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## by MEG McKINLAY

## **KEYNOTE**

What's a girl to do when her house wo't go home? Bella and her house are off on another adventure, in the sequel to Bella and the Wandering House.

### ABOUT THE BOOK

Bella's house likes to travel, setting sail across the ocean while everyone sleeps. Bella's parents don't mind as long as the house is home by daylight. One night, Bella has a wonderful idea for her grandfather's birthday. She wants to find a figurine he made of her grandmother, lost overboard in an accident. Bella and the house go in search, but things don't quite go according to plan ...

### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

Meg McKinlay is a children's writer and poet based near Fremantle, Western Australia. She has published eighteen books for young people as well as a collection of poetry for adults, with her children's writing ranging from picture books through to young adult fiction. Meg has a PhD in Japanese Literature and was previously an academic at the University of Western Australia, where she taught Australian Literature, Japanese, and Creative Writing. These days, she writes full-time, juggling poetry and prose in between as many trips to the beach as she can manage.

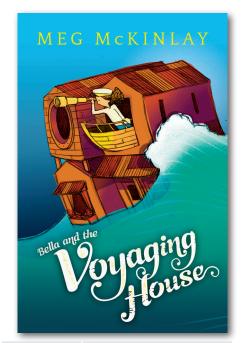


#### **KEY POINTS**

- Meg's publications include A Single Stone, which won both the Prime Minister's Literary Award and the Queensland Premier's Literary Award. More recently, Meg has been shortlisted for the Prime Minister's Literary Award for Children's Literature and won the Western Australian Premier's Book Award for Catch a Falling Star.
- Bella and the Wandering House was shortlisted for Aurealis Awards for Best Children's Fiction (2015) and was a Children's Book Council of Australia Notable Book (2016).

#### PRAISE FOR THE SERIES

'This is a feel-good story about a house that knows what it is looking for, and with help from Bella, finally finds a home.' Child Magazines



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