

ONE DAY SOON

by **Cristy Burne**

ABOUT THE BOOK

What if one day soon never comes?

When Alex's parents receive a message that brings shocking news, his whole world is turned upside-down: Alex's uncle has been diagnosed with a genetic form of motor neurone disease. The ripple effect is immediate – it means his dad has a fifty percent chance of carrying the fatal gene. And if Dad has the gene, Alex has a fifty percent chance of carrying it, too. But even as Alex grapples with mortality, he discovers the unexpected clarity, deep love and impromptu dance parties that come from living closer to death.

Told in verse, *One Day Soon* is a story of how, ultimately, a few special moments can matter most.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Cristy Burne is an award-winning, internationally published Australian author working at the intersection of story, science, technology and creativity. Cristy is a trained scientist and has worked for 20 years as a science communicator. She has also worked as a garbage analyst, a teacher and as Santa's pixie. Cristy writes books brimming with her love for all things science, adventure and creativity. Her work has been shortlisted for the WA Premier's Book Awards and the Wilderness Society's Environment Award, won the WA Young Readers' Book Award, and been recognised as Notable by the Children's Book Council of Australia.



NOTES

- A powerful and moving insight into an experience no one wants to have, this book shares the emotional journey of its child protagonist through the diagnosis and loss of an uncle to motor neurone disease, compounded by his father and family's own 50% risk of inheriting the causative gene.
- *One Day Soon* is a verse novel, which is perfect for reluctant readers and for capturing the emotion of the story in poetic rhythm.
- The story is inspired by the author's own lived experience of coming to terms with the uncertainty of whether the gene had been passed on to her own family.



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