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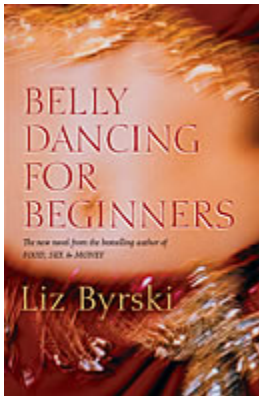
LIZ BYRSKI



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Liz Byrski is a West Australian writer, journalist and broadcaster. She is the author of a number of books on social issues and her work has appeared in national and international publications. Liz has won several awards for radio and print journalism, and until recently was a broadcaster with ABC Radio in Perth. She teaches writing and journalism at Curtin University, and is also the author of the best selling *Gang of Four* and *Food, Sex and Money*. Her next book is *Trip of a Lifetime* to be published in March 2008 by Pan Australia.

Belly Dancing for Beginners



NEW

Commercial women's fiction

Gayle and Sonya are complete opposites; one reserved and cautious, the other confident and outspoken. But their lives will be turned upside down when they impulsively join a belly dancing class.

Marissa, their teacher, is sixty, sexy and very much her own person, and as Gayle and Sonya learn about the origins and meaning of the dance, much more than their muscle tone begins to change.

And then there are the men in their lives: Oliver, confused over why his feminist upbringing hasn't led him to success with women; Brian, sailing blindly towards the rocks, and Frank who is battling his own demons.

Belly Dancing for Beginners is a warm-hearted, moving and often outright funny story of what can happen when women, and the men in their lives, are brave enough to reveal who they really are.

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Food, Sex & Money



It's almost forty years since the three ex-convent girls left school and went their separate ways, but finally they meet again.

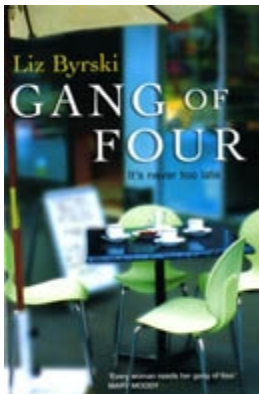
Bonnie, rocked by the death of her husband, is back in Australia after decades in Europe, and is discovering that while financial security eliminates worry, it doesn't guarantee a fulfilling life. Fran, long divorced, is a struggling freelance food writer, battling with her diet, her bank balance, and her relationship with her adult children. And Sylvia, marooned in a long and passionless marriage to an ambitious Anglican minister, is facing a crisis that will crack her world wide open.

Together again, sharing their past lives, secrets, aspirations and deepest fears, Bonnie, Fran and Sylvia embark on a creative venture that will challenge everything they thought they knew about themselves – and give them more second chances than they ever could have imagined.

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Commercial women's fiction

Gang of Four



She had a husband, children and grandchildren who loved her, a beautiful home, enough money. What sort of person was she to feel so overwhelmed with gloom and resentment on Christmas morning?

They have been close friends for almost two decades, supporting each other through personal and professional crises – parents dying, children leaving home, house moves, job changes, political activism, diets and really bad haircuts.

Now the 'gang of four', Isabel, Sally, Robin and Grace, are all fifty-something, successful ...and restless.

It is Isabel who makes the first move, taking a year away from her family to follow in her mother's footsteps across Europe. Soon Sally is on her way to San Francisco, to come face to face with a guilty secret. Robin, in the wake of a clandestine relationship, heads for isolation in the country. And Grace? Well, Grace would never go away for an entire year, but, lonely in the others' absence, she thinks she might take a short holiday in England. Once there, she bumps into someone she hardly knows – herself.

Gang of Four is a story of four very different journeys and a celebration of women in the prime of life.

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Trip of a Lifetime



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NEW

On a winter's night in a quiet Newcastle street a shot rings out and NSW MP, Heather Delaney, is soon on her way to hospital with a bullet in her shoulder.

In the days and weeks that follow, while politicians fulminate and talkback lines run hot with speculation about who's to blame, Heather struggles to return to work, haunted by questions about the shooting. Was it personal or political? Was she shot for her passionately held beliefs, or for all the times she compromised? Who could hate her enough to want to kill her and will they try again?

But Heather's is not the only life turned upside down, her family and friends also reel with shock as illusions of security are shattered. Her brother Adam and his second wife Jill are juggling the conflicting demands of work and pre-teen children. Adam, a cellist, hides behind the security blanket of his music while Jill struggles to keep the family afloat. There's Shaun, Heather's electorate officer, loyal, ambitious and caught in a relationship that is running out of control; Diane, still smarting from a bitter mid-life divorce, longing for love and trying to keep her fear of ageing at bay; and Barbara, who suddenly finds her peaceful rural retirement disturbed by the distress of the people she loves.

