

Kathryn Apel is a born-and-bred farm girl who's scared of cows. She lives with her husband and two sons, amongst the gum trees, cattle and kangaroos, on a Queensland grazing property. There are also guinea pigs, a ginger cat, and a Jack Russell that dotes on all the cuteness. Kathryn creates picture with words, because Kat can't draw. (And words can say so much!) *Fencing with Fear* was a chapter novel released in 2008. A picture book, *This is the Mud* was released in 2009. *Bully on the Bus*, Kathryn's verse novel, was released in 2014 to much acclaim, winning the Australian Family Therapists' Award for Children's Literature – Younger Readers/Picture Book, in 2015. Her most recent book with UQP is *On Track* (2015). She has poems included in *One Minute till Bedtime*, a collection of children's poetry compiled by former US Children's Poet Laureate Kenn Nesbitt, releasing in the US, September 2016 (Little, Brown). Kathryn teaches part-time, and conducts author talks at schools and festivals. She is a poet and writer who engages with her readers, and with other writers and illustrators, via her very active online presence.