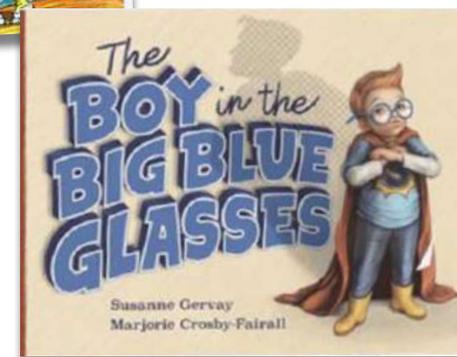
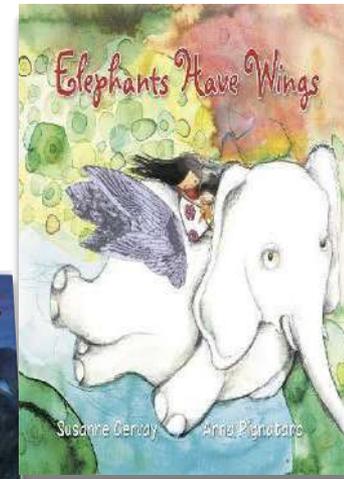
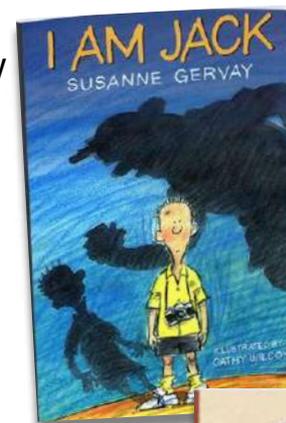


Author Biography 1

Susanne Gervay has been awarded an Order of Australia for children's literature and the Lifetime Social Justice Literature Award for her children's books by the International Literacy Association. She is the Regional Advisor and head of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators Australia East and New Zealand (SCBWI).

Susanne has been a high school teacher, a university lecturer, an educational consultant specialising in child growth and development, and now, a published author.

Her books range from picture books to those for young adults and are all driven by overcoming adversity to find hope and a belief in the future. The themes of her books include bullying in schools, rites of passage, inclusion, respect, blended families, refugees and the rights of children and families.



Author Biography 2

As a child of refugees, books were a source of comfort and courage for Susanne Gervay. She wants that for all young people and loves creating stories that empower.

Susanne is an ambassador for the Premier's Reading Challenge and Room to Read, a role model for Books in Homes and a literacy ambassador for many campaigns. She is frequently drawn upon as a keynote speaker. Her writing and advocacy have taken her around the world.

"My passion is empowering kids and adults with story. Story that brings hope especially to young people, as they navigate this complex world." Susanne Gervay

Children can co-author a story with Susanne using the LittleScribe author program that is based on her book, I am Jack.

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- Website: <https://sgervay.com/>



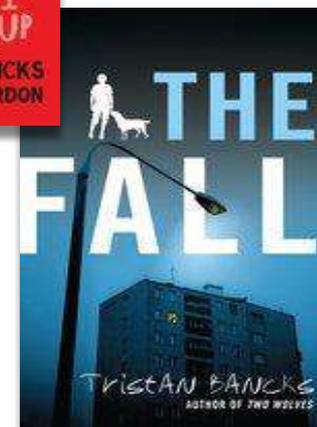
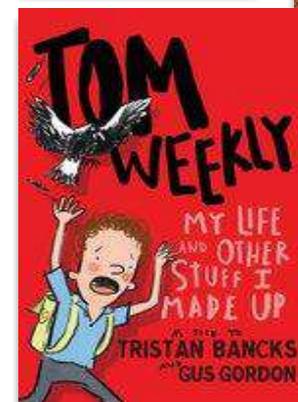
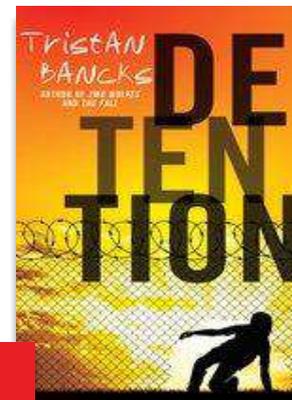
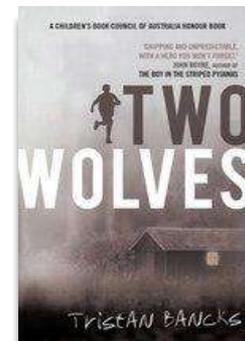
Author Biography 1

Tristan Bancks tells stories for the page and screen. His books for kids and teens include *Two Wolves*, *The Fall*, *Detention*, *Nit Boy*, and the *Tom Weekly* series.

