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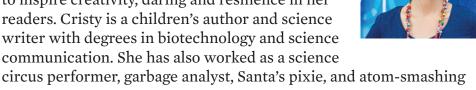
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ABOUT THE BOOK

Cam and Sophie feel like they've been travelling forever to get to the rainforest and the river and their cousins. They just want to see a platypus in the wild, but with the rain tipping down and the river turning wild they can't see a thing. Until suddenly, they can. A platypus is just below them, and it needs help! But when their rescue attempt goes horribly wrong, it's not just the platypus that needs saving ...

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Cristy Burne grew up climbing trees, jumping drains, chasing cows and inventing stories. She has a passion for learning through doing and loves to inspire creativity, daring and resilience in her readers. Cristy is a children's author and science writer with degrees in biotechnology and science communication. She has also worked as a science



KEY POINTS

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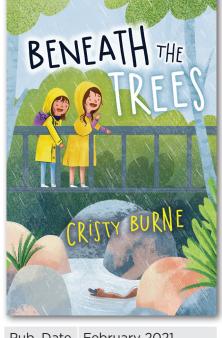
- Cristy's previous books include *Off the Track*, set on the Bibbulmun Track, and *To the Lighthouse*, set on Rottnest Island.
- She is a regular contributor to the CSIRO's *Double Helix* magazine and her articles on popular science, travel and food have appeared in national and international magazines, journals and newspapers.
- Cristy's previous works have been shortlisted for a Speech Pathology Australia Award, a WA Young Readers Book Award and a Wilderness Society Award and she has had a title named a CBCA Notable Book.
- Cristy has written materials for the award-winning exhibition 'Tyrannosaurs, Meet the Family' and the WA Museum's 'Origins' Gallery.
- She is an experienced teacher and performer who regularly appears at national and international writing festivals.

PRAISE FOR THE AUTHOR

"... a funny and informative story about getting away from it all." *Kids* Reading Guide

'Highly recommended.' Magpies

'This is a terrific little junior novel: well-written, with just the right balance of naughtiness and retribution.' Readings Monthly



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