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by PAULA HAYES

ABOUT THE BOOK

When Lily Griffin finds a girl trapped inside a magic mirror, she uncovers a long-forgotten family secret and sets in motion a remarkable chain of events. Lily is a singular character, hilariously funny, sweetly poignant and deeply daggy. Plagued by social doubts and her own pecularities, she is the perfect person to investigate the many secrets of her grandfather's house and, along the way, mend some family relationships, discover enduring friendships and learn to play netball.

Packed with adventure, magic and a little bit of history, *The Vexatious Haunting of Lily Griffin* will entertain and engage children from start to finish.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Paula Hayes has a BA in Literature and History and a Diploma of Education from the University of Western Australia. Her short story 'The Universe Under My Bed' was published in *Alphabet Soup*, a children's literary magazine (now blog), and she has self-published a young adult novel, *Heart*, about the supernatural journey of a lost WWI Perth soldier. Paula is a book reviewer for *Creative Kids Tales*. She is married with four children, three dogs and five rabbits.



MEDIA NOTES

- Paula Hayes has been a 2017 CBCA Notable Book of the Year author.
- Paula Hayes' playful language and hearty humour will make children laugh out loud. Her approach to life's challenges, such as sibling bullying, social anxiety and adoption, is moving and handled with sensitivity. Plus the addition of a dash of history, a main character with a mouth like a thesaurus and a spate of ironically unspooky supernatural occurrences makes for a highly entertaining read.
- The book is three novels in one and comes in at a 448 pages.
- Teaching notes and activity sheets will be made available on the Fremantle Press website.

PRAISE FOR THE AUTHOR

'This is not only a wonderful fantasy read, but it is a story about family support, sibling issues, coping with dementia, loss and love.' *Lamont Books*



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