

FEARLESS

by Kelly Canby

ABOUT THE BOOK

Award-winning author-illustrator Kelly Canby explores quieter, everyday moments of courage.

Bea Ware is afraid of everything – from shadows to ladders to trampolines, she is in a constant state of anxiety and trepidation. Her friend, Annie Venture, seems completely carefree, skipping through life without a single worry. But Annie shares her secret with Bea. Annie is not fearless, she has simply learned to fear less. So, just a little every day, Bea tries to fear less too, and uncover a more carefree life.

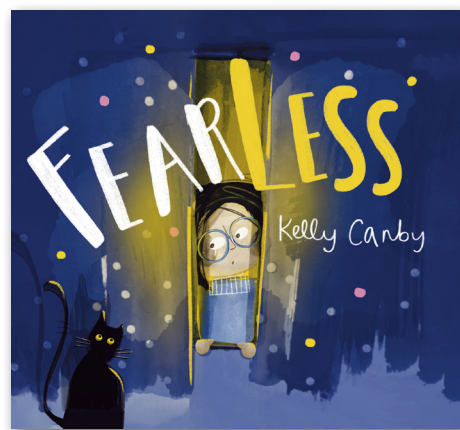
ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Kelly Canby is an internationally published illustrator and author. Kelly was born in London, but has lived in Australia since the age of three, which is probably around the same age she started playing with pencils and crayons, and it was probably only a few years after that that she decided playing with pencils and crayons was something she wanted to do for the rest of her life.



NOTES

- This book shows children how shedding some light on what worries you, and sharing your anxieties, can help them feel less overwhelming.
- Through poetic language and evocative illustrations, the book shows that fear is a natural part of life and that bravery often grows slowly and quietly.
- All of Kelly's books have either been shortlisted, notables or have won the CBCA Picture Book of the Year.
- *A Leaf Called Greaf* was shortlisted for a CBCA Book of the Year Award and a Prime Minister's Literary Award (2025), and won the Western Australian Premier's Book Award for Children's Book of the Year (2025).
- Kelly has a distinctive illustration style but uses a unique artistic technique that's specific to each individual book.
- Her work focuses on creating emotionally rich picture books that explore big human ideas in gentle, accessible ways for children. Her use of wordplay and puns will make older kids and adults laugh and enjoy the book too.



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