COURAGE BE MY FRIEND
THE VIVIAN BULLWINKEL STORY

by JENNY DAVIS

ABOUT THE BOOK

Sister Vivian Bullwinkel was the only survivor of the Bangka Island massacre during World War II. Her evocative story is told through the eyes of fifteen-year-old Edith 'Edie' Kenneison.

Sister Bullwinkel enlisted in the Australian Army Nurse Service at the outbreak of World War II and was posted to Singapore. In February 1942, she was captured by the Japanese army and held as a prisoner of war. Vivian spent the next three years in captivity, working tirelessly to help her fellow prisoners. One of those prisoners was young Edie. Their remarkable friendship would help them survive and became the basis of a lifelong bond.
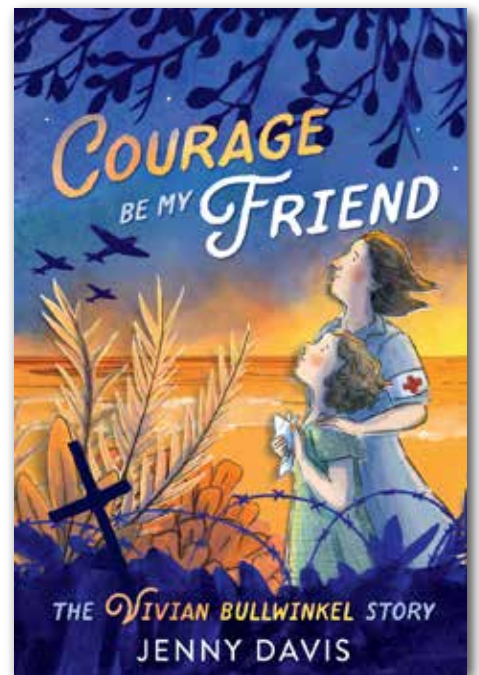
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Born in Surrey, England, Jenny Davis lives in Perth with her husband and has had a forty-year career in theatre in Australia, appearing in many leading roles for all the major theatre companies in Perth, and has also toured around Australia, New Zealand and Brazil. She has worked to bring generations together, inspired by the seniors in her life and her own children and grandchildren.

MEDIA NOTES

- In 1993, Jenny founded Agelink Theatre – now THEATRE 180 – and has written and directed many plays for them, including the original concept of combining stage and cinema screen.
- Jenny has appeared in many ABC radio dramas, was artistic director of the WA Youth Theatre for ten years, and was a writer for ABC school radio for a decade.
- Jenny has an Order of Australia Medal, a Centenary Medal and an Equity Guild Award. She was 2016 WA Champion Senior of the Year and is in the WA Women's Hall of Fame
- Published in association with Theatre 180, this powerful story will also be a CinemaStage Production, opening in April 2024.

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