



## Episode 15 - Book Week Bash



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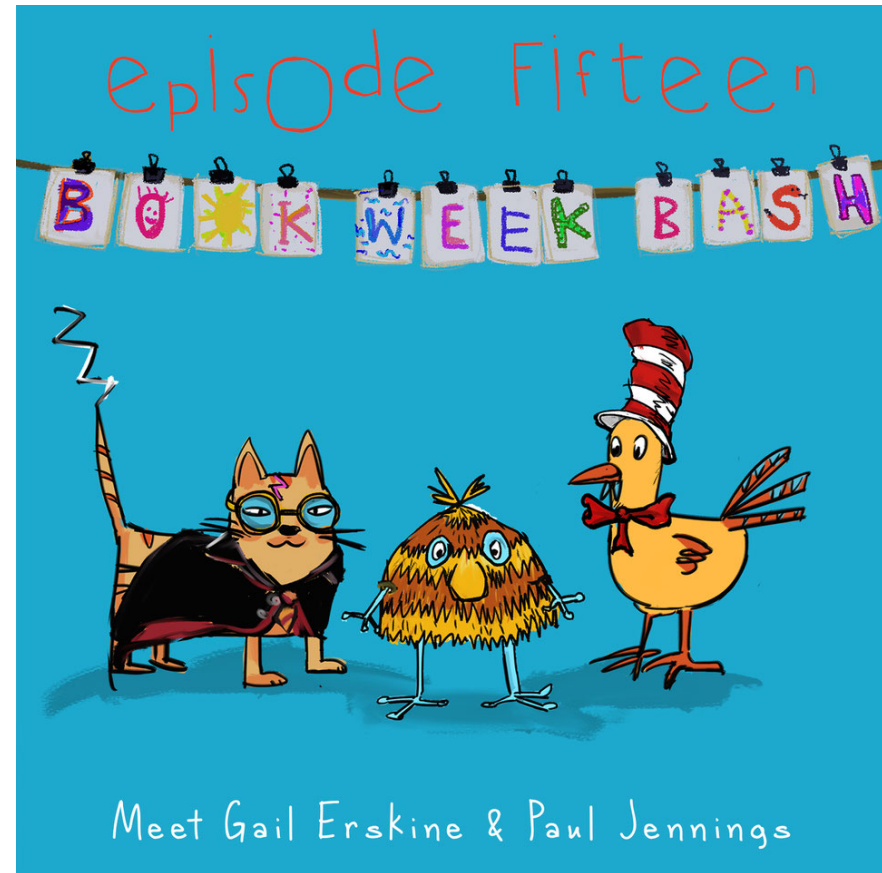
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**Gail Erskine** is President of the **Children's Book Council of Australia NSW Branch** and has been actively involved since 1991.

Gail is a former primary school teacher and it is not surprising that she re-trained as a teacher-librarian, since literature and a love of books featured daily in her school life.

CBCA Book Week celebrations were always a highlight and the CBCA Book of the Year Awards



Meet Gail Erskine & Paul Jennings



The Children's Book Council of Australia NSW Branch Inc (CBCA NSW Branch) is a not for profit, volunteer run organisation that aims to connect kids with books and their creators.

Best known for creating Children's Book Week, the CBCA Book of the Year Awards has run since 1946 to promote Australian children's books of high literary and artistic merit. These



(Notable Books, Shortlisted and eventual winners) were promoted to students and parents.

Gail has lived in the Sutherland Shire all her life. She enjoys the bush and the beach and loves a casual lifestyle. An avid reader all her life, she has shared this love with her family – Harden, Katherine, Robert and granddaughter Kira.

awards are widely celebrated in schools, libraries and by communities throughout Australia and play a vital role in fostering a reading culture and a love of books.

CBCA NSW Branch has seven sub-branches across the state in the Blue Mountains, Central Coast, Eastern Suburbs, Illawarra South Coast, Newcastle, New England North West and Northern Sydney. These groups are filled with adults passionate to develop a community that raises the importance of children's literature. Events are organised for adults and children in their local communities promoting authors and illustrators.

Find out more about CBCA NSW Branch Inc at:

Website: <http://nsw.cbca.org.au/>

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Phone the CBCA NSW head office on: (02) 9818 3858

## Kids Capers - Nat interviews her childhood hero, Paul Jennings

Kids' writing legend Paul Jennings graces our podcast and host Nat becomes one very excited big-kid.

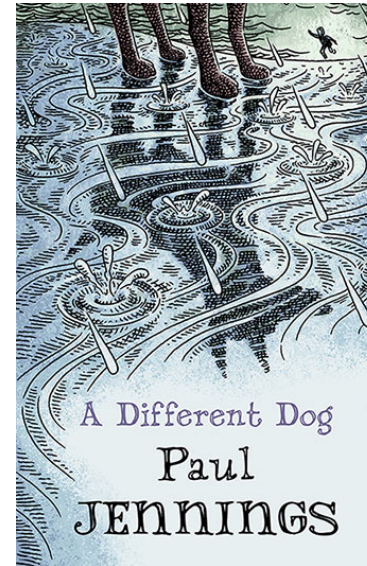
**Paul Jennings** has written over one hundred stories and has won every Australian children's choice book award.

