

Remembering Jan Ormerod

Born in Western Australia 23 November 1946. Died in the UK 23 January 2013.

Jan Ormerod was, in the words of her daughter, 'a loyal friend, an outstanding mother and a world famous children's author and illustrator, producing close to 100 titles and winning numerous awards. She inspired a whole generation of young artists and many of you will have grown up with her books.'



Jan's first book, *Sunshine* (1981), won the Mother Goose award and was voted Australian Picture Book of the Year, followed by *Moonlight* in 1982. She believed that the most important thing about books for babies and very young children is that they are shared between the child and a caring adult, to their mutual enrichment.

Her numerous titles include *101 Things to Do With a Baby*, *Lizzie Nonsense* and *The Story of Chicken Licken* (CBCA short list). Her varied career also involved some highly successful partnerships, including with illustrator Freya Blackwood for *Maudie and Bear*, which won Early Childhood Book of the Year in 2011, and with Australian Children's Laureate Boori Monty Pryor for *Shake A Leg*. Jan's last picture book *The Swap*, illustrated by Andrew Joyner is shortlisted in the 2014 CBCA Early Childhood Category.

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