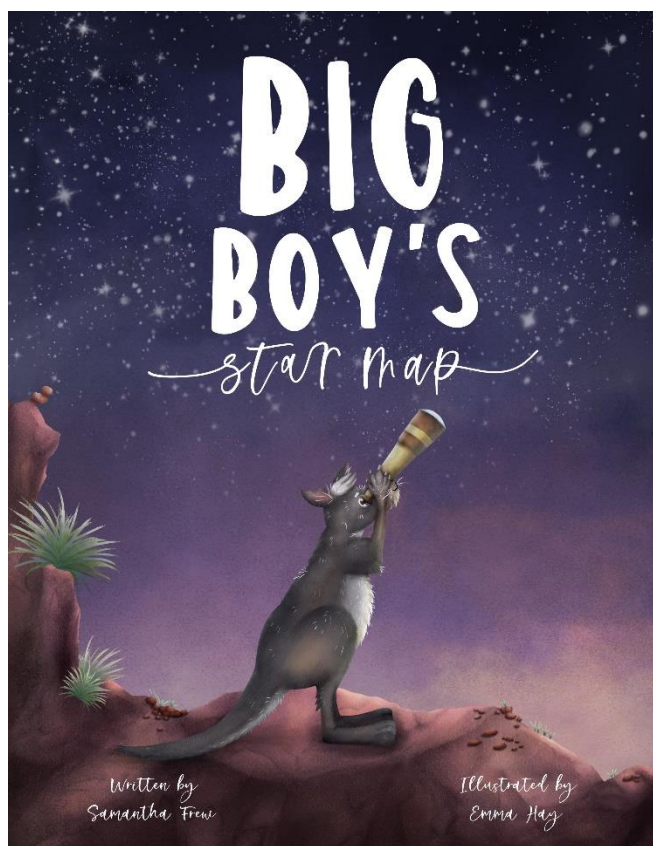


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Big boy is a brave, resilient and older kangaroo who becomes separated from his mob during a wild storm.

Alone and upset he finds a family in the hinterland who teach him to read the stars in the cosmos to map and find his way back home.

Will Big Boy be able to use his new skill and be reunited with his mob?

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Samantha Frew spent her childhood in Queensland, Australia amongst the Australian bush. Her picture books incorporate beautiful Australian wildlife with re-occurring themes of determination, purpose and family.

Samantha has previously worked closely with children in schools and childcare and is very involved with her local community. Samantha lives amongst the gum trees in the Noosa Hinterland with her husband, three children and an abundance of Native Australian animals.

Her greatest hope for the readers of her books is to fill them with a sense of wonder and appreciated for the peculiar and often quirky behaviours of our wildlife in the beautiful country.

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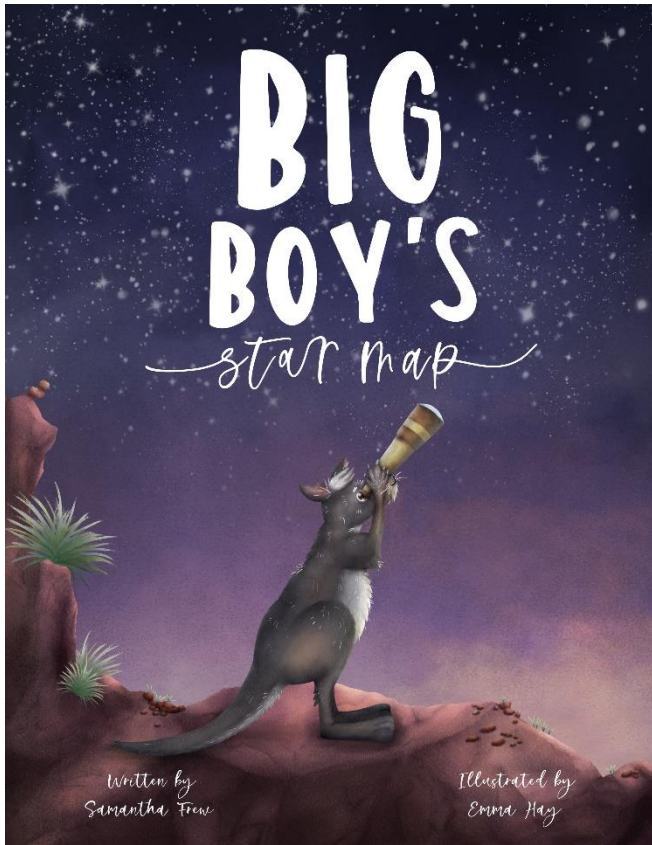
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## A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

### WHY DID YOU WRITE 'BIG BOY'S STAR MAP'? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

*Reading to my children every night inspired me to write. Living in the bush I observed a large male kangaroo who was all alone, which my kids called Big Boy and we wondered if he had lost his family. I decided to tell his story after that.*

### HOW DID YOU CREATE YOUR CHARACTERS?

*Big Boy was in our backyard! After that I spent a lot of beautiful time sitting a safe distance away from Big Boy whilst I was writing about him. That was wonderful.*

*After I am initially drawn in through my observations of the quirky behaviours of the bush animals around me, I then spend a lot of time researching the animal online. I research all about their sounds, foods, behaviours and environment.*

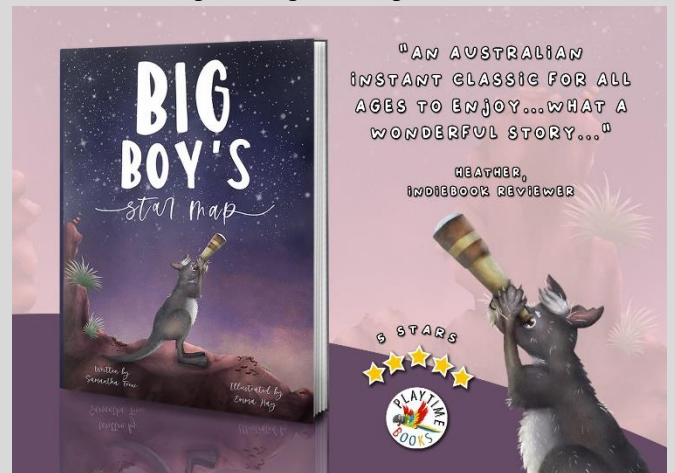
### WHAT WAS YOUR JOURNEY LIKE TO BECOMING A WRITER?

*My favourite place at school was the library. I have always written in rhyme for my own fun but also have used it for stress relief. As I read to my children every night I realised that I could write for them and other kids. I've wanted to write since childhood although it took me until adulthood to raise enough courage to bring it to the world.*

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