

## THE LOST STONE OF SKYCITY

by HM WAUGH

### ABOUT THE BOOK

When Sunaya's friend Danam is stolen by the powerful Ice-People, she goes to his rescue. But as they cross into the mythical SkyCity of greenstone and gold, Sunaya discovers she has powers of her own.

Soon she is forced to complete the formidable Dragon Tests and save Danam again. Along the way, Sunaya comes to realise not everything is set in stone, and friendship can be its own reward.

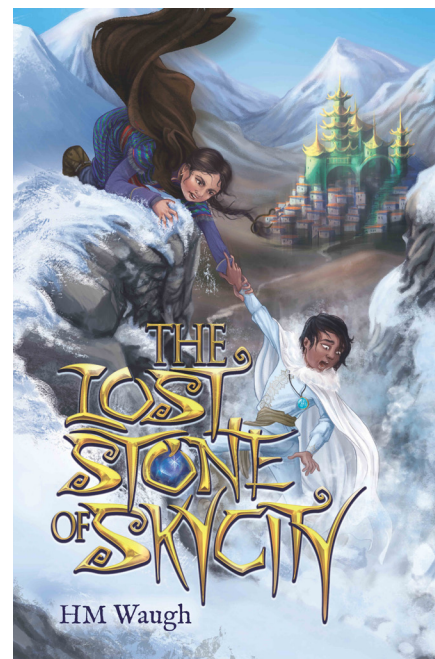
### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

HM Waugh is an environmental scientist, writer and educator with a long-term love of wild places and high mountains. This has led to icy feet and sunburnt cheeks in magical countries like New Zealand, Nepal, Bolivia and Switzerland. She has studied dolphins in New Zealand and rare plants in the Wheatbelt, and worked in mining and construction projects across Western Australia. When she's not writing, she's teaching school and community groups about science and the environment. This often involves working with children and animals concurrently, and she loves being able to truthfully say she handles dragons for a job.



### NOTES

- Magic, adventure and a smart female protagonist make for a page-turning novel from an exciting new author.
- Waugh has been a long-distance hiker since she was seven and scenes from the book are inspired by the places she's been: including Everest Base Camp and the Jungfrau.
- Waugh is the sister of Fremantle Press author Cristy Burne who wrote *To the Lighthouse* and *Off the Track*.
- Waugh says the book is about the principles necessary for children to thrive: 'I didn't want a book where kids won because of physical strength, but instead grew and flourished because of internal strengths like empathy and mastery.'



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