



# One MORE Page

a podcast for lovers of kids' books



Episode 1 - It's Our First Time with author Catherine Pelosi



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In this episode, we interview debut children's author, Catherine Pelosi, published by Hachette Australia. Catherine Pelosi is a Sydney-based children's book author. When she was younger, she loved two things in equal measure: animals and writing stories. For a long time she wanted to be a zoologist. Catherine has had several jobs working with animals, including in wildlife



Junior science geniuses Augustine, Celeste and Oscar can't believe their luck when they're accepted into an elite and mysterious science academy summer camp run by the elusive Inventor Quark. From the moment they step inside the gates of Quark's Academy at the end of Molecule Drive, they know they're in for



rescue, as a dinosaur tour guide and marketing for an animal shelter in London, but her love of writing never went away. These days, she writes as often as she can. Catherine hasn't lost her love of animals, however, and you will often find one or two roaming through her stories. QUARK'S ACADEMY is Catherine's first novel; SOMETHING FOR FLEUR is her first picture book.

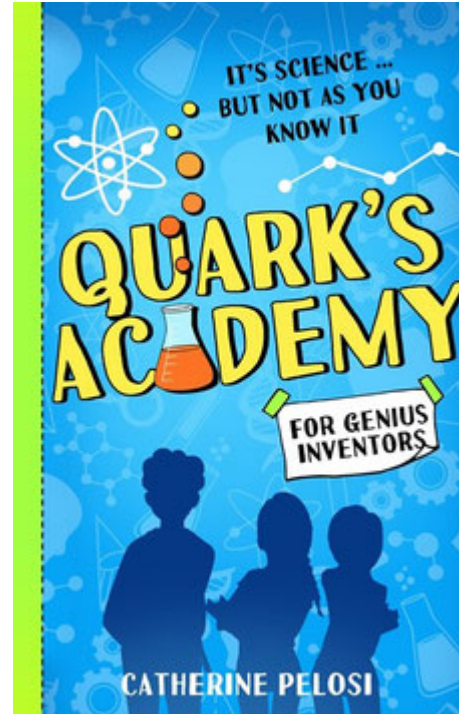
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a week they'll never forget. But things at the academy are not quite what they seem, and the three quickly realise that they'll need to put their squabbles aside and their heads together if they're ever to get out of there alive... A page-turning adventure for readers aged eight to twelve, QUARK'S ACADEMY is bound to cause a hair-raising reaction!

Catherine Pelosi's debut novel Quarks Academy can be found

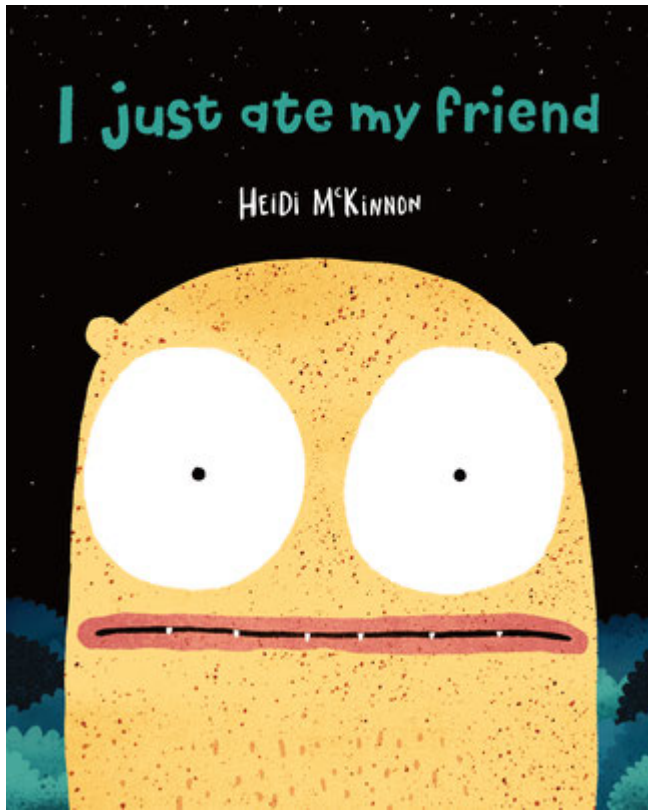
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## Kids Capers Book Review

**I JUST ATE MY FRIEND** by Heidi McKinnon can be found at



<https://www.allenandunwin.com/browse/books/childrens/picture-books/I-Just-Ate-My-Friend-Heidi-McKinnon-9781760294342>

This beautiful, innovative picture book from an enormously talented creator will make you laugh out loud. The search for a true friend is something everyone can relate to - from the very young to the very old.

*I just ate my friend. He was a good friend. But now he is gone. Would you be my friend?*

A hilarious story about the search for friendship and belonging... and maybe a little bit about the importance of impulse control... from an amazing new creator.

**About Author/Illustrator Heidi McKinnon:**

Heidi McKinnon was born and grew up in Tamworth NSW. After a childhood spent trying to avoid country music she moved to Melbourne and studied art and design at RMIT. After graduating, she worked lots of weird jobs until she began a career as a Graphic Designer.