The themes of Tristan's books include the search for identity, doing what you love no matter what, and breaking through fear and doubt.

Two Wolves won Honour Book in the 2015 Children's Book Council of Australia Awards and was shortlisted for the Prime Minister's Literary Awards. *The Fall* was a CBCA Notable Book and shortlisted for the Adelaide Festival Awards for Literature. Tristan's short films as writer and director have won a number of awards, and have screened widely in festivals and on TV.

Tristan is a writer-ambassador for literacy charity Room to Read. He founded the Room to Read World Change Challenge in 2012 in partnership with Stubbies Schoolwear.



Author Biography 2

Tristan's latest book, *Ginger Meggs*, is a 100th anniversary book of brand new short stories based on characters created by his great-great uncle, Jimmy Bancks, in 1921. In 2022 he will release, *Cop & Robber*, a crime-comedy for age 10+. He is also working with producers to develop several of his books for the screen.

Tristan is excited by the future of storytelling and inspiring others to create. He is passionate about social action and living mindfully.

"My main aims in life have been to do work that I love and to continue telling stories." Tristan Bancks.

Children can work with Tristan's LittleScribe programs where he has shared pages from *Detention*, *Two Wolves*, and *Tom Weekly* for students to co-author.

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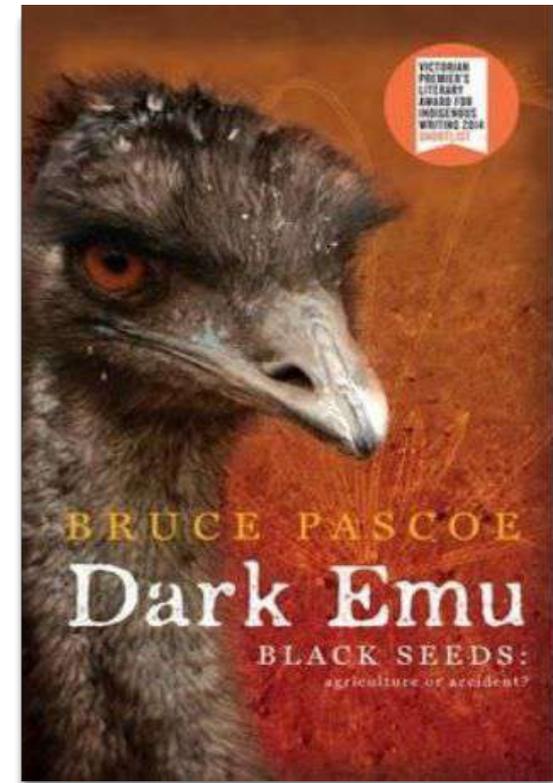
Author Biography 1

Bruce Pascoe, a Bunurong man, is an award-winning Australian writer, editor, and anthologist. His works have been published nationally and internationally, and have won several national literary competitions.

He has combined writing fiction and non-fiction with a career as a successful publisher.

He has also worked as a teacher, farmer, fisherman, barman, farm fence contractor, lecturer, Aboriginal language researcher, archaeological site worker, and editor.

He appeared in the SBS TV program, First Australians.



