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Kate interviews Dani Vee

Dani Vee's debut picture book 'My EXTRAordinary Mum', published by Larrikin House is OUT NOW. Her 'Unlucky Dad' six picture book series and a short story in a crime fiction anthology are coming in 2023!

Dani Vee is host of the popular literary podcast Words and Nerds. With over 52,000 listeners every month and more than 500 episodes.

Dani also works in publicity and acquisitions at Larrikin House. You can find her facilitating panels or presenting at literary festivals such as Somerset Storyfest, BAD Sydney Crime Writers Festival, Kids YA Festival and The Sutherland Shire Writers' Festival, as well as podcasting at literary events.





Dani loves nothing more than reading Oscar Wilde with a cup of camomile tea and dark chocolate.

Find out more about Dani at:

Website: wordsandnerds.com

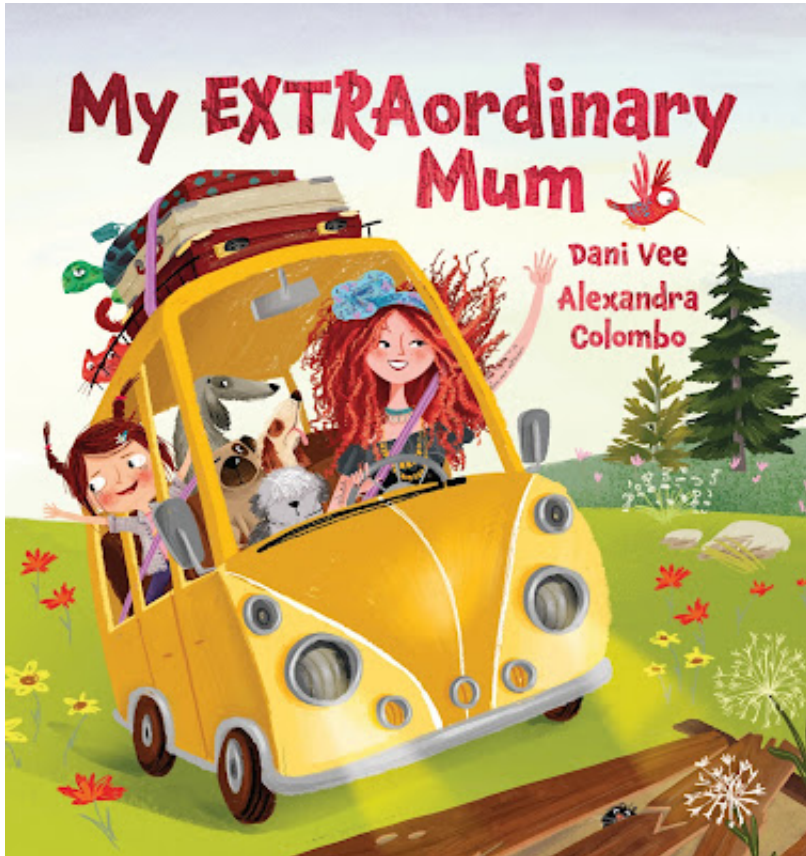
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Dani's debut picture book is:



Liz interviews Anna Battese



Anna Battese is a bookworm, baker and children's book maker.

Once a marine biologist, she now spends her days writing children's stories full of adventure, heart and the occasional (but always friendly) shark. Her first junior fiction series, PD McPem's Agency for Mysterious Mysteries is out now with Yellow Brick Books and more adventures are planned for 2023.

