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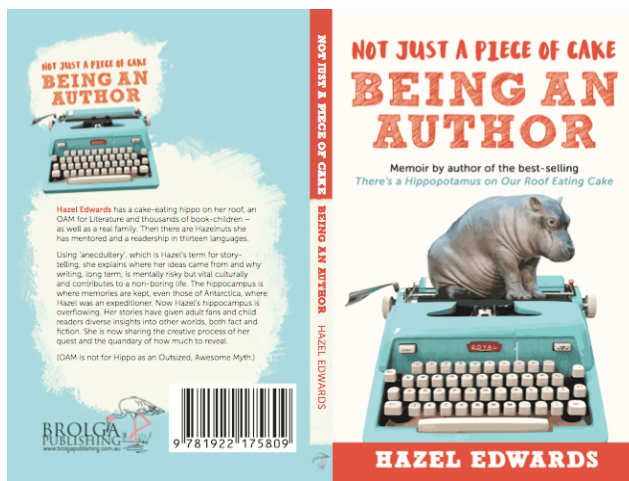
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Not Just a Piece of Cake: Being an Author

Not Just a Piece of Cake: Being an Author by
Hazel Edwards (Brolga Publishing) PB RRP
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Cake, Meat and Serendipity

As the author opens up on her childhood, lifestyle and influences, you care that little Hazel was called a liar in primary school for being a fast reader. Maybe you can even relate this to a similar incident at your own school...and Edwards still became a teacher and a teacher of teachers!

Her humour and generosity is evident throughout as she shares her

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history, family secrets, joys and motivations along with the tricks of her trade – how to overcome writer’s block; how to find inspiration.

An author of over 200 books for both children and adults, Edwards is best known for her “There’s a Hippopotamus on Our Roof” collection which has now reached the 30 year anniversary mark. This particular collection has been at the centre of many invitations to speak all over Australia and the world having been recently translated into Chinese.

As Edwards invites you into her fascinating world, you want to ask questions: What did happen when you miscalculated daylight savings? No broadcast that day? Are you glad that you made that trip to Antarctica? It sounds scary. What was the email story that you send to Lachie that would work for any child’s name to be inserted?

Not a long book at 178 pages, but read it once for story and if you are interested in writing, read it again for tips on process.