Since the publication of *Unreal!* in 1985, readers all around the world have loved his books. The top-rating TV series *Round the Twist* and *Driven Crazy* were based on a selection of his enormously popular short-story collections such as *Unseen!*

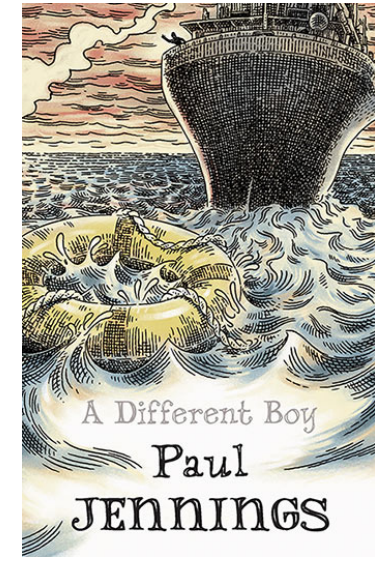


In 1995 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for services to children's literature and he was awarded the prestigious Dromkeen Medal in 2001.

Find out more about Paul at [www.pauljennings.com.au](http://www.pauljennings.com.au) or [www.allenandunwin.com/authors/j/paul-jennings](http://www.allenandunwin.com/authors/j/paul-jennings)



The forest is dense and dark. And the trail full of unexpected perils. The dog can't move. The boy can't talk. And you won't know why. Or where you are going. You will put this story down not wanting the journey to end. Click [here](#) for more.



Two passengers have secrets of their own. When nothing is what it seems, can they help each other? Or will they sink into a sea of troubles? Click [here](#) for more.

## Whatcha Readin?



Kate recommends **My Storee** by Paul Russell and Aska and published by EK Books.

[www.ekbooks.org/product/my-storee/](http://www.ekbooks.org/product/my-storee/)

## Shout-out

Liz gives a shout-out this episode to the **Brain Pickings** blog, an inventory of cross-disciplinary interestingness, spanning art, science, design, history, philosophy, and more. And sometimes - kids' books! Check it out at [www.brainpickings.org](http://www.brainpickings.org)



Liz recommends **Pup and Down** by Sophie Beer and published by Little Hare.

[www.hardiegrant.com/au/publishing/bookfinder/book/pup-and-down-by-sophie-beer/9781760501808](http://www.hardiegrant.com/au/publishing/bookfinder/book/pup-and-down-by-sophie-beer/9781760501808)



Nat recommends **Jane Doe and the Cradle of all Worlds** by Jeremy Lachlan and published by Hardie Grant Egmont.

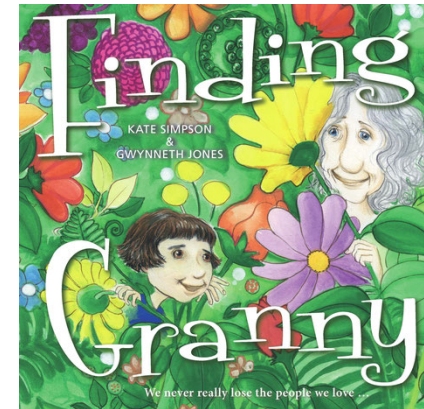
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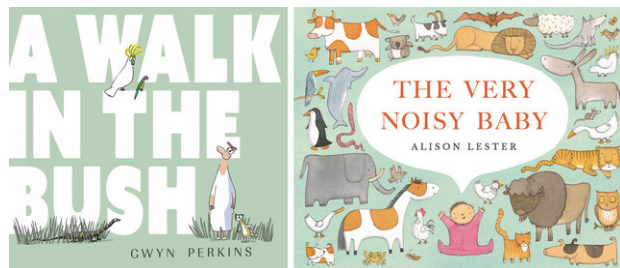
On Kate's radar this episode is her first ever **school visit** as an author. She will be talking to students from Kindergarten to Year 2 about how she became a writer, where she gets her inspiration from and how her book *Finding Granny* went from a little idea to a published picture book.

If you're in Sydney and are looking for an author to visit your school, you can find out more about Kate on her author website [www.katesimpsonbooks.com](http://www.katesimpsonbooks.com).



## Competition Details

This episode, we're giving away this awesome Book Week Book Pack thanks to our friends at the CBCA and Affirm Press. It includes CBCA Honour book **The Very Noisy Baby** by Alison Lester and CBCA Picture Book of the Year winner, **A Walk In The Bush** by Gwyn Perkins.



Head to our [WIN](#) page and let us know in 25 words or less your pick for Book Of The Year. Enter your answer (or ask a parent to) by 5pm Tuesday 4th September to be in the running.

## Other Bits & Pieces

We make our own CBCA Book of the Year predictions prior to the big announcement. Find out how we went at the end of the show! We congratulate all of the winners, check out them out here:

<https://cbca.org.au/winners-2018>



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