And then, to complicate matters, along comes Ellis, formerly an eminent lawyer, now reinventing himself as a life coach, and determined to recapture the romance of the past and make it his future. In the emotional aftermath of the shooting old wounds are reopened, secrets revealed and relationships teeter on the brink

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BIOGRAPHY/MEMOIR

Catherine DeVrye *Who Says I Can't?*



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Abandoned as a baby, Catherine DeVrye was adopted by loving parents in Canada. When she was 21 they died of cancer within a year of each other. As an only child, Catherine packed her bags for Australia, arriving jobless and near penniless. This led to a lifelong journey to find her place in the world. She waited tables, taught school, worked on a mine site and went on to become a public servant, working in the 'Life. Be In It' campaign. She then joined IBM, who sent her on postings to Tokyo, Hong Kong and New York. Named Australian Executive Woman of the Year, Catherine found herself dining with princes, prime ministers and Olympic athletes. She also cycled over the Andes, dived with sharks and climbed Kilimanjaro. Yet, something was still missing. So, eventually Catherine decided to search for her biological parents. And that's when her adventures really began...

Catherine DeVrye was born in Canada and lives in Sydney when she's not travelling the world sharing her life experiences. Her previous bestselling books include *Hot Lemon & Honey* and *Hope Happens*

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Gillian Nikakis *He's Not Coming Home*



As a child of two madly-in-love Australian expats in Rabaul, New Guinea, Gillian's exotic, glamorous life was brutally disrupted by the Japanese invasion in World War 11. Her mother was evacuated to Melbourne with the children; her father Bill was interned by the Japanese and never seen again. Gillian's lifelong search to find the truth about her father led her to discover the untold stories of what really happened to these men. This evocative book is also a meditation on the aftermath of her own years of unresolved conflict and grief.

Gillian Nikakis worked as a trained nurse for many years and is now a nurse-counsellor working with survivors of abuse and trauma

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PARENTING / FAMILY / HEALTH

Tom McGill
Dealing with Drugs
A guide for families and counsellors



An accessible and concise handbook to help parents and counsellors understand and deal with the realities of drug use.

The book contains:

- Up-to-date drug information- everything you should know about illicit drugs.
- Practical advice for families and answers to frequently asked questions.
- The drug counselling process explained, including details of the most effective methods.
- Contact details for drug counselling and information services available across Australia and New Zealand.

Tom McGill is a professional drug counsellor, lecturer and consultant and also a parent who understands what it is like to have a child using drugs.

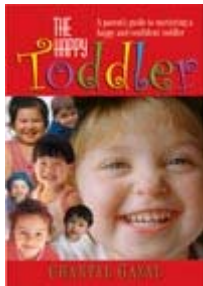
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Chantal Gazal
The Happy Toddler



A book to help parents provide the best home environment for their children to promote the development of a happy child and adult. Endeavours to ease the stress by providing easy-to-read practical advice in a user-friendly format. Clear practical and simple answers to many of the most frequent questions asked by the parents of small children. Many examples are provided to help parents put the information into practice. Presented in a Q&A format for quick access, also point form for easy reference and reading.

Chantal Gazal is a psychologist, parent educator and mother of three.

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Pauline McKinnon
*In Stillness Conquer
Fear: Overcoming panic
attacks*

Stress, anxiety, fear, panic - we all encounter these feelings at some time in our lives. But when they become constant companions we are crippled, our lives stifled by our inability to break free.

Panic disorder and agoraphobia - fear of leaving the safety of home - cause suffering for a great many people today. This need not be so. In this fourth edition of her best selling book, Pauline McKinnon describes how she found the answer to overcoming her own experience of agoraphobia by using a unique form of meditation. 'In Stillness Conquer Fear' is the record of her journey of discovery. Already thousands of readers have found its insights as illuminating as they are practical.

Pauline McKinnon has made the study, practice and teaching of meditation a part of her life for twenty five years. She founded and runs a Life Development Centre for adults and children.

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Wendy Lawson
Life Behind Glass
*A personal story of
Autism Spectrum Disorder*

An account of growing up 'different', but with the determination to come to terms with the constraints of her condition. Now a mother of four with two university degrees, Wendy is a social worker and adult educator, operating her own business. A poet and writer she shares her understanding of autism with others to help 'build a bridge...from my world to theirs'. For health professionals and families of sufferers.

