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A Place Like This

Steven Herrick

YOUNG ADULT

A special reissue of a bestselling Australian classic from award-winning author Steven Herrick.

Jack and Annabel have been dating for two years. With high school over they're about to start university – until Jack decides to chuck it all in.

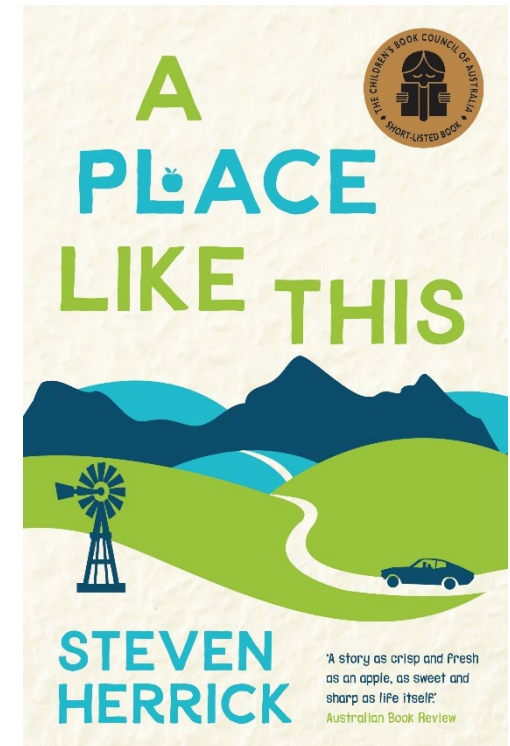
I think you and Annabel should get out of here as fast as possible. Have a year doing anything you want. My going-away present is enough money to buy a car – a cheap old one, okay? You'll have to work somewhere to buy the petrol, and to keep going. But go.

No destination in mind, Jack and Annabel leave town and discover themselves in a place they never knew existed.

'A story as crisp and fresh as an apple, as sweet and sharp as life itself.' *Australian Book Review*

STEVEN HERRICK was born in Brisbane, the youngest of seven children. At school his favourite

subject was soccer, and he dreamed of football glory while he worked at various jobs. For the past thirty years he's been a full-time writer and regularly performs his work in schools throughout the world. He has published twenty-two books. Steven lives in the Blue Mountains with his partner Cathie, a belly dance teacher. They have two adult sons, Jack and Joe.



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Love, Ghosts & Nose Hair

Steven Herrick

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A special reissue of a bestselling Australian classic from award-winning author Steven Herrick.

Jack is an everyday sixteen-year-old boy. He's obsessed with Annabel, sport and nose hair. He's also obsessed with a ghost ...

There's a ghost in our house

in a red evening dress,

black stockings

and Mum's slingback shoes.

Her hair whispers

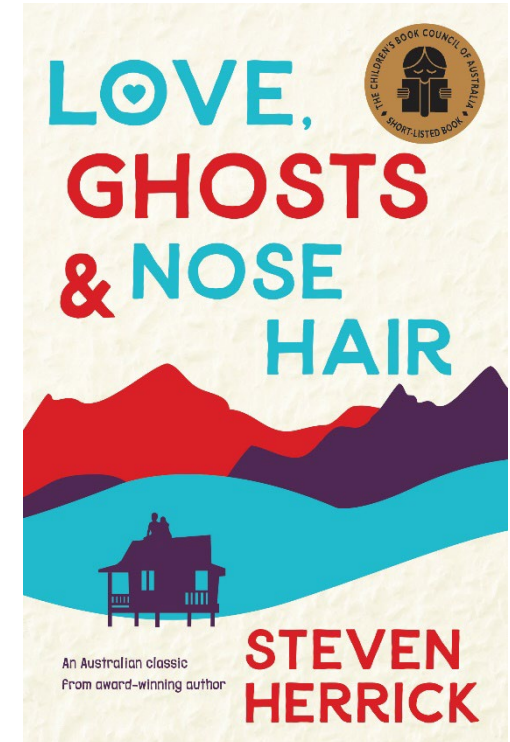
over white shoulders

as she dances through the rooms.

