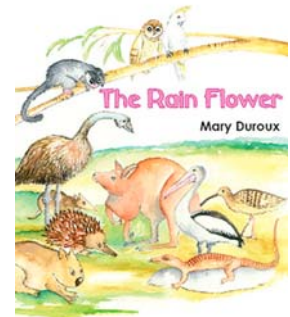


The Rain Flower

Story by **Mary Duroux**



DESCRIPTION

The Rain Flower is an adventure story about the journey of the night creatures and the day creatures to find a rain flower that will benefit them all. Their journey is one of learning: how to unite, seek advice, give opinion and work together – and their discovery is unexpected. By story's end, readers can embark on their own journey to discover a rain flower.

The night creatures: possum, wombat, bandicoot, curlew and owl; and the day creatures: kangaroo, cockatoo, emu, echidna, pelican and goanna; all live happily together in a beautiful valley of sweet grass and cool water.

But one spring, the rain didn't come, and the waterhole dried up.

This is a delightful story of the bush creatures' search for the rain flower to bring the rain, and fill the rivers and waterhole.

Mary Duroux, author

Mary Duroux lives in Moruya, on the south coast of New South Wales. Her mother was a member of the Yuin tribe of Bega. Mary has written songs and poetry for years. A ministerial appointment to the Aboriginal Arts Board of the Australia Council in 1977 widened her interest to include all facets of Aboriginal art, artists, poets, and authors. Mary has strong connections with her Aboriginal community and spent time as a child in the bush, looking for rain flowers – which exist. This is her first children's story.

Karen Briggs, illustrator

Karen Briggs is a descendant of the Aboriginal Yorta Yorta people. As a child, she spent many holidays with her grandmother on the Cummeragunja Mission along the river by the Barmah State Forest where the environment inspired her to be an artist. She has a Bachelor of Design from the University of South Australia, and has designed many published works, including children's stories.

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Format

210x150mm

Extent

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Illustrations

mix of b/w & col

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Target markets

- First solo readers, approx 6-7 years
- Parents, grandparents and gift buyers
- schools

Selling points

- Indigenous storyteller and illustrator, telling true story of rain flowers
- Story encourages tolerance and working together, and visiting the bush.
- Charming colour and b/w illustrations, well priced.

Categories

- Children's first solo reading story

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