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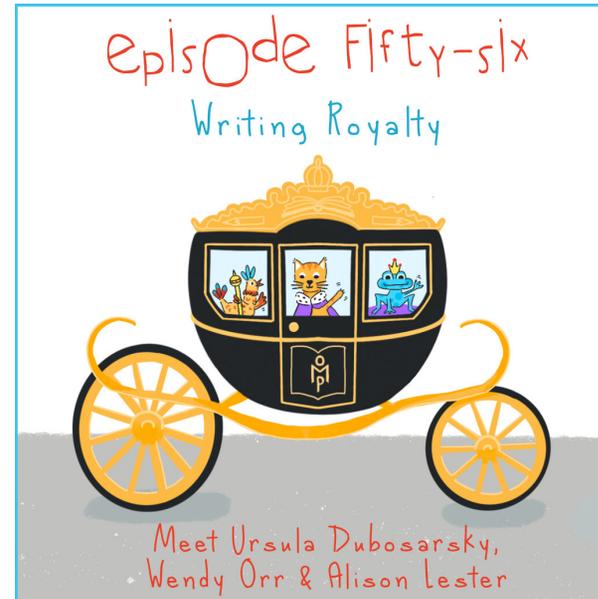


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Kate interviews Ursula Dubosarsky



Ursula Dubosarsky wanted to be a writer from the age of six, and is now the author of over 60 books for children and young adults, which have won several national prizes, including the NSW, Victorian, South Australian and Queensland Premier's Literary Awards. She has also been nominated several times for the prestigious international children's literature prizes, the Astrid Lindgren award and the Hans Christian Andersen award. She is the current Australian Children's Laureate, for 2020-2021. She lives in Sydney with her family.

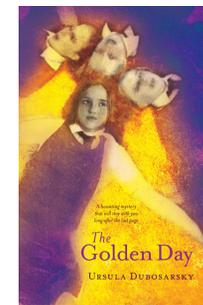
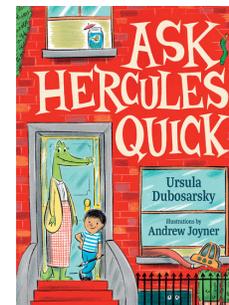
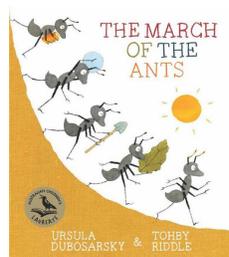
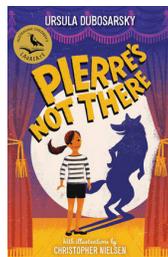
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Find out more about the Children's Laureate program at:

Website: <https://www.childrenslaureate.org.au/>

Ursula's books include:



Nat interviews Wendy Orr



Wendy Orr is a Canadian-born Australian writer. Her books for children and adults have been published in 29 countries and won awards around the world. *Nim's Island* was the first Australian children's book to become a Hollywood feature film (starring Jodie Foster, Gerard Butler and Abigail Breslin), and *Nim at Sea* was later filmed as *Return to Nim's Island*, starring Bindi Irwin. Her 2016 *Dragonfly Song*, a novel in free verse and prose of an outcast girl in Bronze Age Crete, received many honours in Australia and North America including the Prime Minister's Award for Children's Literature, and finalist for the Canadian Children's Book Centre Award. That was followed by *Swallow's Dance* and her latest book, *Cuckoo's Flight*: a thrilling coming-of-age story as Clio battles the political power of the palace and her own feelings of inadequacy to save her town, her horses, and perhaps even herself, written in Orr's signature blend of striking prose and emotionally taut verse.

Find out more about Wendy at:

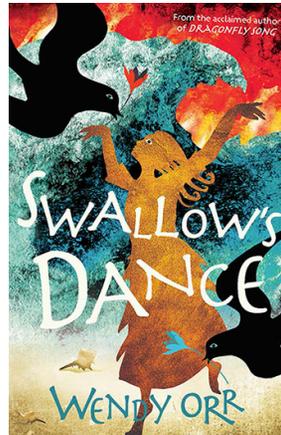
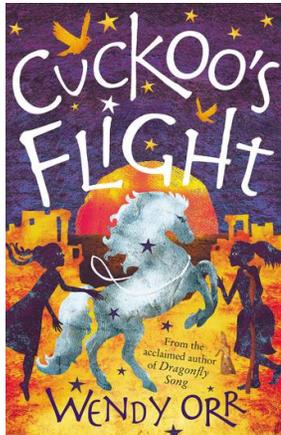
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Wendy's books include:



Liz interviews Alison Lester

Alison Lester is the well-known creator of popular and award-winning children's books: many of which reflect her own country childhood – mustering, doing stock work and riding bareback on the beach. When it was released, *The Quicksand Pony* was shortlisted for the National Children's Award, Festival Awards for Literature in 1998, and in 1999 was the winner of the WA Young Readers Book Awards.



Alison visits Australian schools and has been a guest speaker at international festivals. She spends part of every year travelling to remote Indigenous communities, using her books to help children and adults write and draw about their own lives.

