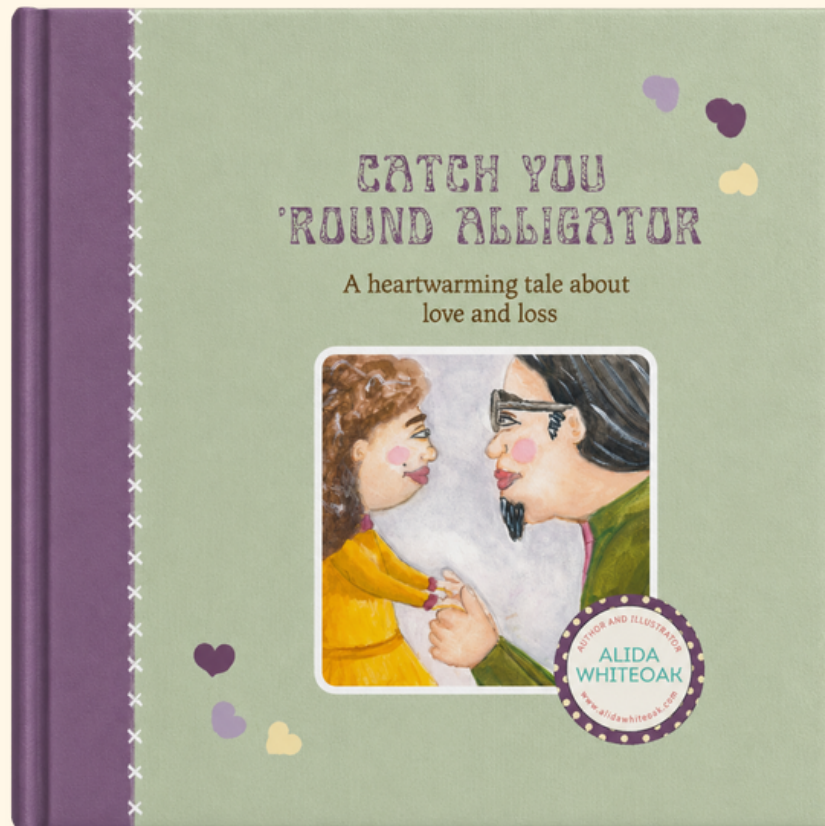


CATCH YOU 'ROUND ALLIGATOR

A Heartwarming Tale About Love and Loss



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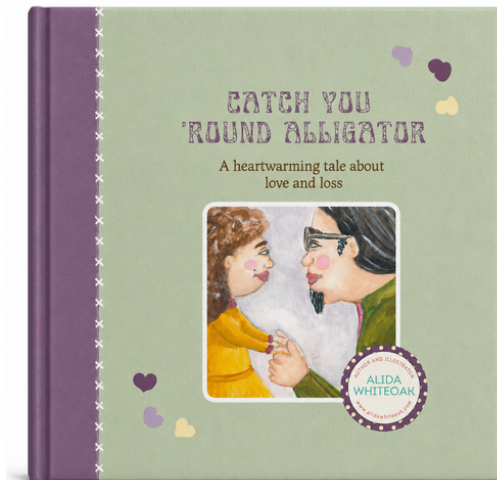
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CATCH YOU 'ROUND ALLIGATOR

Binh is a besotted hover parent, on a mission to give his daughter a note filled with fatherly advice. However, Ly Ly is far too preoccupied with navigating life's milestones than to read her Dad's words. Behind the pair's escapades lies a story of unconditional love, one that highlights the importance of treasuring every moment and the people in them. After-all, you don't know how long you will have them around.

ADORED BY BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN

- Explores love and loss through humour and warmth.
- Encourages open conversations about grief.
- Perfect for family reading and classrooms.

