

Stuff About Australian Author Hazel Edward

“Creativity is the fun of putting together unexpected ideas”

Hazel still lives in the same house , where she got the idea for ‘There’s a Hippopotamus on Our Roof Eating Cake’.

She wrote her first book in Grade 6. It was a mystery.

Each birthday she writes a story around photos for the children in her family.

She has over 200 books published, some in languages like Chinese, Korean, Auslan signing , Tamil, and Braille.

She writes for adults and for children.

She likes finding out about people, places and ideas. Antarctica is the coolest place she’s gone.

Hazel is a Reading Ambassador. And an aqua readaholic. Don’t tell the librarian that she reads in the bath!

'Hijabi Girl' co-written with librarian Ozge Alkan, was performed as a musical by Larrikin Puppets for Book Week.

And in 2020, the age-less cake-eating hippo celebrated 40 years of being a favourite book character who has also performed on stage in a musical and is 'the most borrowed' book in some libraries.

Hazel's 6 year old grandson helped her craft the last hippo picture book 'Ho Ho Ho There's a Hippopotamus on Our Roof Eating Christmas Cake' and drew his own cover. So there's a thank you to him inside the published book.

Now he is writing his own stories.

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