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ABOUT THE BOOK

New from the author of *Wombat Can't Sing*, *Where Do the Stars Go?* and *What Colour Is the Sea?*

Little Owl has a big imagination. Home is boring and he longs to flee the nest. But when things don't turn out as planned, he finds the confidence to accept that sometimes you need to change direction – and set new goals. This gentle and wise story is perfect for parents, carers and grandparents to read aloud with young children.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Katie Stewart is an author and illustrator. Born in the north of England, she came to Australia at the age of nine. She started her working life as an archaeologist and ethnohistorian, went on to teaching and then to being a mother. She later worked in a school library, but her lifelong dream is to be what she is now.



KEY POINTS

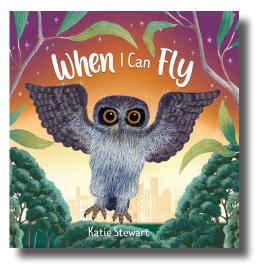
- Katie's previous titles have been shortlisted for a WA Premier's Book Award (*Where Do the Stars Go*?, 2022) and the Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year (*What Colour Is the Sea*?, 2021).
- Her books contain classic and comforting life messages paired with beautiful Aussie animals.
- This title was inspired by Katie's son who was obsessed by the city and determined to get to university to study business, which he did. However, after a few months, he realised his dream wasn't what he wanted after all. He's now a champion shearer.
- Katie lives on a farm in the WA Wheatbelt. She is married to a farmer, has three children and lives north of Northam, where her love of animals means she has a lot of pets and takes lots of nature photos. In her spare time, she tries to play the harp or wanders the countryside with a metal detector amusing the neighbours and occasionally finding an interesting piece of history.

PRAISE FOR THE AUTHOR

'The exquisitely detailed illustrations featuring iconic Australian flora and fauna demonstrate the artist's keen eye for detail and a deep love of the natural world.' *Writing WA*

'A truly beautiful and inspiring book and an absolute treasure of a story.' *ALIA Scoop*

'The full-page beautifully textured illustrations of iconic Australian fauna and flora make the book worth simply looking at before even beginning to read.' *Reading Time*



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