

OLD BERTIE

by **Perrella & Osborn**

ABOUT THE BOOK

George Jones is fed up and hungry for change. She's stuck on an island with a bunch of judgemental jerks who all live in fearful deference to Old Bertie, a Giant Squid. 'Old Bertie devoured George's mother, leaving her father an emotional mess and George a social reject.

But George's world changes when a mysterious stranger washes ashore. Fernandez is the first person to ever enter Old Bertie's watery domain and live to tell the tale. If Fernandez was spared by the Great Beast, could her mum still be out there? And is George willing to break her dad's heart in her quest to know the truth?

This story will appeal to readers looking for a satisfying blend of heart and humour, with a speculative, fantastical twist.

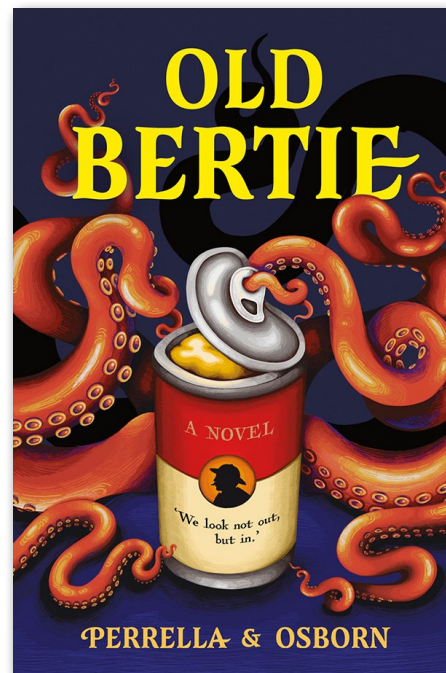
ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Vincenzo Perrella and Dan Osborn are an award-winning creative team who have written for film, television and live performance. *Old Bertie* is their first novel.



NOTES

- *Old Bertie* is J.D. Salinger meets Taika Waititi, with a sprinkling of George Orwell. It asks readers to consider how much power a 15-year-old girl might wield in a world that demands complete compliance.
- *Old Bertie* blends and subverts genre, creating a dystopia you might like to live in.
- This is a speculative fiction with an Australian voice.
- It explores masculinity through comedy.
- The authors have extensive experience as guest lecturers and as live performers at comedy festival events and Perth Fringe.
- Free teaching notes are available from fremantlepress.com.au



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