A bittersweet comedy about the infinite promise of first love and the everlasting sorrow of grief, *Love, Ghosts & Nose Hair* was shortlisted for the CBCA Book of the Year: Older Readers and New South Wales Premier's Literary Awards.

'Sad, funny, moving and thoughtful.' *Magpies*

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The Simple Gift

Stephen Herrick

YOUNG ADULT

Over 100,000 copies sold in Australia alone

A special reissue of a bestselling and award-winning Australian classic from popular author Steven Herrick

My hand in his stops trembling, for a moment.

When the paths of a runaway teenage boy, an old hobo and a rich girl intersect in an abandoned train yard, each carries their own personal baggage. Over early mornings, long walks and cheap coffee they discover, no matter how big or small, it's the simple gifts in life that really make a difference.

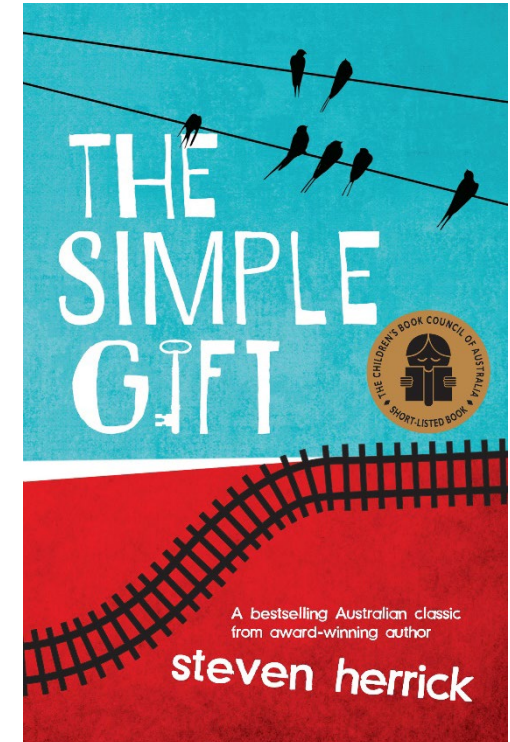
A life-affirming look at humanity, generosity and love.

PRAISE FOR STEVEN HERRICK

'His verse has the ability to instantly put you in someone else's shoes with very few words.' **Bookseller + Publisher**

'Australia's master of free verse.' **Buzz Words**

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Jehan and the Quest of the Lost Dog

Roseanne Hawke

CHILDREN'S FICTION
(YOUNGER READER)

A beautifully written story of survival and hope set in Pakistan from award-winning Australian author Rosanne Hawke.

Jehan closed his eyes to pray, then opened them again. It wasn't a dream. The water was still there – the biggest flood he had seen in his life.

For nine-year-old Jehan, life in Pakistan is just as it should be. He attends school, plays cricket with his little brother and fetches water for his family. But when the monsoon unleashes a catastrophic flood, Jehan is swept away from his village and becomes trapped in a tree.

Jehan stays alive by rescuing things from the floodwater, but as the days pass with no sign of help, Jehan starts to despair. Will he ever see his family again?

Then Jehan rescues a dog and he is no longer alone. But why does the dog keep swimming away? Where is she going?

Eventually, Jehan must follow the lost dog into the floodwater. But will the dog's quest lead them to safety? Or to more danger?

Sensitively told, this important story brings home the horrific reality of natural disasters on the lives of children, families and communities around the world, but celebrates need for hope, kindness and resilience that these situations inspire in their aftermath.

