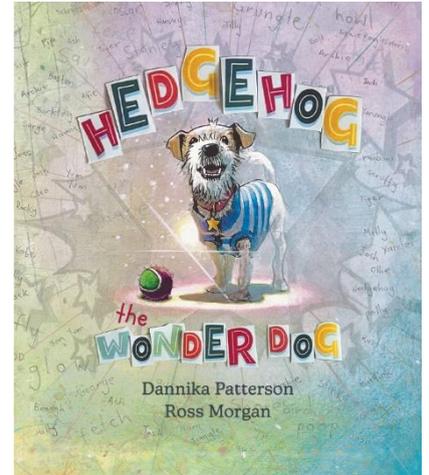


Hedgehog the Wonder Dog

By Dannika Patterson

Illustrated by Ross Morgan



Anyone can see that Hedgehog the Wonder Dog is no ordinary dog. Tell her to sit, and she'll shake a paw; tell her to fetch and she rolls over.

But it's only kids like Sam who can sense her true superpowers.

A story about the healing powers of wonder dogs and super brave kids.

Key points:

- Celebrates the connection between humans and animals, specifically the 'wonder' and healing powers of therapy dogs.
- Explores the concept of childhood illness and treatment in a gentle, age-appropriate way by providing a window into the world of a children's hospital.
- Through perspective and symbolism, this book shows the contrasting inner and outer worlds of a child.
- Ross Morgan's deeply sensitive illustrations are richly layered combinations of hand-drawn sketches, paintings and some digital elements. The illustrations are multi-layered with hidden elements to explore.
- Written in flowing prose, featuring literary devices including alliteration and assonance, as well as concepts including days of the week, routines, counting down.
- A book to comfort children going through hospital treatment.
- A valuable resource for parents, friends, carers, teachers, counsellors and medical staff.
- Promotes the benefits of therapy animals.
- A conversation starter around assumptions: contrasting the way Hedgehog is viewed by strangers in the outside world versus how she appears to Sam in the hospital environment.
- Unique character connections encourage discussions about emotional support.

A book full of heart, hope and furry, four-legged love.

About the Author:

Dannika Patterson is a children's author and workshop presenter with degrees in Psychology and Journalism. She is the author of more than 12 picture books and early reader titles published across trade, education, independent and not-for-profit markets. Dannika's writing and related school workshops aim to uplift and spark wonder, helping to foster ecological, social and self-awareness in a gentle, joyful way.

About the Illustrator:

Ross Morgan is an award-winning fine artist and illustrator with a genuine interest in stories that explore sensitive, heartfelt topics and emotive characters. His background as an exhibition artist, portrait painter and surrealist have given him a unique approach to illustrating books. He loves searching for quiet little moments that are filled with magic. In 2019, Ross won the Raising Literacy Australia's Emerging Writer and Illustrator Mentoring Program. In 2021, he was shortlisted in the 2021 SCBWI Australian Picture Book Illustrator Award (emerging illustrator).

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- *Scribbly Gum Secrets*
- *Beach Kindy*

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- *Molly Moores has a House Like Yours*
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