A heart-warming story of a family bound by love as they cope with their grandma's dementia. Over the years, the little girl has built up a treasure trove of memories of time spent with Grandma: sausages for Sunday lunch, driving in her sky-blue car to the beach, climbing her apple trees while she baked a



Her books include *Go Away, Mr Worrythoughts*, *Actually, I Can*, *The Fix-It Man*, *Grandma Forgets*, *Where's Bear*, with more titles being released 2018 and 2019.

Nicky is part of the KidLitVic team who organise and run the annual KidLitVic Conference in Melbourne. She was until recently the Creative Director of the online Facebook group 52-Week Illustration Challenge (founded by Tania McCartney) managing it for nearly 3 years.

She thoroughly enjoys taking illustrator workshops and visiting schools and is passionate about inspiring young children to enjoy writing and drawing and developing their own ideas.

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Style File: www.thestylefile.com/illustrator/nicky-johnston

delicious apple pie, and her comforting hugs during wild storms.

But now, Grandma can't remember those memories. She makes up new rules for old games and often hides Dad's keys. Sometimes Dad is sad because he has to hold onto the memories for both him

and his mother now, but fortunately his daughter is only too happy to help him make new memories to share.

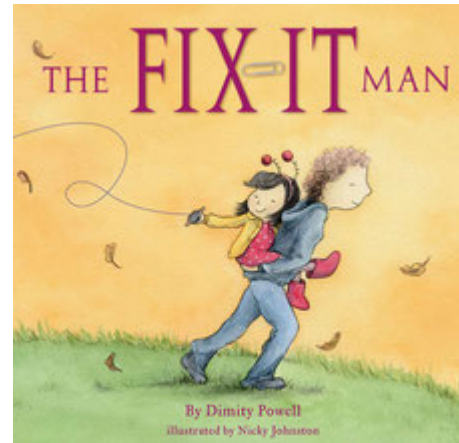
This is a warm, hopeful story about a family who sometimes needs to remind their grandmother a little more often than they used to about how much they care. She might not remember any of their names but she will always know how much she is loved.

Grandma Forgets can be found at

<https://ekbooks.org/product/grandma-forgets/>

The Fix-It Man by Dimity Powell & Nicky Johnston

It's handy having a dad who can fix just about anything. A young girl believes her father is the king of fixing things. But following the death of her mother, she discovers that broken hearts are not as easy to repair as damaged toys and cracked teapots.



Together, she and her father find a way to glue back the pieces of her lives. The Fix-It Man is a poignant picture book that explores how a child can cope with the loss of a parent (in this case, the young girl's mother). Repairing damaged emotions is not as straightforward as gluing a

broken kite back together or sewing up a torn toy.

And grief affects all members of a family, with each responding in their own way to the loss. By sticking with her father, the young girl is able to strengthen her resilience and ability to cope with one of life's harshest experiences.

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Kids Capers Character Interviews

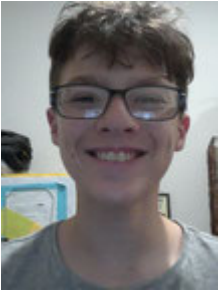
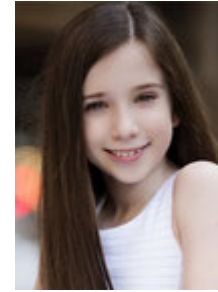
A huge thank you to the talented kids who appeared on this episode of Kids Capers...

Addison - 9yrs

<https://www.starnow.com/addisonselfby>

Stella - 10yrs

<https://www.starnow.com.au/stellacharrington>



Ewan – 14yrs

<https://www.starnow.com.au/ewanlay>



Cassidy – 9yrs

<https://www.starnow.com.au/cassidyconley>



Isabella - 13yrs

<https://www.starnow.com.au/isabellakirkwood>

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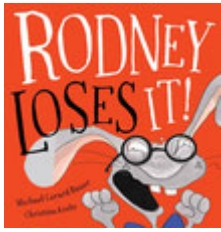
Whatcha Readin'?



