

Kelpie Chaos

by DEB FITZPATRICK

ABOUT THE BOOK

A kelpie puppy is about to be sent to the pound and Eli knows he has to do something. After adopting the flame-chested kelpie, now named Zoom, the family falls in love, but they soon learn there's a lot involved in raising a dog – especially a working dog, who is hardwired to round up pretty much everything ... even socks.

When Zoom goes missing on a family bushwalk, the family sets out on a frantic search. With each passing moment, anxiety mounts, but they refuse to give up hope. As night falls, their strength is tested, both physically and emotionally. Will they be able to find Zoom? What mischief could a dog get up to in the bush?

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Deb Fitzpatrick writes for adults, young adults and children. Her books have been named Notable Books by the Children's Book Council of Australia, shortlisted in the West Australian Young Readers Book Awards, published in the US, and optioned for film. Deb loves using stories from real life in her novels and regularly teaches creative writing to people of all ages. She has a Master of Arts from UWA, and shares her life with a lovely family and their kelpie, who is absolutely not a failed sheep dog.



MEDIA NOTES

- Deb is the author of seven novels for children and young adults, regularly teaches creative writing at schools, and loves motivating writers of all ages.
- This book will appeal to younger readers who love adventure stories.
- Kelpies are already Australia's most popular working dog and, with help from shows like the ABC's *Muster Dogs*, they are fast becoming a popular family pet. This book shows the exhilaration, along with the quirks and challenges, of sharing your life with this breed.
- With dog pounds overflowing post-COVID this is the perfect empathy inspiring, but realistic portrayal of bringing home a new puppy!
- Teaching notes and activity sheets will be available to support classroom learning from the Fremantle Press website.

PRAISE FOR THE AUTHOR

'An action-packed story with extremely relatable characters.' *ReadPlus*
'A brilliant junior fiction read for [anyone] who likes adventure stories.' *Scoop Magazine*



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