This is Heidi's first book. She has never eaten a good friend.

## Whatcha Readin'?



Kate recommends **The Fall** by Tristan Banks.

<https://www.penguin.com.au/books/the-fall-9780143783053>

## Shout outs

On this episode, we give a shout out to some of our favourite kids' book specialist stores.

**The Younger Sun, Yarraville, Melbourne**

<http://sunbookshop.com/>



Liz recommends **Once Upon a Small Rhinoceros** by Meg McKinley and Leila Rudge.  
<https://www.walkerbooks.com.au/Books/Once-Upon-a-Small-Rhinoceros-9781925126709>

**The Children's Bookshop, Beecroft, Sydney**  
<https://www.facebook.com/The-Childrens-Bookshop-239327069453946/>

**Where the Wild Things Are, West End, Brisbane**  
<http://wherethewildthingsare.com.au/>



Nat recommends **Truly Tan** by Jen Storer.  
<http://www.harpercollins.com.au/9780733331213/>

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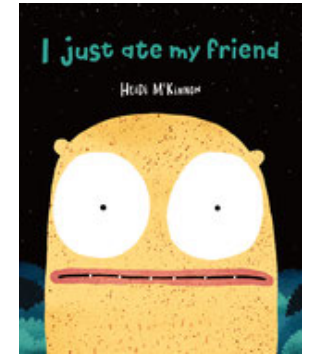
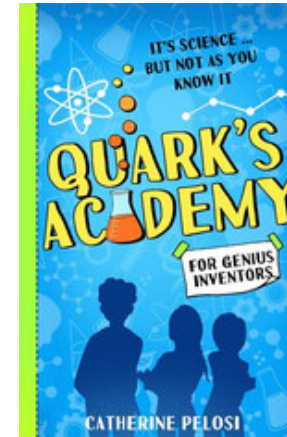
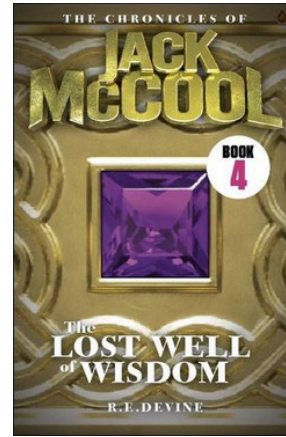
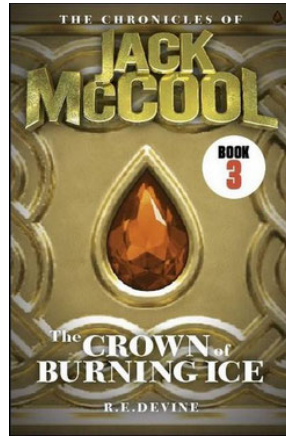
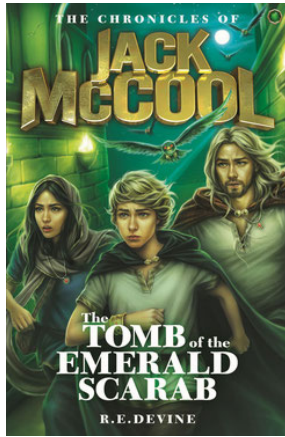
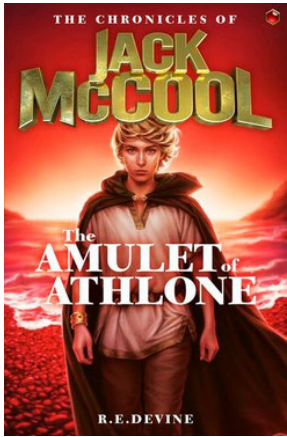


Kate recommends 'The Unexplainable Disappearance of Mars Patel' podcast.

**The Unexplainable Disappearance of Mars Patel** is a scripted podcast for middle grade kids, performed by middle grade kids. It is a fun, high-quality, serial mystery that can be described as Goonies meets Spy Kids meets Stranger Things for 8-12 year olds.

<http://www.marspatel.com/>

## Competition Details



Head to our [WIN](#) page and let us know in 25 words or less what your ultimate invention would be, just like the kids in Catherine's Pelosi's debut novel, Quarks Academy. Enter your answer (or ask a parent to) by 5pm Sunday 11 February 2018, and we'll choose our favourite idea. The prize includes a copy of Quarks Academy by Catherine Pelosi, the hilarious picture book I Just Ate My Friend by Heidi McKinnon, and a set of four Jack McCool books, a middle grade adventure series by R.E. Devine

Check out the Jack McCool books at <http://ruthdevinewriter.com>

## Other Bits & Pieces

For our listener question, Kate spoke about the book 'No Flying in the House' - Check it out below <https://www.harpercollins.com/9780064401302/no-flying-in-the-house>

## Thanks

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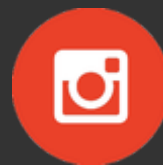
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*all illustrations have been done by Marianne Khoo who we love & appreciate more than she can ever imagine!*

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