In 2012, Alison became Australia's first Children's Book Laureate, alongside Boori Monty Pryor. In 2016, she was awarded the Dromkeen Medal, and in 2018 she became the first children's book creator to win the Melbourne Prize for Literature, for her outstanding contribution to Australian literature and cultural and intellectual life. In 2019, Alison was awarded an Australia Post Legends Award and featured on a stamp, as well as being the recipient of a Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

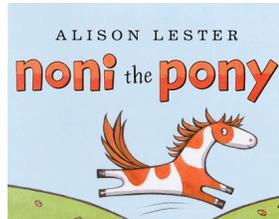
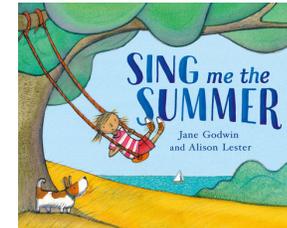
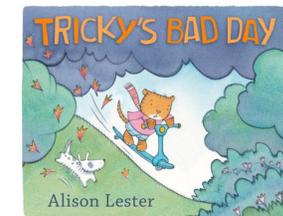
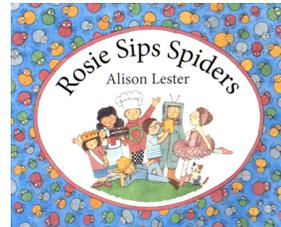
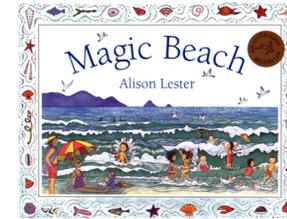
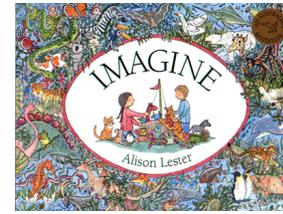
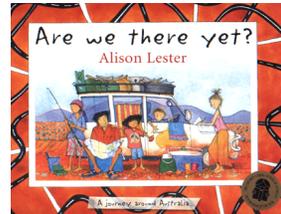
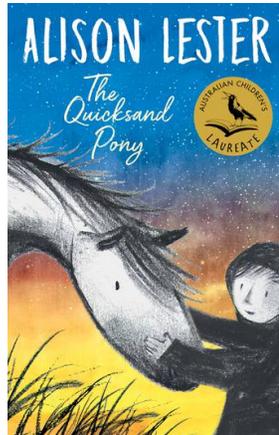
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Facebook: [@fishcreekgallery](https://www.facebook.com/fishcreekgallery)

Alison's books include:



Whatcha Readin'?

Kate recommends...

The Golden Tower by Belinda Murrell, published by Penguin Random House.

Liz recommends...

The Edge of Thirteen by Nova Weetman, published by UQP.
uqp.com.au/books/the-edge-of-thirteen



penguin.com.au/books/the-golden-tower-9781760897093

and

Iceberg written by Clare Saxby, illustrated by Jess Racklyeft & published by Allen and Unwin. allenandunwin.com/browse/books/childrens/Iceberg-Claire-Saxby-illustrated-by-Jess-Racklyeft-9781760526047



Nat recommends **The World Between Blinks** by Amie Kaufman and Ryan Graudin, published by Harper Collins. harpercollins.com.au/9781460711286/the-world-between-blinks/



Vernon The Penguin by Natashia Curtin, published by Scholastic.

booktopia.com.au/vernon-the-penguin-natashia-curtin/book/9781743836972

Fish Kid and the Turtle Torpedo by Kylie Howarth, published by Walker Books.

walkerbooks.com.au/Books/Fish-Kid-and-the-Turtle-Torpedo-9781760654009

Introducing D'Lila LaRue written by Nette Hilton, illustrated by A. Yi & published by Walker Books.

walkerbooks.com.au/Books/Introducing-DLila-LaRue-9781760654610

On Our Radar

Kate gives a shout-out to an amazing upcoming poetry conference, 'Exploring Inner Worlds', held by the CBCA. Featuring Libby Hathorn, Kirli Saunders, Maxine Beneba Clarke and many more accomplished voices in the world of poetry, lyrical writing and verse novels.

2021 International AAA Professional Development Conference Poetry: exploring inner worlds

2 Day Pre-recorded online event with Trade Fair and Bookshop

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PRICES

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For more information, head to: [CBCA NSW](https://www.cbcasw.com.au)

Shout-out

Liz gives a shout-out to a very exciting shortlist announcement - the pod's own **Nat Amore** is shortlisted for this year's **Reading's Children's Book Prize**, for her middle grade book **THE POWER OF POSITIVE PRANKING**. Hurray!

To discover more about the shortlist and to read the judge's report, head to: [The Readings Children's Book Prize 2021](https://www.readingschildrensbookprize.co.uk/)



Competition Details

This episode, thanks to Allen & Unwin, we have for you **Pierre's Not There** by Ursula Dubosarsky, **Cuckoo's Flight** by Wendy Orr and **The Quicksand Pony** by Alison Lester.

Head to our [WIN](#) page and simply tell us *who YOU think is writing royalty*.

Enter your answer (or ask a parent to) by 5pm Tuesday 20th April 2021 to be in the running.



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