

Say Hello

by **RENAE HAYWARD**
and **REBECCA MILLS**

ABOUT THE BOOK

This fantastic, colourful, read-aloud book has been designed to captivate babies and celebrate their every move. Research shows that the more senses you engage while reading to bubs positively impacts the development of their language and comprehension skills. That's why *Say Hello* can be read, sung or acted out. The simple, high-contrast illustrations feature many recognisable words, like add train, hat, book, and/or ball. Plus, there are lots of chances for babies to participate – through exploring all the things babies love to do – from splashing water to tickling toes, shaking a rattle to making a muddy mess – there is something for every child in this inclusive, interactive delight.

Both mums themselves, author Renae and illustrator Rebecca wanted a book they KNEW babies would love. *Say Hello* is just that book.

ABOUT THE CREATORS

Renae Hayward was born during a cyclone in Western Australia's Pilbara region, but spent her formative years by the beaches of Perth's northern suburbs. Renae now lives near Fremantle with her husband James, their two children and Frankie the labrador in a house overflowing with books.

Rebecca Mills is a graphic designer and illustrator, known for her bright, colourful and whimsical illustrations. Creating for both the corporate world and the children's market, Rebecca's illustrations have made it into exhibitions and onto print, puzzles, clothing, stamps, even surfboards.

NOTES

- A board book edition that is perfect for tiny hands to grip (and for tiny teeth to chew!).
- Renae Hayward is the 2024 Books for Little Bookaburras ambassador – a program that gets more than 19,000 books into the hands of 4,500 kindergarten-aged children.
- Fifteen years of working in perinatal and infant mental health taught Renae how important family relationships are in the social and emotional development of babies.

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