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**Cheryl Rogers & Gun
Dolva**
*Karina Has Down
Syndrome*
*One family's account of
the early years with a
child who has special
needs*

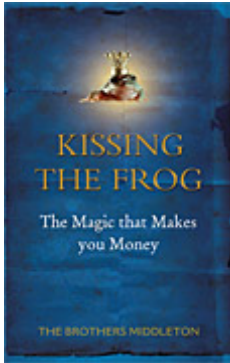
Down Syndrome is the most common intellectual disability; it is also one of the most readily integrated, giving it a high profile in the community. Karina's parents have taken advantage of available services and programs, plus their own imaginations, to devise stimulating activities to assist her to develop her full potential. A valuable resource for families and disability services workers.

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BUSINESS / SOCIAL ISSUES

**Phillip & David
Middleton**
Kissing the Frog



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NEW

Are you looking for a sensible and practical approach to planning investments? Do you want a clear understanding about how investment markets work and how to apply these principles to grow and maintain wealth? Are you ready for new investment concepts and ideas that will make you a successful investor? Ever wanted the low down on how to successfully invest your hard-earned cash?

'Kissing the Frog' shows you all the tricks and tips for profitable investment using fairy tales and nursery rhymes. The Butcher, the Baker and the Candlestick Maker are perfect mentors for identifying profitable business and buying shares as investments while Old King Cole is the perfect tale to simplify the benefits of direct investment versus mutual funds and the Three Little Pigs know all there is to know about building up a property investment portfolio. The myth of investing is made easy with a little fairytale magic.

Phillip and David Middleton are both Principals and Advisers with Prescott Securities Limited, a stockbroking firm that runs one of the largest financial practices in Australia. They have been advising personal investors for more than twenty years and have consistently provided their clients with above average investment returns.

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Catherine DeVrye
***Good Service is Good
Business***
***7 simple strategies for
success 2e***



With these practical, simple-to-implement ideas your organization can become a service leader-no matter what its size. Turn best practice into everyday practice and give your profits and reputation a boost. Over 20 000 sold in Australia

Catherine DeVrye was born in Canada and lives in Sydney when she's not travelling the world sharing her life experiences. Her previous bestselling books include *Hot Lemon & Honey* and *Hope Happens*.

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Des Guilfoyle
The Charisma Effect
***How to captivate an
audience and deliver
winning messages***

In *The Charisma Effect* the reader is guided through techniques and models that have shown to be key ingredients in winning the hearts and minds of individuals and groups. These techniques can change the way people respond to speakers, dramatically improve the retention of information and are applicable across a broad range of communication contexts – from one-to-one, to mass audiences. In easy-to-understand language. *The Charisma Effect* demystifies the concepts of form, content and structure, modes of delivery and self-design and presents them as a set of learnable behaviours.

Des Guilfoyle has over 28 years experience as a current affairs presenter for the ABC, NZBC and the BBC. He is currently the ABC's National Training and Development Advisor, Radio. He has lectured in mass communications and media skills in Vietnam, Singapore, South Africa, US, NZ and Australia. He has a background in social psychology, adult education, electronic journalism and neuro-linguistics and has spent more than two decades researching and modelling excellence in human performance.

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CHILDREN'S / YOUNG ADULT

Randa Abdel-Fattah *Does My Head Look Big In This?*



The slide opened and I heard a gentle, kind voice: 'What is your confession, my child?'

I was stuffed. The Priest would declare me a heretic; my parents would call me a traitor...

*The Priest asked me again: 'What is your confession, my child?'
'I'm Muslim' I whispered.*

Welcome to my world. I'm Amal Abdel-Hakim, a seventeen year-old Australian-Palestinian-Muslim still trying to come to grips with my various identity hyphens.

It's hard enough being cool as a teenager when being one issue behind the latest Cosmo is enough to disqualify you from the 'in group'. Try wearing a veil on your head and practising the 'bum's up' position at lunchtime and you know you're in for a tough time at school.

Luckily my friends support me, although they've got a few troubles of their own. Simone, blonde, gorgeous and overweight – she's got serious image issues, and Leila's really intelligent but her parents are more interested in her getting a marriage certificate than her high school certificate!

And I thought I had problems...

Does my Head Look Big in This? deals with the contemporary issue of Muslims (both Australian born and ex-patriot) and their questions of faith, tradition and heritage within present-day Australian society. Age range for this title is 11+. The writing will appeal to a wide audience, is funny and very intelligent. It's not just an issue book, it has a broad commercial appeal, in the same way that *Looking for Alibrandi* does.



