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## Episode 6 - Literary Legends with Deb Abela



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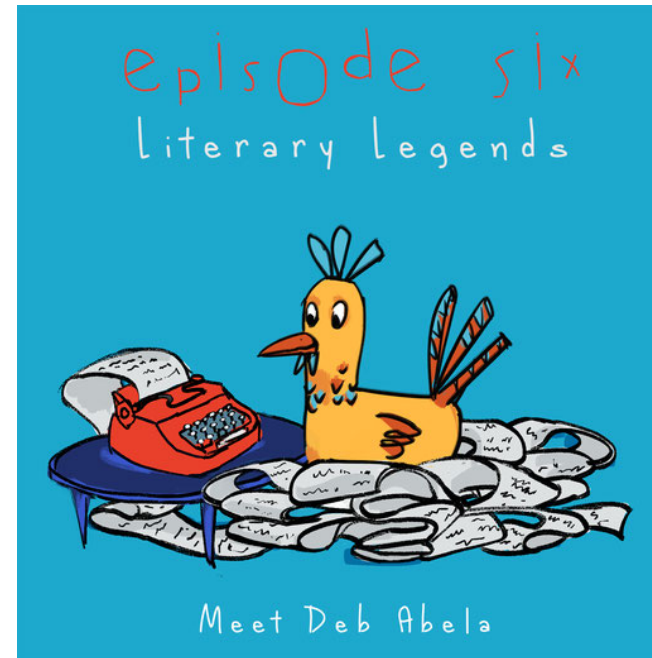
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After completing a teaching degree, Deb went to Africa where she was caught in a desert sandstorm, harassed by monkeys and thrown in jail... twice! She produced and wrote a national kids' TV show before leaving to write 25 books for children, including the *Max Remy Superspy* and *Jasper Zammit (Soccer Legend)* series. Her crankiness about climate change led to the novels, *Grimsdon* and *New*

*City*, while *Teresa - A New Australian*, was inspired by her dad, who, with a million other refugees, made the journey to Australia after surviving the devastation of WW2. *The Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee* and sequel, *The Most Marvellous Spelling Bee Mystery*, were inspired by her love of words and her first picture book is *Wolfie, An Unlikely Hero*. Deb's won awards for her work, including a USA IBBY Outstanding International Book Award and the 2013 Maurice Saxby Award for services to Children's Literature. She was a KOALA legend in 2017 with *Grimsdon* shortlisted for the 4th time, and her novel *Teresa - A New Australian* was shortlisted for the Western Australia Young Book Readers Awards plus won the best



Just when India Wimple's life is returning to normal after competing in the Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee, she's invited to London for an international spelling showdown. But how can she go without her family? The Yungabilla community might have a solution! In London, India is reunited with her friends Rajish and Summer. They meet new spellers, and are invited to Buckingham Palace to meet the Queen. But there is skulduggery afoot, with a series of mysterious mishaps.

There is even talk of cancelling the competition altogether. India and her friends are determined to find out who the culprit is and get the spelling bee back on track. There are words to be spelled, nerves to be overcome, and a champion to be found!

**The Most Marvellous Spelling Bee Mystery** can be found at:

book in translation award in Malta. *The Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee* was also shortlisted for the Aust. Family Therapists Awards. She is a proud ambassador for **Room to Read** and **Books in Homes** but mostly hopes to be as brave as her characters.

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[www.penguin.com.au/books/the-most-marvellous-spelling-bee-mystery-9780143786689](http://www.penguin.com.au/books/the-most-marvellous-spelling-bee-mystery-9780143786689)

**The Stupendously Spectacular Spelling Bee** can be found at:

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More books by Deb Abela include...