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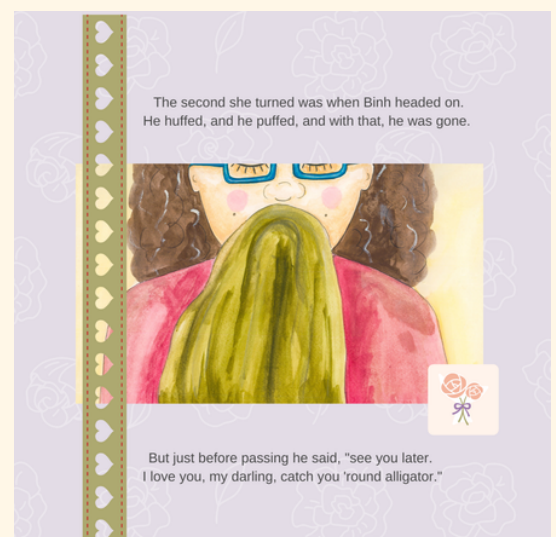
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ALIDA WHITEOAK: AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR



AUTHOR MOTIVATION

"I WRITE STORIES THAT GROW FROM SMALL, CURIOUS THOUGHTS, THE KIND THAT BLOOM QUIETLY WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT THEM. IF MY BOOKS HELP A READER FEEL SEEN, SLOW DOWN, OR LAUGH IN RECOGNITION, THEN I'VE DONE MY JOB."

HOP INTO ALIDA'S RABBIT HOLE OF STORIES!

Alida's newsletter offers a peek behind the pages, where daydreams turn into drafts, characters misbehave, and real life occasionally sneaks into her stories. Subscribers receive updates on new releases, creative projects, and the odd dash of whimsy.

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AUTHOR BIO

Alida Whiteoak is an Australian author and illustrator whose stories invite readers to slow down, look closer, and rediscover the wonder hiding in everyday life.

After fifteen years as a nurse, Alida swapped night shifts for notebooks, following her curiosity into the world of children's books. Her writing blends humour and heart with an eye for life's quiet details. Her picture books, **The Curious Case of Minty Green** and **Catch You 'Round Alligator**, are loved for their blend of gentle wit and emotional honesty.

Each story holds a message just beneath the laughter – about love, loss, curiosity, and the peculiar beauty of being human.

Alida's next release, **On the Day Before Christmas**, is a comic-style picture book celebrating family chaos, imagination, and the wild art of dreaming big.

She is also at work on a three-part children's series and an illustrated storybook inspired by pressed flowers and the natural world.

When she's not painting or plotting her next story, Alida can usually be found talking to her French Bulldog, Teo, or rearranging her art supplies with great purpose – and very little progress.

BOOK REVIEWS

Maree Talidu. Teacher and social activist

"Catch You 'round Alligator is an excellent story for both parents and their children. It tells a beautiful tale of relationships and journeys. Highly recommend this book as a gift for both adults and children, highlighting the bond between a father and his daughter."



Dave Graham. Musician and father

"Catch You 'round Alligator is a lovely poetic journey where both joy and sadness are handled with beauty and grace. This book is special."



Vendela Beckham. Yoga teacher and daughter

"Catch You 'round Alligator is a heartfelt and deeply touching story that awakens feelings of love and hope. The rhythm is repetitive and poetic, and the illustrations are a beautiful accompaniment to the narrative. It is a story for children (and adults) of all ages and is sure to bring both a smile and a tear to the eyes."



Arthur Crandon. Author

"For a debut book, this author has excelled. The closeness described between Binh, the father, and Ly Ly, his daughter, is evident from birth. Anyone who is a parent will identify with the emotions, the feelings, the love between a father and daughter which is brilliantly conveyed. The illustrations add to the depth of the writing, and complement the writing very well. The book made me reflect on my own relationship with my children. Very nicely written."



ARTICLE TOPICS AND QUESTIONS

- Representation of mixed-race children in picture books.
- Ways to aid the healing process after losing a loved one.
- How to bring up the concept of death with young people.
- How understanding the existence of death from a young age helps lessen anxiety.
- Some of the positives that have come from writing a picture book.

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How do you approach difficult topics like loss and mortality for young readers?

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How have the general public reacted to you writing a children's book about the circle of life?

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Have you found that there are many other children's books that showcase mixed race families? Did the general public embrace that aspect of your book?

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What's it like to write a book that touches so many people?

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