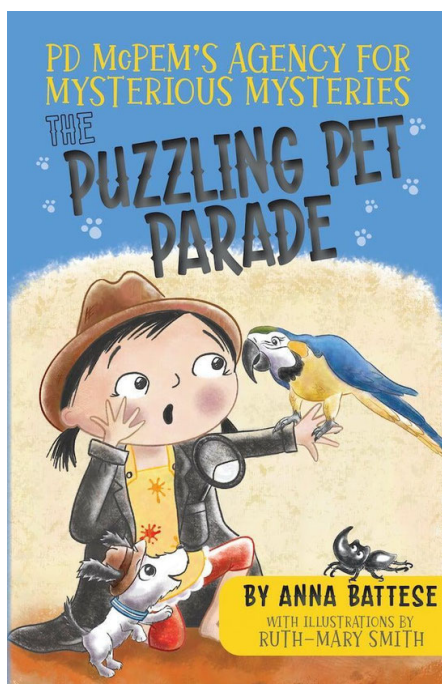
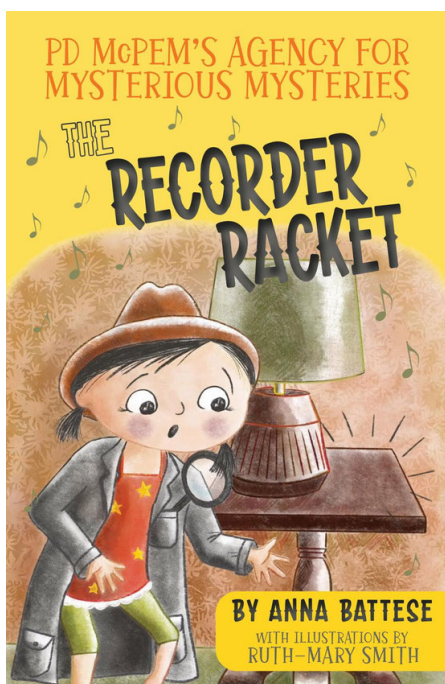
Anna lives in Naarm-Melbourne with her little girl, a mischievous labradoodle and an imaginary octopus named Hans Gruber. If you'd like to hear more about Anna's books, organise a visit to your school or discuss the joys of a book-filled shelf on a rainy day, please pop by Anna's website or drop her a note on Insta.

Find out more about Anna at:

Instagram: [@annabattese](https://www.instagram.com/annabattese)

Website: annabattese.com

Anna's books are:

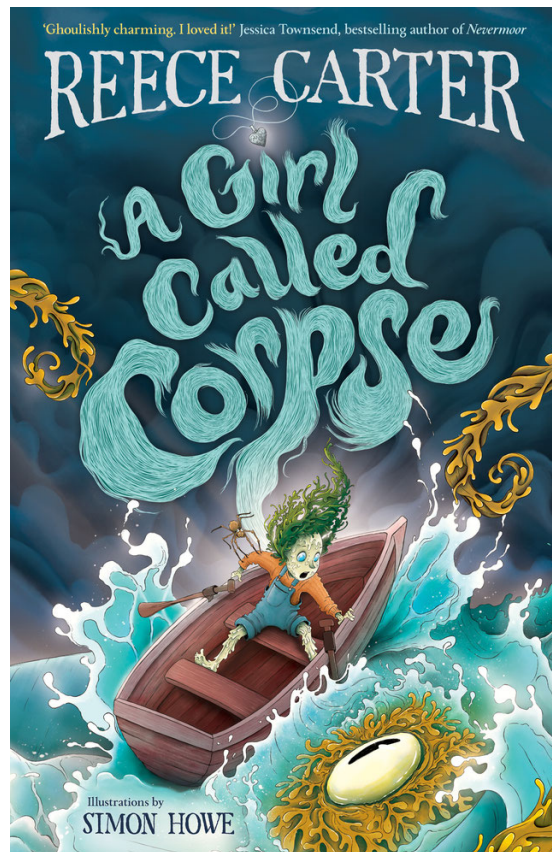


Nat interviews Reece Carter



Reece Carter grew up on his family farm in

Reece's brand new book is:



Tammin, Western Australia. There was an unfortunate lack of witches and ghosts though, so Reece had to find them in books instead. Roald Dahl, Paul Jennings and Emily Rodda were some of his first favourite authors. After a few years travelling overseas, Reece moved to Melbourne. But even while working as a nutritionist by day, Reece maintained a secret double life, continuing to write middle-grade novels by night. Now, he lives in Sydney and writes kids' fiction full-time. *A Girl Called Corpse* is his debut novel.

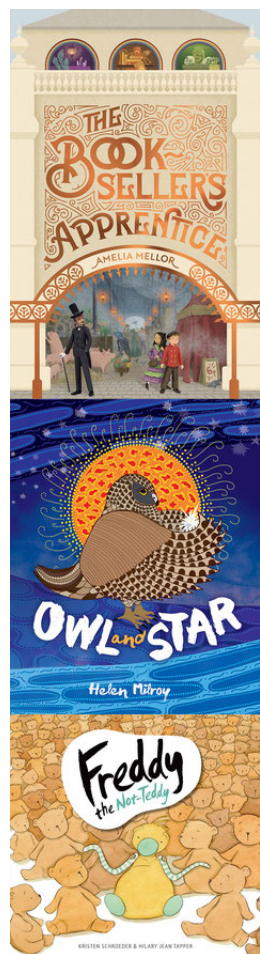
Find out more about Reece at:

Website: reececarter.com.au

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Whatcha Readin'?



