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Billy the canary happily lives in a charming gold cage until the day he meets a magpie named Philly.

Philly convinces Billy to share a day of freedom with her outside of his cage and although reluctant to leave, Billy soon agrees.

The two birds discover that while they are different in many ways, they share strong similarities.

Forming a special friendship, Billy and Philly enjoy many adventures in each other's company.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Rebecca Warr is a visual artist and teacher living in the regional city of Ballarat in Victoria, Australia.

She has three young children and enjoys writing and illustrating for young audiences.

Rebecca's inspiration stems from her love of nature and her family. She also enjoys the therapeutic benefits of producing intricate patterns in her illustrations.

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## A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

### WHY DID YOU WRITE *PHILLY AND BILLY*? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

The inspiration for *Philly and Billy* came from my grandparents who have passed. I believe that Philly and Billy's relationship reflects theirs because, while they were so different to each other, they shared an exceptional bond.

Through my story I want to communicate the importance of friendship and acceptance. I want to reinforce the message that it doesn't matter what we look like on the outside, but rather that it's on the inside that counts. I think that this message is important for young people to hear now more than ever. In particular, those who feel like they don't fit in because of their physical appearance.



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