

CATCH YOU 'ROUND ALLIGATOR

**A heartwarming tale
about love and loss**

A tender, uplifting picture book about love, memory, and finding the courage to grow. Perfect for families, classrooms, and anyone who has ever missed someone they love.

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



*"If you cried when
you read 'LOVE YOU
FOREVER' by Robert
Munsch, then you're
going to fall in love
with 'CATCH YOU
'ROUND
ALLIGATOR'."*

Ly Ly and her dad, Binh, share a life filled with jokes, notes, big moments, and tiny ones. From childhood adventures to teenage milestones and first heartbreaks, Binh is always close by, cheering her on and keeping her brave. When life changes in ways she never wanted, Ly Ly turns to the words her father left behind. Through every joy and every loss, she learns that love has a way of staying close, even when someone cannot.



**WRITTEN AND ILLUSTRATED
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AUTHOR BIO



Alida grew up in Sydney, Australia, and spent fifteen years working as a nurse before burnout nudged her toward a slower, stranger kind of life. In that quiet, characters began to form: chatty, curious, and impossible to ignore. As she healed, they became books: *Catch You 'Round Alligator*, a tender ode to her stepdad, and *The Curious Case of Minty Green*, inspired by afternoons with her nieces. These days, she lives with her French bulldog, Teo, and splits her time between writing, cooking, and crafting—forever chasing the sweet spot between chaos and calm.

After losing her step-dad and spending years nursing families through grief, Alida realised how rarely children are given gentle, honest ways to talk about loss. *Catch You 'Round Alligator* grew from that realisation — a wish for children to have language that feels warm, safe, and steady, even when life changes.

She wanted a story that didn't rush grief away or hide it under the rug, but one that helps families sit together in it. A book that reassures children that love doesn't disappear — it moves with them. Memories matter, connection remains, and talking about loss can be a comforting, human thing.

THEMES + EDUCATIONAL TIE-INS

- Grief and resilience
- Emotional literacy
- Parent-child connection
- Celebrating memories
- Navigating change
- Gentle humour in difficult times

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

SUGGESTED AUDIENCES

- Schools (K-4)
- Libraries
- Storytime sessions
- Parenting groups
- Psychologists and counsellors
- Bereavement support programs
- Paediatric clinics

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