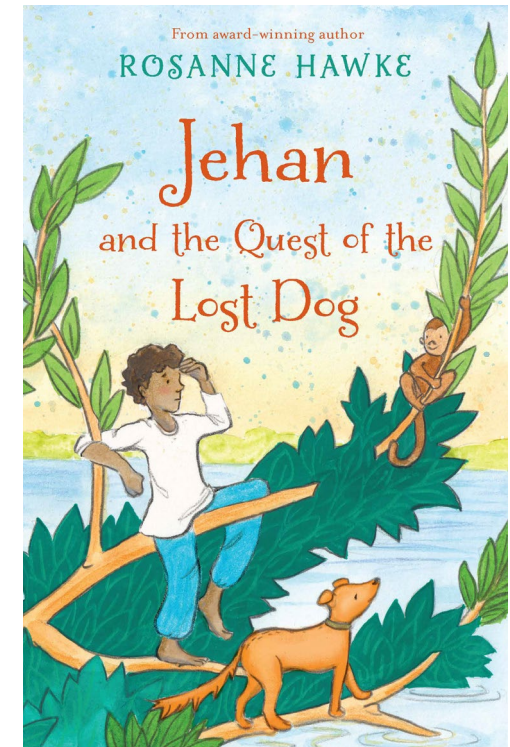
PRAISE FOR DAUGHTER OF NOMADS

'May I just say how good Rosanne's world-building is, how rich and real-seeming the setting is; I really feel the delicious otherness of Jahani and Azhar's world.' **D. M. Cornish, author of *Monster Blood Tattoo* series**

'[A] compulsive read of a story with more than a whiff of the Arabian Nights to it' ***Magpies***

ROSEANNE HAWKE is the South Australian author of twenty-five books. She lived in Pakistan and the United Arab Emirates as an aid worker for ten years. Her books include *The Messenger Bird* and *Taj and the Great Camel Trek*. She is the 2015 recipient of the Nance Donkin Award; an Asialink, Carclew, Varuna and May Gibbs Fellow; and a Bard of Cornwall. She teaches creative writing at Tabor Adelaide and writes in an old Cornish farmhouse with underground rooms near Kapunda. www.rosannehawke.com

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Untidy Towns

Katie O'Donnell

YOUNG ADULT

Untidy Towns is a highly anticipated coming-of-age novel from Kate O'Donnell, an exciting new voice in Australian YA.

Seventeen-year-old Adelaide is sick of being expected to succeed on other people's terms. She knows she just has to stick it out at school for one more year and then she'll be free. Instead, she runs away from her fancy boarding school back to her sleepy hometown to read and dream.

But there are no free rides. When Addie's grandad gets her a job at the local historical society, she soon finds out that it's dusty and dull, just like her new life. Things change when she starts hanging out with Jarrod, a boy who seems full of possibilities. But it turns out he's as stuck as she is. And Addie realises that when you want something in life, you've actually got to do something about it.

A heartfelt story about love, friendship and finding your own way.

PRAISE FOR UNTIDY TOWNS

'Sweet, headstrong, contrary Adelaide is navigating the push-and-pull of teen dreams and real-life choices. Written with heart and humour, this gorgeous tale will leave you smiling.'

Fiona Wood

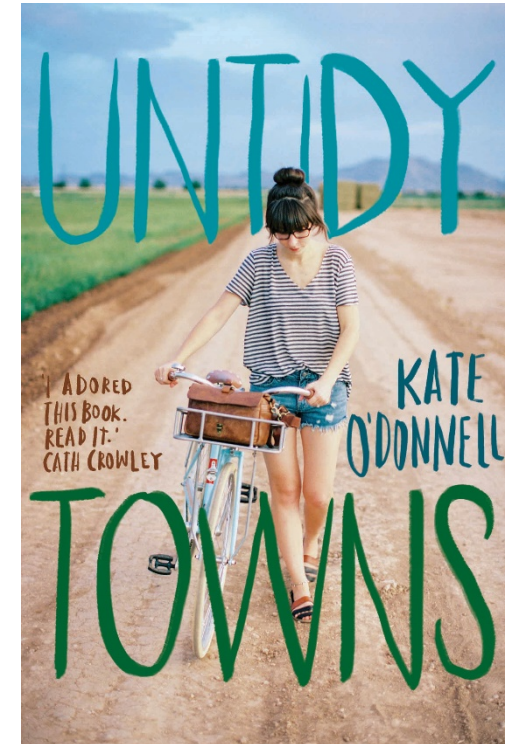
'I adored this book, with its gorgeous prose and characters I didn't want to leave behind. Read it.'

Cath Crowley

'Untidy Towns is full of truth about the messiness of life – first love, unfulfilled dreams, uncertain futures, and the importance of learning to live in the here and now. I want to go back and give this book to younger me. I loved it.'

Vikki Wakefield

KATE O'DONNELL is a writer, editor and bookseller specialising in children's and young adult literature. She has a BA in History and French from the University of Melbourne and studied Professional Writing and Editing at RMIT. *Untidy Towns* is her first novel.



