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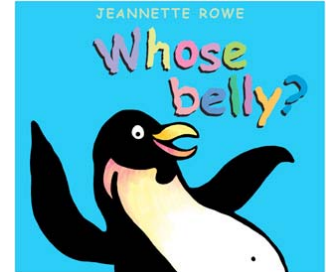
ONE MILLION BOOKS AND COUNTING!

ABC's bestselling preschool author/illustrator celebrates a milestone

Whose Belly?

Jeannette Rowe

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Multi award winning children's author and illustrator Jeannette Rowe celebrates the sale of over one million copies of her loveable collection of books.

From her Melbourne based studio by the sea, Jeannette Rowe has written and illustrated over 40 vibrant, educational and entertaining preschool books that are now available in 14 countries and seven different languages.



Over the past eight years, Jeannette has delighted children and parents alike with a huge range of books across the "Whose", "YoYo" and "My" series.

"I love coming up with new book ideas. Preschool children are so exciting to create for, because everything in their world is new and full of wonder. This willingness to learn is an invitation to have fun. Books for this age group should be fun, interactive and inviting. Nothing builds book confidence and enjoyment like early success," says Rowe.

Counting, naming objects and learning about colours, size and shapes, are just some of the integrated concepts Jeannette weaves into her brightly coloured books. This award winning formula continues this month, with ABC's bestselling children's author and illustrator releasing another great title 'Whose Belly', the 10th release in the 'Whose' series.

In this new and colourful addition to Jeannette Rowe's *Whose?* series, children have to flip the flaps to discover who belongs to the different bellies shown on each page - there's a gorilla, koala, penguin, polar bear and more!

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Available at ABC Shops, ABC Centres, selected bookstores,
on-line at abcshop.com.au or phone order to 1300 360 111.



Jeannette Rowe

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY



Jeannette began her career with her well known, award winning book "Sallywag". Over the past fifteen years, Jeannette has enjoyed working with many other wonderful authors such as Paul Jennings, Donna Rawlins and Duncan Ball.

When Jeannette's daughter was born in 1995, her work made a major turn away from her previously more complicated watercolour and pencil drawings. Wanting to create books for her new baby, Jeannette developed a vibrant new drawing style based on her daughter's love of bright colours, animals and surprises.

Jeannette's work as a writer has grown from a strong educational base, having previously worked as a teacher and curriculum writer. Parents love the simple learning opportunities they find within each of Jeannette's books, while their children enjoy the fun stories, wonderful colours and creative pictures.

And she is only getting warmed up!

Jeannette Rowe

AWARDS

- **Children's Book Council Awards** 1991 - short-listed for her picture book "Sallywag".
- **The Australian Multicultural Literature Awards** 1991- highly commended for "Sallywag".
- **The KOALA Awards** 1991 – short-listed for "Sallywag"
- **The YABBA Awards** 1991 and 1992 – short-listed for "Sallywag".
- **The YABBA Awards** 1992 – short-listed for "Teacher-Eater" written by Paul Jennings and Illustrated by Jeannette.
- **NSW Premier's Literary Award - Children's History Books** - short-listed in 1997 for "Hidden Treasures".
- **The APA Best Designed Children's Book Award** 1999 - First Prize "The Whose Series"
- **The APA Best Designed Children's Book Award** - Honour Prize "The YoYo Series"
- **The APA Best Designed Children's Book Awards** 2001- First Prize for the series award - "The Whose Series"
- **The APA Best Designed Children's Book Awards** 2002 - First Prize "The YoYo Series"
- **The APA Best Designed Children's Book Award** 2003 - Highly Commended for "The YoYo Board Book Series"
- **The CBC Notable Book List** 2003 – "YoYo's Toys"
- **The CBC Notable Book List** 2004 – "YoYo Helps"

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