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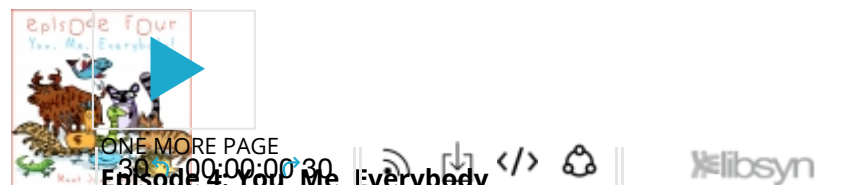


Episode 4 - You, Me, Everybody with author Jessica Watton





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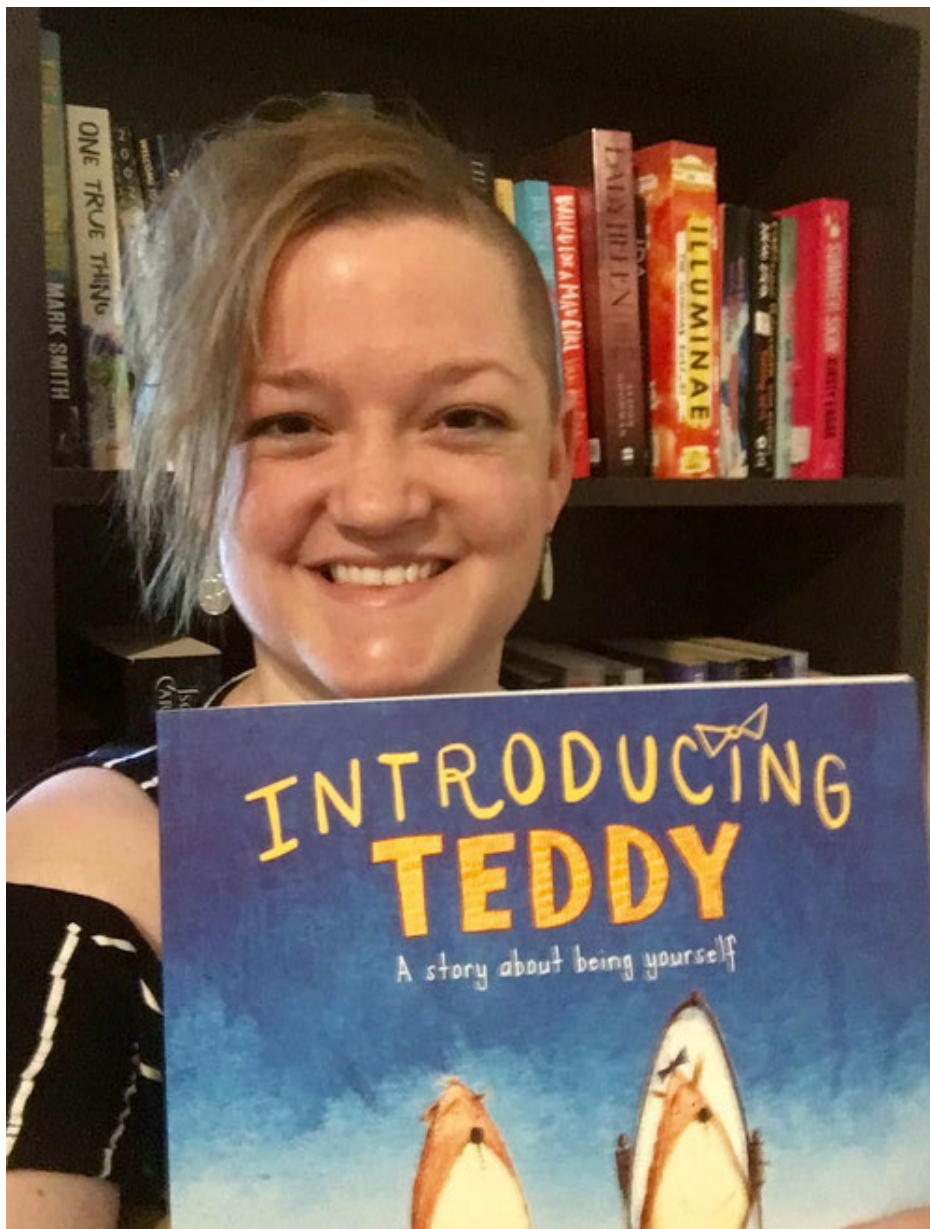
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In this episode, we interview Jessica Walton, author of the picture book *Introducing Teddy*, which is a story about gender identity and transition.

