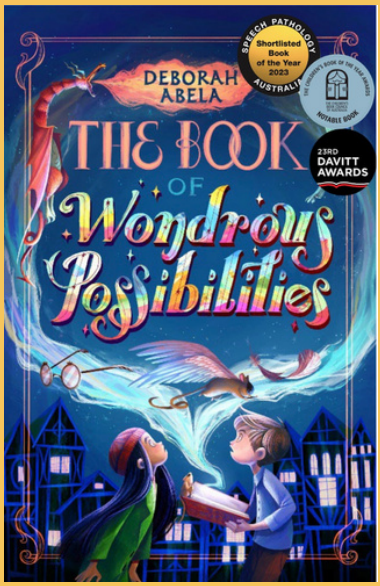
DEBORAH ABELA

AUTHOR

BIO

After completing a teaching degree, Deb went to Africa where she was caught in a desert sandstorm, harassed by monkeys and woke up next to an alligator. She became the producer/writer of a national kids' TV show before leaving to write 30 internationally published and awarded books.



BOOKS

Deb's crankiness about climate change led to the best-selling trilogy, *Grimsdon*, *New City* and *Final Storm*. Her picture books are *Wolfie: An Unlikely Hero* and the CBCA Notable, *Bear in Space*. *The Book of Wondrous Possibilities* is her love-letter to booksellers, books and librarians and how they save us when we feel lost. *The Kindness Project is* a verse novel about how the smallest acts of kindness can change the world. Her latest picture book is, *No More Room in the Bed*.

Deb's won lots of awards for her books but mostly hopes to be as brave as her characters.

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PRESENTATIONS

Author Talks ages 5-12

Deb's talks are engaging and interactive. With her teaching and writing background, she uses images, videos and storytelling to encourage a love of reading and demystify the writing process to prove it can be exciting and fun.

Writing Workshops ages 7-12

Ever since Deb was 7, she's been good at making trouble. Find out how trouble-making led her to write about flying machines, spelling bees and books of wondrous possibilities. We'll explore the writing process, including developing ideas, planning, writing brilliant beginnings and creating characters and stories readers will love!

TESTIMONIALS

'It was great to see the students breathing in the enthusiasm and expertise of Deb. She is truly inspirational and I'll take many of her techniques back to the classroom.' *Lake Joondalup Baptist College.*

'I don't think I have ever seen the children so completely absorbed.' *Hunter Valley Grammar School*

'I can't remember enjoying an author visit so much (I've seen lots!). Your presentation is masterful and I wish I had half your energy.' *Mt Lilydale Mercy College*

'Today was one of the best days of my life! I love Deborah Abela's books and personality so much.' *Imogen age 11*

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