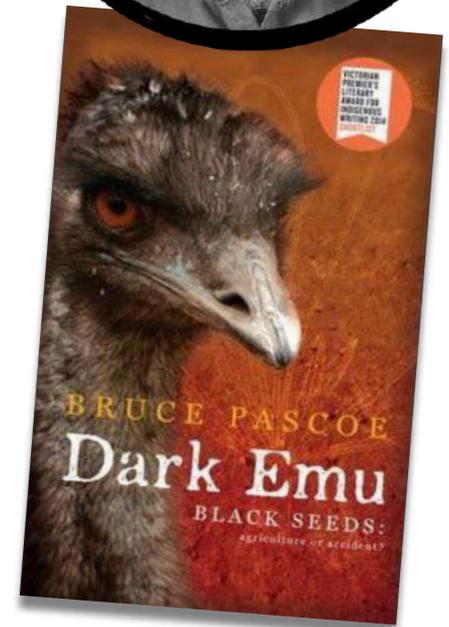
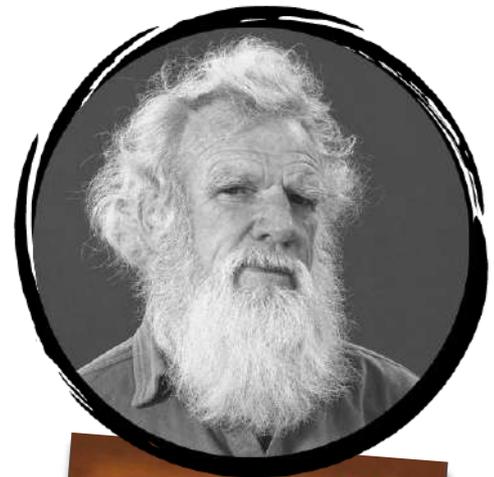
Author Biography 2

As a member of the Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative, Pascoe edited school readers on the history and language of the Wathaurong people, demonstrating his interest in Indigenous language retrieval and teaching. He has spoken at conferences on Aboriginal culture and edited several anthologies and translations of Australian stories.

His book exploring the history of Aboriginal agriculture *Dark Emu : Black Seeds : Agriculture or Accident?* has attracted considerable attention for its discussion of land management practices in Australia prior to colonisation.

Video: [UTS In Conversation with Bruce Pascoe - Reconciliation Week 2020](#)

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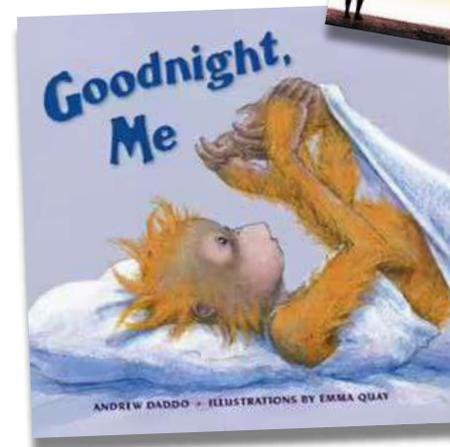
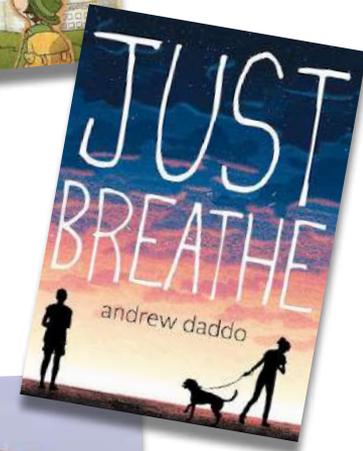
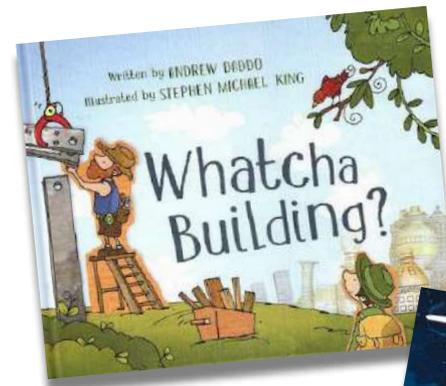


Author Biography 1

From the small screen to the big screen, to the stage, and to radio, Andrew Daddo has appeared in just about every aspect of the entertainment industry. He is a podcaster and presenter, a corporate MC and has hosted high profile television events including the Logies, People's Choice Awards, and the Australian Music Awards.

