



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 29 books published to date. Further insights include:

- Children's Book Council of Australia (South Australia) Awarded Honorary Membership in recognition of outstanding contribution to Australian children's literature - 2025.
- Ambassador for Raising Literacy Australia
- Role Model for Books in Homes
- Illustrator Coordinator for the Society of Children's Books Writers and Illustrators Society - SA (SCBWI) - 2017-2024
- 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, 1993
- 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 2019 - 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*.
- and has artwork from *The Last Dragon* and a full 200 page sketchbook held within the State Library of South Australia, Archival Collection for Children's Literature.

Mandy's career to date has also included highlights such as illustrating the Haigh's Chocolates 30th Anniversary of the Easter Bilby Collection and a special collaboration with Indigenous Artist, Susan Betts, for the children's book, *Warna Manda Baby Earth Walk*.



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In 2025, *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*, was included in the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Australia list for featured books. A program providing a book a month to children from birth to age 5, run in Australia by United Way Australia to ensure every child thrives.

To help our school children thrive, one of Mandy's most fulfilling roles, is to visit numerous schools and literature festivals each year, especially during Book Week, to inspire and share her passion for creativity and literacy with thousands of students via presentations and workshops.

Publication List

'Finding Frank' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written by Skye Kottachchi.

Published by Don Kyatt Group for Terrain Tamer, 2024 - Australia - 32pp.

Australian Marketing Institute, Marketing Excellence Awards 2025 Finalist.

'Let the Singing Begin' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written by Mike and Linda Dumbleton.

Published by Little Book Press, 2023 - Australia - 28pp.

'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. *CBCA Notable Book.*

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.



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'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star' Illustrated by Mandy Foot, written by Jane Taylor.

Published by Hachette Australia, 2016 - Australia – 24pp.

'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.