



Mandy Foot

Children's Book Author/Illustrator



Mandy is an award winning, best selling, children's book Author and Illustrator, based in the Adelaide Hills, South Australia, with 27 books published to date. She is also:

- Ambassador for Raising Literacy Australia
- Role Model for Books in Homes
- Illustrator Co-ordinator for the Society of Children's Books Writers and Illustrators Society - SA (SCBWI)
- member of Ekidnas (South Australian Children's Authors and Illustrators - published), Adelaide Illustrators, Writers SA, the Australian Society of Authors (ASA) and the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA)
- Graduate - Bachelor of Design (Illustration) from the University of South Australia, 1992
- No. 1 Best Selling Children's Book 2013 – Hachette Australia – *Old MacDonald had a Farm*
- Graduate of the Writing Picture Books Course, 2015, with the Australian Writers' Centre
- Shortlisted for the Speech Pathology Award 2019 - *Hush Say the Stars*
- Mentor to fine artist, Ross Morgan, in the creation of his first picture book *Molly Moores Has a House Like Yours* (as the winner of the Raising Literacy Australia Author and Illustrator Mentoring Initiative - a program for emerging writers and illustrators)
- Winner of the 2021 Little Pink Dog Books Authorstrator Award, 2021 - *Joey and Riley*
- Winner of the ACTW Notables Awards for Children's Book 2021 - *The Last Dragon*
- Shortlisted for the Wilderness Society Karaji Award for Children's Literature 2022 - *Warna Manda Baby Earth Walk*.
- HONOURS CBCA Book of the Year Awards Early Childhood 2023 - *Bev and Kev*.
- WINNER SCBWI Crystal Kite Awards 2023 - *Bev and Kev*.

Mandy's career to date has also included highlights such as being part of Phil Cummings - Stories Behind The Books exhibition with the State Library 2019, with artwork on display from *The Hip Hop Barn*; plus a special collaboration with Indigenous Artist, Susan Betts, for the children's book, *Warna Manda Baby Earth Walk*, published by Little Book Press, 2021. For this Mandy also played a mentorship role to Susan, being her first picture book.



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In addition, one of her most fulfilling roles, is to visit numerous schools each year, especially during Book Week, to inspire and share this passion for creativity and literacy with thousands of students.

'As an author/illustrator, Mother Nature and the Animal Kingdom are my greatest inspiration. I write to give voice to those who can't be heard. I illustrate to create empathy and bring emotion to the very same through visual literacy. My belief - everyone can draw, it's simply the style that varies.'

Publication List

'Let the Singing Begin' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written by Mike and Linda Dumbleton.
Published by Little Book Press, 2023 - Australia – 26pp (including fold out).

'Bev and Kev' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written by Katrina Germein. *CBCA Honour Book*.
Published by Little Book Press, 2022 - Australia – 26pp (including fold out).

'What Snail Knows' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written by Kathryn Apel.
Published by University of Queensland Press, 2022 - Australia – 232pp verse novel.

'Warna Manda Baby' Illustrated by Mandy Foot and Susan Betts, written by Susan Betts.
Published by Little Book Press, 2021 - Australia – 24pp.

'The Last Dragon' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written by Charles Massey.
Published by NLA - National Library of Australia, 2021 - Australia – 44pp.

'Lucy and Copper' Illustrated and written by Mandy Foot.
Published by Hachette Australia, 2021 - Australia – 32pp.

'Esmeralda's Nest' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written by Robert Moore.
Published by MidnightSun Publishing, 2020 - Australia – 32pp.

'The Hip Hop Barn' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written by Phil Cummings.
Published by Little Book Press, 2019 - Australia – 26pp (including gate fold).

'Joey and Riley' Illustrated and written by Mandy Foot.
Published by Hachette Australia, 2019 - Australia – 32pp.

'Hush Say the Stars' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written by Margaret Spurling.
Published by Little Book Press, 2018 - Australia – 24pp.
Shortlisted - Speech Pathology Award 2019.

'The Bush Santa' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written and published by Hachette Australia,
2016 - Australia – 24pp.

'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written by Jane Taylor.
Published by Hachette Australia, 2016 - Australia – 24pp.



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'This Little Roo Went to Market' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written and published by Hachette Australia, 2015 - Australia – 24pp.

'Bums and Tums' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written and published by Hachette Australia, 2014 - Australia – 24pp.

'Captain Kangaroo Saves the Day' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written and published by Hachette Australia, 2014 - Australia – 24pp.

'Knick Knack Bushwhack' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written and published by Hachette Australia, 2014 - Australia – 24pp.

'Captain Kangaroo and the Footy Final' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written and published by Hachette Australia, 2013 - Australia – 24pp.

'Shut the Duck Up!' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written and published by Hachette Australia, 2013 - Australia – 24pp.

'Captain Kangaroo and the Big Bush Bash' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written and published by Hachette Australia, 2012 - Australia – 24pp.

'Below Deck on the Sunken Wreck' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written and published by Hachette Australia, 2012 - Australia – 24pp.

'Captain Kangaroo and the Great Balloon Race' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written and published by Hachette Australia, 2012 - Australia – 24pp.

'All Set for the Big Wet' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written and published by Hachette Australia, 2012 - Australia – 24pp.

'Come Fly with Captain Kangaroo' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written and published by Hachette Australia, 2011 - Australia – 24pp.

'Old MacDonald had a Farm' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written and published by Hachette Australia, 2011 - Australia – 24pp.

'The Wheels on the Bus' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written and published by Hachette Australia, 2011 - Australia – 24pp.

'The Mouse and the Frogs' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written by Jill McDougall.
Published by ERA Publications, 2009 - Australia – 16pp.

'The Bird' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written by Jill McDougall.
Published by ERA Publications, 2008 - Australia – 16pp.

'I am Hungry' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written by Nigel Croser.
Published by ERA Publications, 2008 - Australia – 16pp.