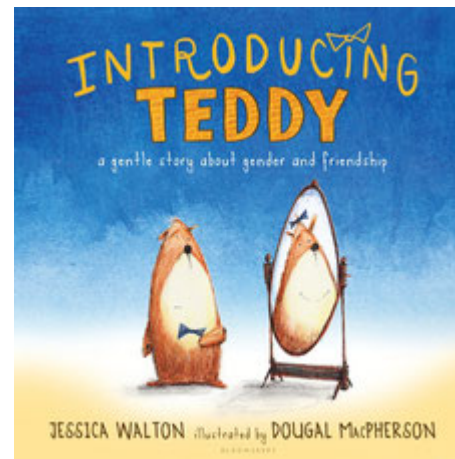
Jess is also a cancer survivor, amputee, queer, daughter of a trans parent, feminist and teacher. As well as picture books, Jess writes about disability, LGBTI issues and the intersections between her disabled and queer experiences.

Introducing Teddy by Jessica Walton and Dougal MacPherson

Errol and his teddy, Thomas, are best friends who do everything together. One sunny day, Errol finds that Thomas is sad, even when they are playing in their favourite ways. Errol can't figure out why, until Thomas finally tells Errol what the teddy has been afraid to say: "In my heart, I've always known that I'm a girl teddy, not a boy teddy. I wish my name was Tilly, not Thomas." And Errol says, "I don't care if you're a girl teddy or a boy teddy! What matters is that you are my



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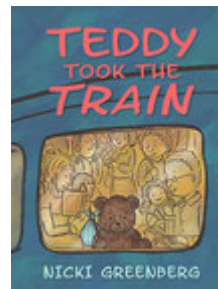
friend.”

Introducing Teddy introduces the youngest readers to understanding gender identity and transition in an accessible and heart-warming story about being true to yourself and being a good friend.

Introducing Teddy can be found at

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/au/introducing-teddy-9781681192116/>

Jess also recommends:



Teddy Took the Train by Nicki Greenberg

<https://www.allenandunwin.com/browse/books/childrens/picture-books/Teddy-Took-the-Train-Nicki-Greenberg-9781760112134>



A Family Is A Family Is A Family by Sara O'Leary and Qin Leng

<https://groundwoodbooks.com/sara-oleary-on-a-family-is-a-family-is-a-family/>

Just the Way We Are by Jessica Shirvington and Claire Robertson

Jess lost her leg to cancer aged 9, and has worn a prosthetic leg ever since. Sick of legs that tried to mimic real skin, she started wearing patterned prosthetic legs. She hopes to design a snow globe-style prosthetic leg one day, with glittery snow swirling every time she takes a step.

Find Jess online at:

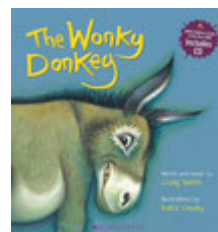
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<http://www.harpercollins.com.au/9780733331626/>



The Wonky Donkey by Craig Smith and Katz Cowley

<https://shop.scholastic.com.au/product/7940468>

Kids' Capers

Wow! There was a huge list of recommendations on this edition of Kids' Capers: books being read, just been read, soon to be read... we've thrown them all in here, so get those library cards out and check them out! Note that some of these books are categorised as young adult, so take a closer look to see what's best for each age group.



A Girl Called Owl by Amy Wilson

[https://www.panmacmillan.com/authors/a-j-wilson-\(1\)/a-girl-called-owl](https://www.panmacmillan.com/authors/a-j-wilson-(1)/a-girl-called-owl)



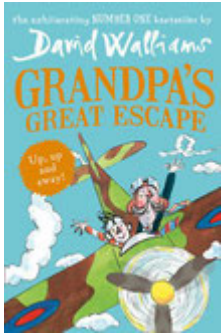
Wonder by R.J. Palacio

<https://www.penguin.com.au/books/wonder-9780552565974>

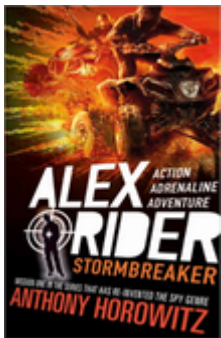
Grandpa's Great Escape by David Walliams

<http://www.harpercollins.com.au/9780008140359/>

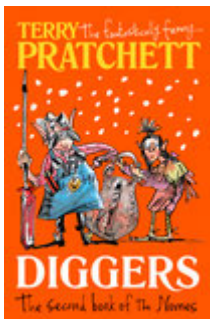
The Beginning Woods by Malcolm McNeill



The **Alex Rider** series by Anthony Horowitz
<http://alexrider.com/>



Author Terry Pratchett
<https://www.terrypratchettbooks.com/types/for-young-readers/>



Author John Flanagan
<http://www.worldofjohnflanagan.com/>



<https://www.murdochbooks.com.au/browse/books/childrens-books/young-adult-fiction-1/The-Beginning-Woods-Malcolm-McNeill-9781782690900>



The **Captain Underpants** series by Dav Pilkey
<https://shop.scholastic.com.au/Product/688744/The-Adventures-of-Captain-Underpants->



Author Jackie French
<http://www.jackiefrench.com/>



The **Maze Runner** series by James Dashner
<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/series/MZR/the-maze-runner-series>



The **Percy Jackson** series by Rick Riordan
<https://www.booktopia.com.au/percy-jackson-and-the-olympians-series-by-rick-riordan/series68.html>



The **Artemis Fowl** series by Eoin Colfer
<https://www.booktopia.com.au/the-artemis-fowl-series-by-eoin-colfer/series311.html>



Little Stars by Jacqueline Wilson, illustrated by Nick Sharratt
<https://www.penguin.com.au/books/little-stars-9780552569941>



Everything for a Dog by Ann M Martin
<https://www.booktopia.com.au/everything-for-a-dog-ann-m-martin/prod9781741698374.html>

Whatcha Readin'?