**TERESA - A NEW AUSTRALIAN**



**GRIMSDON**



**WOLFIE  
AN UNLIKELY HERO**

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**(Liz's book choice)**

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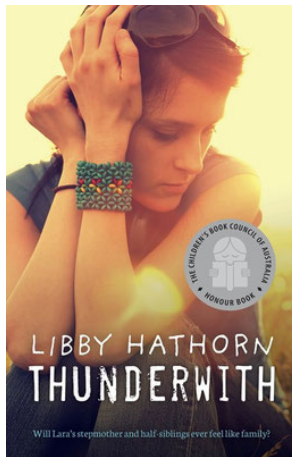
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**Charlee Rose reviews Thunderwith by Libby Hathorn (Kate's book choice)**

Find the book at

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Find more about Charlee Rose at

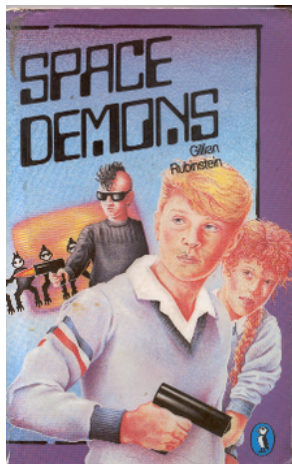
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**Jade reviews Space Demons by Gillian Rubinstein (Nat's book choice)**

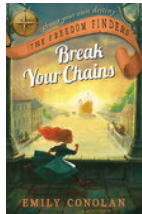
Find the book at

<http://www.gillianrubinstein.com/novels.html>

Find more about Jade at

[https://www.starnow.com.au/profile/?m\\_id=4418969](https://www.starnow.com.au/profile/?m_id=4418969)

## Whatcha Readin'?



Kate recommends **Break Your Chains: The Freedom Fighters** by Emily Conolan.  
<https://www.allenandunwin.com/browse/books/childrens/Break-Your-Chains-The-Freedom-Finders-Emily-Conolan-9781760294915>



Liz recommends **Go Go and the Silver Shoes** by Jane Godwin and illustrated by Anna Walker  
<https://www.penguin.com.au/books/go-go-and-the-silver-shoes-9780143785521>



Nat recommends **Friday Barnes: Never Fear** by R.A. Spratt  
<https://www.penguin.com.au/books/friday-barnes-8-never-fear-9780143784203>

## Shout outs

On this episode, we give a shout out to The Readings Children's Book Prize...



<https://www.readings.com.au/the-readings-children-s-book-prize>

### The 2018 Readings Children's Book Prize Shortlist:

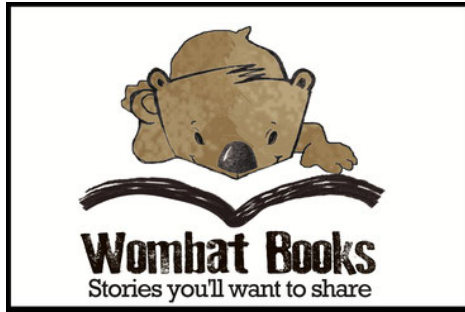
[Tarin of the Mammoths: The Exile](#) by Jo Sandhu  
[Nevermoor: The Trial of Morrigan Crow](#) by Jessica Townsend  
[Lintang and the Pirate Queen](#) by Tamara Moss  
[The Boy, the Bird and the Coffin Maker](#) by Matilda Woods  
[The Extremely Inconvenient Adventures of Bronte Mettlestone](#) by Jaclyn Moriarty  
[Home Time](#) by Campbell Whyte

## On Our Radar

### ABOUT THE COMPETITION:

The team at **Wombat Books** are seeking original illustrations from Australian school-aged students (aged 5 - 18) to publish in a unique picture book. This challenge has been established in order to provide aspiring young illustrators with the opportunity to be published in a professionally produced children's book and gain an introduction into the world of illustrating.

Winning illustrations will be published in the book titled **Around Australia in 30 Places** which is due for release in 2019. Illustrators will receive two free copies of the book and a \$50 voucher to spend at Wombat Books on other titles. They will be acknowledged on the Wombat Books



website as a rising illustrator.

Find out more at:

<https://www.wombatbooks.com.au/competitions>

Nat also gave a shout out to **Creative Kids Tales**, which features monthly author interviews with both established and emerging creators, writing tips, competitions and insights into the publishing world. Check them out at: <https://www.creativekidstales.com.au/>

## Competition Details



Head to our [WIN](#) page and let us know in **25 words or less** who your favourite legendary Australian author is and why. Enter your answer (or ask a parent to) by **5pm Tuesday 1st May 2018**, and we'll choose our favourite answer. The prize includes all six of the shortlisted titles for this year's Readings Children's Book Prize.

## Thanks

A special thank you to illustrator Marianne Khoo for designing the One More Page podcast logo and other associated images.

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