Andrew is also an accomplished author. He has written 28 books for all ages, picture books, chapter books, short story collections, novels and non-fiction. Some of his titles include *Just Breathe*, *Goodnight, Me*, *Check on Me*, and *Whatcha Building?*.

His latest series *Atticus Van Tasticus*, illustrated by Stephen Michael King, combines old world piracy, with new world problems to create an otherworld where a 10 year old is the captain of a pirate ship and is free to live a pirate life.



Author Biography 2

The third book in the series, Atticus Van Tasticus 3: Treasure of Treasures features rattling skeletons, ghosts, monsters from the deep, killer sands and a boiling hot tub are just some of the obstacles!

Always full of fun and humour, Andrew Daddo is a burst of energy who will surprise you with unpredictable ways to explore different types of worlds.

"To get the chance to share our own raw, very real process of writing is powerful for kids... pick up a pencil, I can't wait to write with you." Andrew Daddo

Children can co-author with Andrew through his LittleScribe programs, 'The Best Day Ever', 'There's a Cat in Our Street', or the starting pages of his book Atticus Van Tasticus.

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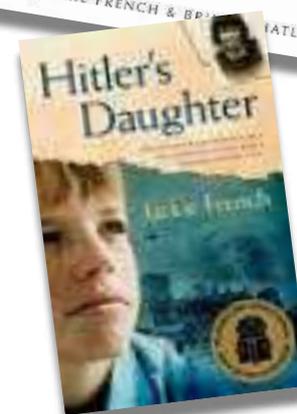
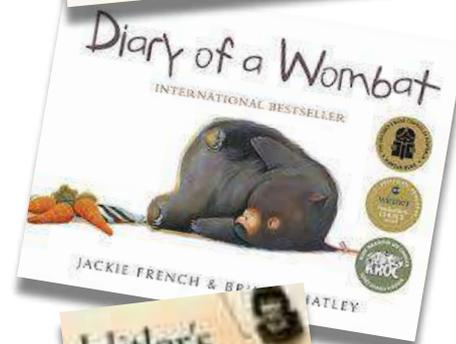
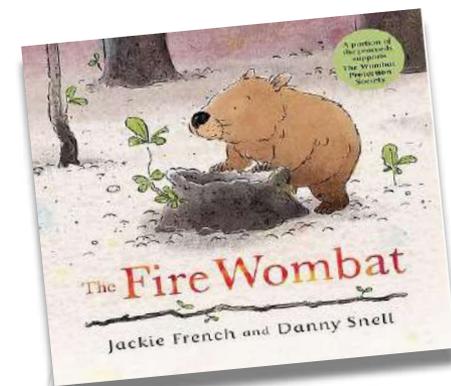
Author Biography 1

Jackie French AM is an Australian author, historian, ecologist and honorary wombat (part time), 2014–2015 Australian Children's Laureate and 2015 Senior Australian of the Year.

Jackie has written over 200 books, some of which have sold millions of copies and won over 60 awards in Australia and internationally. Jackie is one of the few writers to win both literary and children's choice awards. She has appeared in assorted 'Burke's Backyard' segments, radio shows, newspaper and magazine columns.

Jackie writes for adults, young adults, and children, on history, ecology, and her award-winning historical fiction for all ages. Her titles include *Hitler's Daughter* and *Diary of a Wombat*.

Her first children's book *Rain Stones* was written in a shed with a wallaby called Fred, a black snake called Gladys and a wombat called Smudge. It was shortlisted for the NSW Premier's Award and CBCA Younger Reader's Book of the Year.



Author Biography 2

Jackie is dyslexic and a patron of literacy programmes across Australia with a wide and deep experience in learning differences and methods, and their outcomes for students.

She is a passionate advocate of equal education opportunity, help for children with learning difficulties and the conservation of wildlife.

“When I read a sentence... what I see isn't going to be the same as what you see. Every time I write a book, it is co-authored with the person who reads it. That's why a book is so powerful.” Jackie French.

Children can work with Jackie's LittleScribe program where she has shared the first few pages of her book *Oracle* for students to co-author.

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