Kate recommends...
The Bookseller's Apprentice by Amelia Mellor, published by Affirm Press

affirmpress.com.au/publishing/the-booksellers-apprentice

Owl and Star by Helen Milroy, published by Fremantle Press
fremantlepress.com.au/books/owl-and-star

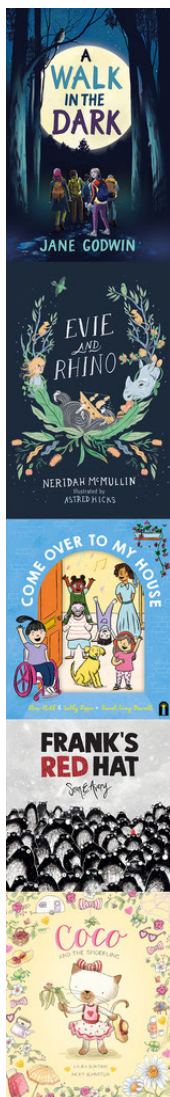


Nat recommends...
Furball: Spy Cat by Adrian Beck, published by Larrikin House

larrikinhouse.com.au/products/furball-spy-cat

Worst Week Ever: Wednesday by Matt Cosgrove and Eva Amores, published by Scholastic
shop.scholastic.com.au/Worst-Week-Ever!-Wednesday

Freddy the Not-Teddy by Kristen Schroeder and Hilary Jean Tapper, published by EK Books
ekbooks.org/product/freddy-the-not-teddy



Liz recommends...
A Walk in the Dark by Jane Godwin, published by Hachette
hachette.com.au/jane-godwin/a-walk-in-the-dark

Evie and Rhino written by Neridah McMullin, illustrated by Astred Hicks & published by Walker Books

walkerbooks.com.au/book/9781760654207

Come Over to My House co-written by Eliza Hull and Sally Rippen, illustrated by Daniel Gray-Barnett & published by Bright Light at Hardie Grant
hardiegrant.com/au/come-over-to-my-

Frog Finds A Place by Sally Morgan & Ezekiel Kwaymullina, illustrated by Dub Leffler
shop.scholastic.com.au/100101824/Frog-Finds-a-Place

The House on Pleasant Street by Sofie Laguna & Marc McBride, published by Allen & Unwin
allenandunwin.com/browse/book/Sofie-Laguna,-illustrated-by-Marc-McBride-House-on-Pleasant-Street

My Deadly Boots by Carl Merrison & Hakea Hustler, illustrated by Samantha Campbell and published by Lothian Books
hachette.com.au/my-deadly-boots

On Our Radar

On Nat's radar is a relatively new book and disability advocacy project called **Forevability** which has been created by children's author and disability advocate Tabitha Page.

Forevability is about to open its second annual book awards and they welcome submissions of children's books with themes of disability, illness, inclusion or diversity OR written or illustrated by a person with a disability, chronic condition, illness, or who are neurodiverse.

Books must be published between January

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Frank's Red Hat by Sean E Avery,

published by Walker Books

[walkerbooks.com.au/book/978176065428](http://walkerbooks.com.au/book/9781760654283)

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Coco and the Spiderling by Laura

Bunting, illustrated by Nicky Johnston and

published by Scholastic

[shop.scholastic.com.au/Product/10010182](http://shop.scholastic.com.au/Product/100101828/Coco-and-the-Spiderling)

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1st 2010 and October 20th 2022.

Submissions are open from the 24th of October to the 1st Dec.

For more info, head to: forevability.org



Shout-out



This episode, Liz shouts out to an exciting rebrand of a favourite tween magazine. Formerly known as **Kookie** and aimed at girls, it's just rebranded as **Youkie** with content to appeal to all kids. It's a smart, ad-free magazine with everything from book reviews and kids' fiction to non-fiction and contributions from kids themselves. Liz is also excited to share she's had a short story for kids accepted for publication in Youkie, to appear early next year - stay tuned!

To find out more about the magazine or to [subscribe](#), head to:

kookiemagazine.com.au

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Competition Details

This episode thanks to Allen and Unwin, we have two great books to give away: **Honour Among Ghosts** by Sean Williams and **A Girl Called Corpse** by Nat's guest this episode, Reece Carter.

Head to our [WIN](#) page and simply tell us *about a children's author whose work you've read for the first time recently and really enjoyed.*



Enter your answer (or ask a parent to) by 5pm Tuesday 15th Nov 2022 to be in the running.

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