Fiction

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October 2017 B format

AU\$19.95

Mister Cassowary (series)

Samantha Wheeler

CHILDREN'S FICTION
(YOUNGER READER)

'Cassowaries are not just birds,' Dad growled. 'They're the most dangerous birds in the world.'

When Flynn and Dad arrive at Grandad Barney's banana farm, it's clear that Flynn has a lot of investigating to do.

Everything in the place is a mystery, especially his grandad who died almost a year ago, and the strange dinosaur-like birds called cassowaries that make his dad so scared. Why won't Dad tell Flynn what happened?

After Flynn meets local girl Abby and discovers two orphaned baby cassowaries, the mystery deepens. Can Flynn find out the truth about his grandad and the cassowaries before it's too late?

PRAISE FOR *WOMBAT WARRIORS*

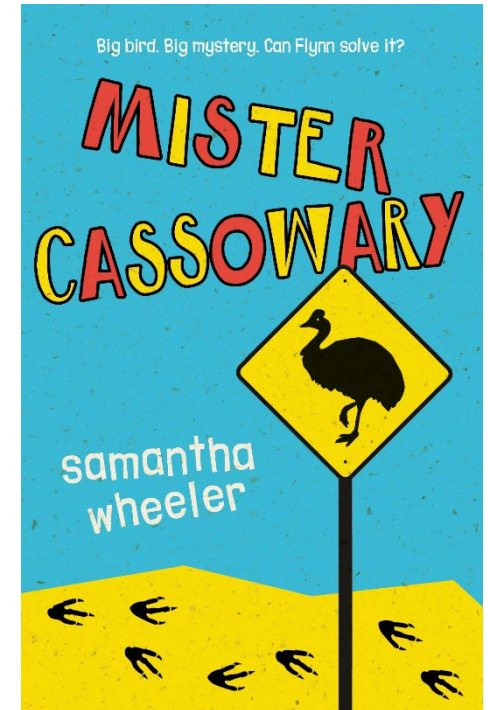
'This is a wonderful story about fighting for what you believe in, growing up and finding your independence, but it also highlights the plight of our native animals.' **Lamont Books**

PRAISE FOR *MISTER CASSOWARY*

'Wheeler has a knack for writing endearing characters and plots that weave in environmental themes that readers 8 and up will love.' **Readings Monthly**

'Samantha Wheeler expertly captures the frustrations felt by a child on the cusp of adolescence.' **Books + Publishing**

Samantha Wheeler studied agriculture, worked with dairy farmers, and taught science before writing her first children's book in 2011. Five novels later, her stories have been shortlisted for the Queensland Literary Awards, Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Awards, the Readings Children's Book Prize, the Wilderness Society Environment Award for Children's Literature, and commended in the Royal Zoological Society of NSW Whitley Awards. When not writing, she spends time with her husband, pets and two beautiful daughters, the youngest of whom has Rett syndrome. Samantha hopes her stories will encourage everyone to speak up for what they believe in.



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October 2015 B format
AU\$14.95 176 pp

Wombat Warriors (series) Samantha Wheeler

CHILDREN'S FICTION
(YOUNGER READER)

From the beloved author of *Mister Cassowary*, *Smooch & Rose* and *Spud & Charli* comes another thrilling adventure about Australia's endangered animals.

While Mouse's doctor parents are off to help overseas, Mouse is left to stay with Aunt Evie in a ramshackle cottage in SA. New town, new house, new school ... Mouse is nervous and worried that she won't fit in.

On her first night there, she discovers strange scratches on the floor and hears loud thumps and thuds in the night. When she finally confronts Aunt Evie about the ruckus, Mouse discovers they're sharing the cottage with a large, hairy ... wombat!