Kate recommends **Zoom!** written and illustrated by Sha'an d'Anthes.

<https://www.hachette.com.au/shaan-danthes/zoom>

Shout outs



Liz recommends **Rodney Loses It**, written by Michael Gerard Bauer and illustrated by Chrissie Krebs.

<https://shop.scholastic.com.au/Product/8515033/Rodney-Loses-It>



Nat recommends **The Weather Machine** by Donovan Bixley.

<https://www.hachette.com.au/donovan-bixley/the-weather-machine>



On this episode, we give a shout out to Your Kids' Next Read facebook page, which is perfect for book recommendations, or to ask for book suggestions for particular age groups and interests. It's moderated by children's author Allison Tait. To find it, search for Your Kids' Next Read within Facebook, and request to join.

On Our Radar



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Liz recommends keeping your eye out for the announcement of the Notables (or longlist) for the 2018 CBCA Book of the Year Awards. The Notables list will be announced on cbca.org.au at 7pm Eastern Standard Time on 27 February 2018.

Competition Details



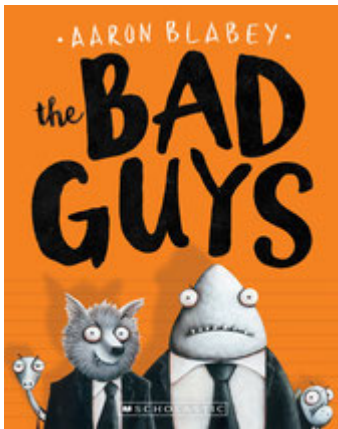
Thanks to Adam Brisson at Toon Creations, we have a cartoon drawing workshop to give away for the winner and up to 9 friends in Sydney, NSW. The workshop will be held at Toon Creation's studio in Bondi, or if you live within 20 kilometres of the Sydney CBD, Adam can come to you to run the class.

Find out more about Toon Creations at: <http://www.tooncreations.net/>

Head to our [WIN](#) page and send us a drawing of your favourite book character. Entries must be in by 5pm Friday 2 March. The winner will be contacted, and announced on our website.

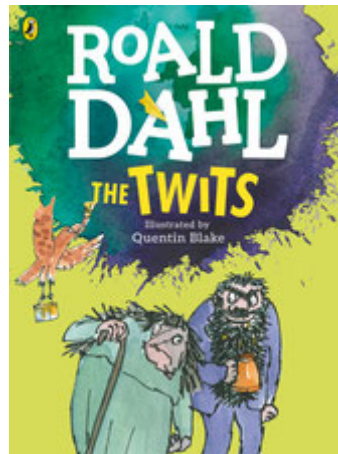
Other Bits & Pieces

During our listener question, Kate talks about...



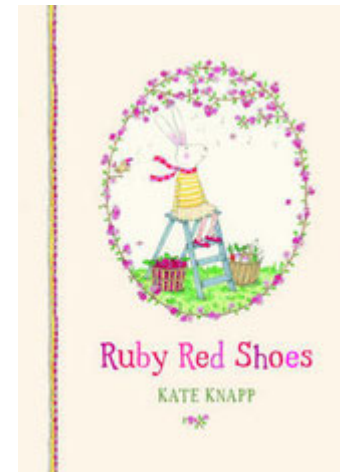
The Bad Guys (Series) by Aaron Blabey

<https://shop.scholastic.com.au/Product/8375915/The-Bad-Guys-Episode-One>



The Twits (Colour Edition) by Roald Dahl

<https://www.penguin.com.au/books/the-twits-colour-edition-9780141369341>



Ruby Red Shoes by Kate Knapp

<http://www.harpercollins.com.au/9780732293628/>

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all illustrations have been done by Marianne Khoo who we love & appreciate more than she can ever imagine!

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