

Jacqueline Harvey is one of Australia's most popular children's authors. She knew she wanted to be an author at a young age and although she couldn't say exactly when, winning a minor writing competition as a teenager inspired her to think that maybe, sometime in the future, she might be able to write books. It wasn't until November 2012, that Jacqueline took the giant step away from a 20-year career in schools as a teacher, Deputy Head of Junior School and most recently, Director of Development, to become a full time writer. Her bestselling Alice-Miranda series began as an idea for a picture book but it soon became apparent that this perpetually positive seven-and-a-quarter-year-old had a lot more to say. The series has been sold to the United States, United Kingdom, Indonesia, Turkey, Brazil (for Portuguese translation) and Hungary. Various titles have been shortlisted for a range of awards and she has won a YABBA and three KOALA Honour Books. For the past three years her books have been shortlisted for the prestigious Australian Book Industry Awards. The Clementine Rose series for younger readers has followed closely in the footsteps of Alice-Miranda's success, with the series being sold to the United Kingdom and Brazil. It has also been shortlisted for an ABIA. Jacqueline's first and only picture book, *The Sound of the Sea* was an Honour Book in the 2006 Children's Book Council Awards. Jacqueline lives in Sydney with her husband Ian and is currently working on more Alice-Miranda and Clementine Rose adventures. She relishes any opportunity to get back into school and work with the children who inspire her writing. In her spare time she likes to play golf in exotic locations.