Randa Abdel-Fattah is twenty-eight, born in Australia of Palestinian and Egyptian parents. For years Randa has been active in the inter-faith community, regularly giving talks at high schools and is one of the original members of a Melbourne-Palestinian/Jewish women's friendship group. She is also a member of a number of Palestinian human rights campaigns, the Australian Arabic council and various Australian Muslim women networks. She works as a lawyer in Sydney.

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Randa Abdel-Fattah
*Ten Things I Hate
About Me*



Jamie wants to be the real thing. From the roots of her dyed blonde hair...

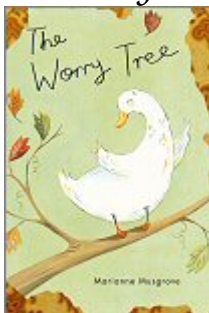
There are a lot of things Jamie hates about her life: her dark hair, her dad's Stone Age Charter of Curfew Rights, her real name – Jamilah Towfeek.

For the past three years Jamie has hidden her Lebanese background from everyone at school. It's only with her email friend John that she can really be herself. But now things are getting complicated: the most popular boy in school is interested in her, but there's no way he would be if he knew the truth. Then there's Timothy, the school loner, who for some reason Jamie just can't stop thinking about. As for John, he seems to have a pretty big secret of his own...

To top it all off, Jamie's school formal is coming up. The only way she'll be allowed to attend is by revealing her true identity. Will she risk it all? And does she know who she is... Jamie or Jamilah?

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Marianne Musgrove
The Worry Tree



NEW

Juliet's a worrywart, and no wonder! Her little sister, Oaf, follows her around taking notes and singing 'The Irritating Song' all day long. Her parents are always arguing about Dad's junk. Nana's so tired of craft lessons that she starts barbecuing things in the middle of the night. And Juliet's friends, Lindsay and Gemma, are competing to see which of them is Juliet's best friend. Juliet can't fit in any more worries! But then she makes a remarkable discovery. Behind the wallpaper in her new bedroom, Juliet uncovers an old painting of a very special tree. Nana remembers it well. It's the Worry Tree, and with the help of a duck called Delia and the other Worry Tree animals, Juliet just might be able to solve some of life's big problems.

Marianne Musgrove has worked as a social policy writer, social worker and museum guide for children. She has had both poetry and short stories published, and several of her short stories have won literary awards.

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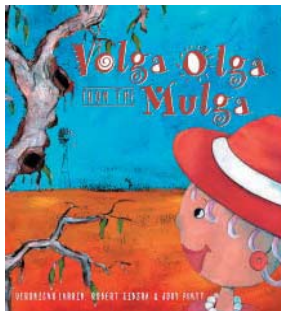
One of the difficulties of growing up is not fitting in or feeling different. This book lovingly addresses these issues in a bright and positive way, allowing its readers to take heart and celebrate their difference. Ages 3+.

Tom Skinner lives in Adelaide and has always wanted to be an author. This is his first book.

Mini Goss spent her childhood in London and New York. She now lives in Melbourne and writes and illustrates children's books.

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Veronica Larkin,
Robert Gibson
Illus: Jody Pratt
*Volga Olga From the
Mulga*



Many years ago, a young woman named Olga travelled all the way from the Russian Volga to settle in the Australian Mulga. Everyone in the Mulga loves Olga, especially Katie and Jack, who are staying with her for the holidays. Katie and Jack know that every day with Olga is a big adventure. Ages 4+.

Veronica Larkin was an early childhood teacher and university lecturer. She has written text books and journal articles, scripts for children's television, book reviews and teacher resource material. Veronica is now a full-time writer.

Robert Gibson studied and taught at universities in Australia, UK and Germany

This is **Jody Pratt's** first children's picture book.

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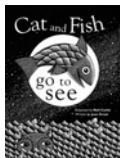
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Joan Grant
Illus: Neil Curtis
Cat and Fish



Winner of the 2004
CBC Picture Book of the Year

Cat and Fish go to See



Cat and Fish discover each other one night and spark a most unlikely friendship. Follow them through mazes, under hide-outs, over cities and the ocean. A classic.

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Joan Grant was born in New York and has worked as a teacher, writer and historian in Asia, Europe and Australia. She has published two books and written many articles, book reviews and poetry.

Neil Curtis is an acclaimed artist who has exhibited both nationally and internationally. He has had a number of children's books published.

After forging their beautiful friendship in the award winning *Cat and Fish* the two friends sail away through storm and gale to a tropical island. On the way they meet many friendly creatures from both their worlds.

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