Kate recommends **That's My Mum** by Henriette Barkow and Derek Brazelle, as well as the other great products at Mantra Lingua publishers.

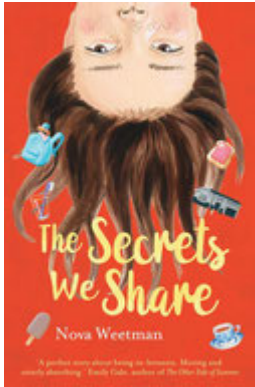
<http://uk.mantralingua.com/product/thats-my-mum>

Liz recommends **The Secrets We Share** by Nova Weetman
<https://www.penguin.com.au/books/the-secrets-we-share-9780702259784>

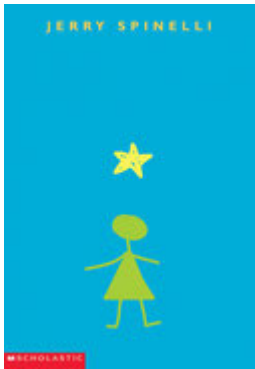
Shout outs



On this episode, Liz gives a shout out to the Kids' Book Review website www.kids-bookreview.com. Kids' Book Review was founded by Australian author-illustrator Tania McCartney and is full of book reviews, news



and interviews. They update it every day so there's always fresh content. And, if you'd like to get to know your favourite author a bit better, check out the 12 Curly Questions section - it's Liz's favourite.



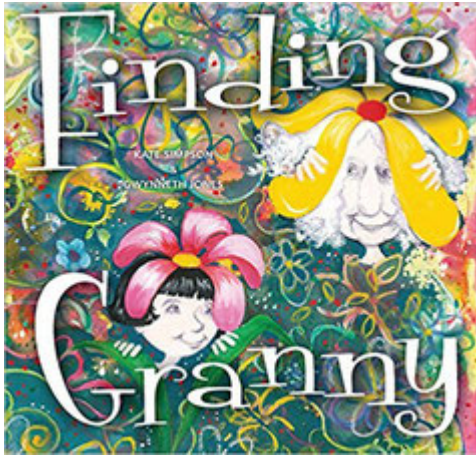
Nat recommends **Stargirl** by Jerry Spinelli

<https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/books/stargirl-by-jerry-spinelli/>

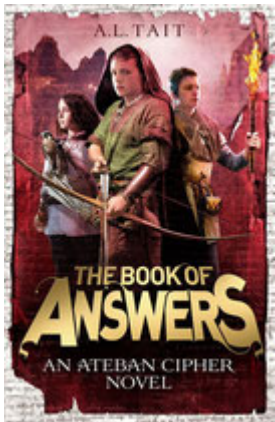
On Our Radar

Kate is planning a book launch for her picture book, *Finding Granny*, illustrated by Gwynneth Jones, which is due to be released in July with EK Books.

<https://www.amazon.com/Finding-Granny-Kate-Simpson/dp/1925335690>



Competition Details



Thanks to Hachette Australia, One More Page is giving away books 1 and 2 in the Ateban Cipher series by A L Tait: The Book of Secrets and The Book of Answers.

When a dying man hands him a coded manuscript, Gabe is hurled into a quest that takes him beyond his monastery home and into a world of danger, political intrigue and adventure. What is the secret of the book, and why is it so valuable? As he seeks to decipher the code and find a mystery man who may not even exist, Gabe learns that survival must be earned and that some of life's biggest lessons are not found in books.

Head to our [WIN](#) page and tell us in 25 words or less what you'd like to see more of in children's books.

Other Bits & Pieces

During our listener question, Nat talks about...

The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon

Funny Kid (Series) by Matt Stanton

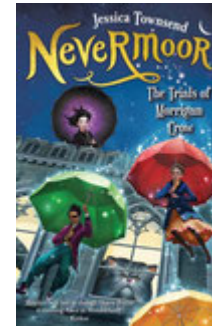
<https://www.hachette.com.au/zana-fraillon/the-bone-sparrow>

<http://www.harpercollins.com.au/9780733335976/>



A New Australian (series) published by Omnibus Books, in particular **Teresa: A New Australian** by Deborah Abela

<https://shop.scholastic.com.au/Product/841834>
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Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow by Jessica Townsend

<https://www.hachette.com.au/jessica-townsend/nevermoor-the-trials-of-morrigan-crow>

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