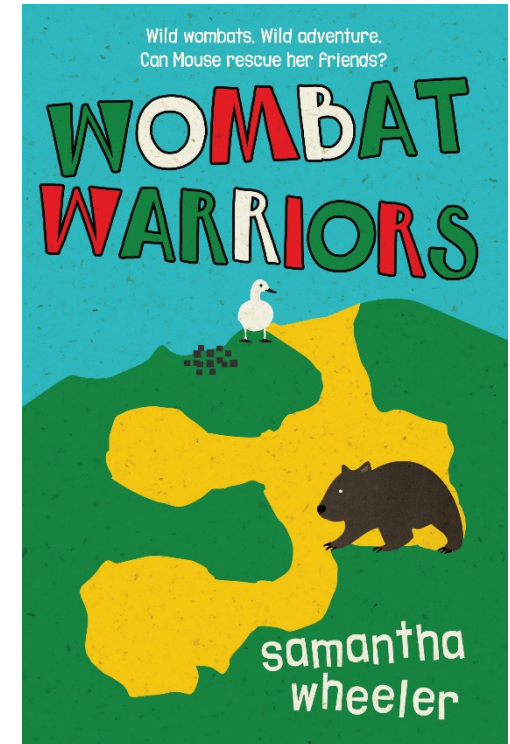
Aunt Evie is keeping a secret from her landlord Mrs Crawley and now Mouse is her number one helper. Mrs Crawley hates the wombats on her property and has set up fences to stop them. How will Mouse and Aunt Evie convince Mrs Crawley and the other farmers that a witch hunt against wombats isn't the answer?

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My Family... (series)

Damon Young & Peter Carnavas

My Brother is a Beast is the fourth riotous picture book from talented author/illustrator team Damon Young and Peter Carnavas. A brilliantly boisterous picture book celebrating our lovable brothers and the fun and adventure they bring into our lives. A must for every family and library.

PRAISE FOR MY SISTER IS A SUPERHERO

'The pictures and the text are each joyful and energetic – the combo is exuberant. Highly recommended.' **CBCA Reading Time**

'Excellent for reading aloud to children from 3 years and up.' **Buzz Words**

'This gorgeous book will make you giggle with its quirky characters and colourful pictures, not to mention the kooky rhymes and wonderfully imaginative situations.

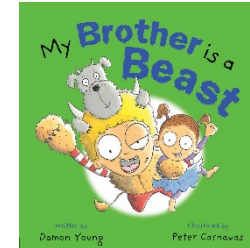
Wonderful and wacky ... this book is lots of fun.' **Little Friends**

'What a wonderful affirmation of family life, of siblings, of one sister looking out for the other, reading and telling stories to her at bedtime.' **Read Plus**

'This book is a fun way to show the little girl in your life she can do anything.' **Weekend West**

Damon Young is a philosopher and writer. He's the author of several popular nonfiction books, including *The Art of Reading*, *Distraction*, *Philosophy in the Garden* and *How to Think About Exercise*. He's also the editor of *Martial Arts and Philosophy: Beating and Nothingness*. Damon's books have been published internationally and translated into several languages, including Dutch, Spanish and Turkish. He's written columns and opinion for *The Age*, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Australian*, the ABC and BBC, and he's a regular radio guest. Damon has also published poetry and short fiction. He lives in Hobart with his wife, Ruth, and two editors (also known as children).

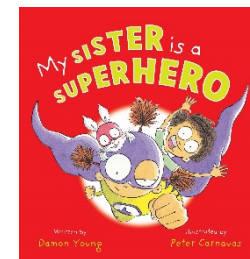
Peter Carnavas grew up in Brisbane and on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland. He became a primary school teacher and it was during this time that he began to immerse himself in picture books. His first book, *Jessica's Box*, was shortlisted for the 2008 Queensland Premier's Literary Award and the 2009 CBCA Crichton Award for Emerging Illustrators. He has since written and illustrated many picture books, which have been translated into German, Italian, Portuguese and Dutch. Peter lives on the Sunshine Coast with his wife, two daughters and a scruffy dog that occasionally escapes.



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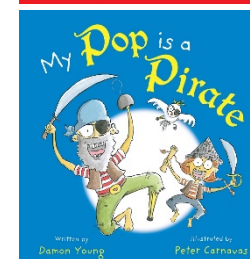
32 pp



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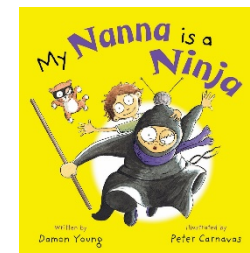
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32 pp



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February 2014

40pp

My Dog Doesn't Like Me

Elizabeth Fensham

CHILDREN'S FICTION
(YOUNGER READER)

A heart-warming new book from the author of *Matty Forever*.

Eric is very disappointed in the dog he got for his eighth birthday. He thought the dog, named Ugly (because he is just that), was going to be his 'best friend'. But Ugly doesn't even consider Eric his first- or second-best friend.

Ugly loves Eric's mum, grandad, dad, and his horrible sister Gretchen, even more than him.

Desperate to make Ugly love him the most, Eric puts some crazy plans into action to win over his pooch.

Will Eric uncover the secret to Ugly's heart, or will he forever have to watch his dog dote on every other family member except him?

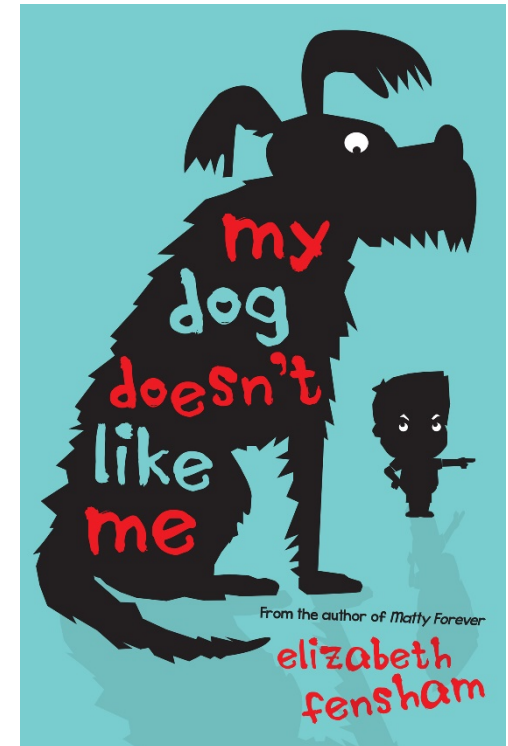
One of our most-loved and prolific authors has written a beautifully told story that will resonate with pet lovers of all ages.

PRAISE FOR *MATTY FOREVER*

'This book speaks to the heart.' *Daily Telegraph*

'An engaging novel for readers seven years and up about the nature of real friendship.' *Books + Publishing*

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My Dog Gets a Job Elizabeth Fensham

CHILDREN'S FICTION
(YOUNGER READER)

From one of Australia's most-loved and prolific authors comes a funny and endearing tale about a boy called Eric and his dog Ugly.

At almost ten years of age, Eric is now the responsible owner of his dog Ugly. But when Ugly is involved in a series of mishaps including the theft of a roast chook and a bedroom decorated with duck poo, it is clear Eric needs to do something to keep his dog out of trouble. Luckily, Eric knows exactly how to solve the problem ... Ugly needs a job.

But how can Eric find a job for a dog, even if his dog *is* a genius?

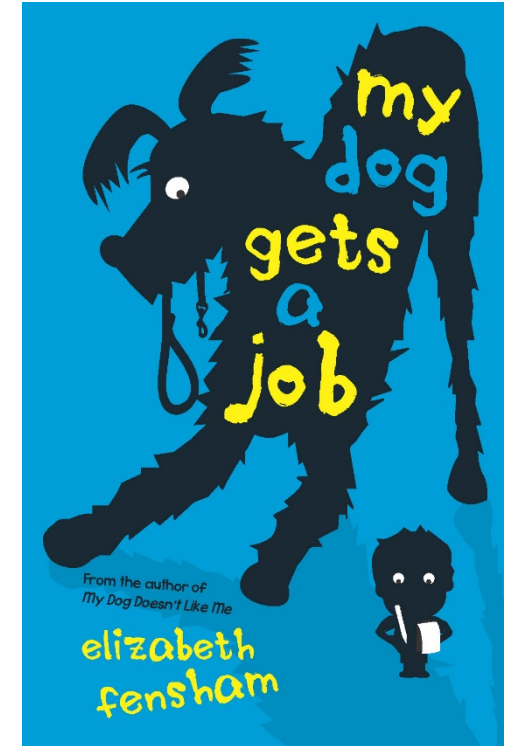
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