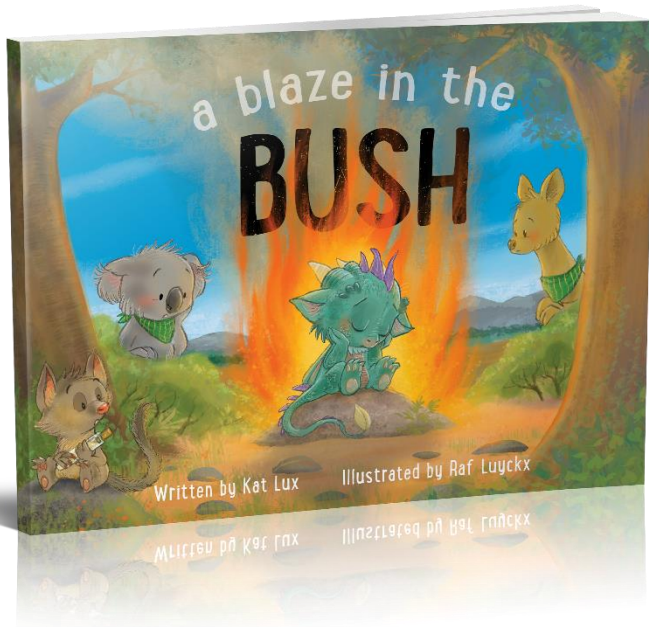


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Fletch the koala and his friends from the Eucalypt Forest are putting together a 'wood watch team' to discover how blazes in the bush begin.

Together they try to find a solution, but the fire is already raging and the flames are spreading fast. A story about working together, friendship and loss... with a magical touch that sparks hope.

A Blaze in the Bush is inspired by the major bushfires in New South Wales in 2019.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Kat lives on the beautiful Mid-North Coast of New South Wales with her husband and their two children. Kat believes in storytelling as a pure form of art, through which children are exposed to a variety of subjects. Her passion for stories as tools to bring subjects like environmental awareness across to young children originates from a long career as a preschool teacher.

Kat's favourite way to spend her free time if she is not reading or creating stories is to get inspired and energised by Australia's beautiful nature, during a beach walk, a hike through the rainforest or overseeing the scenery of rolling hills and mountain ranges.

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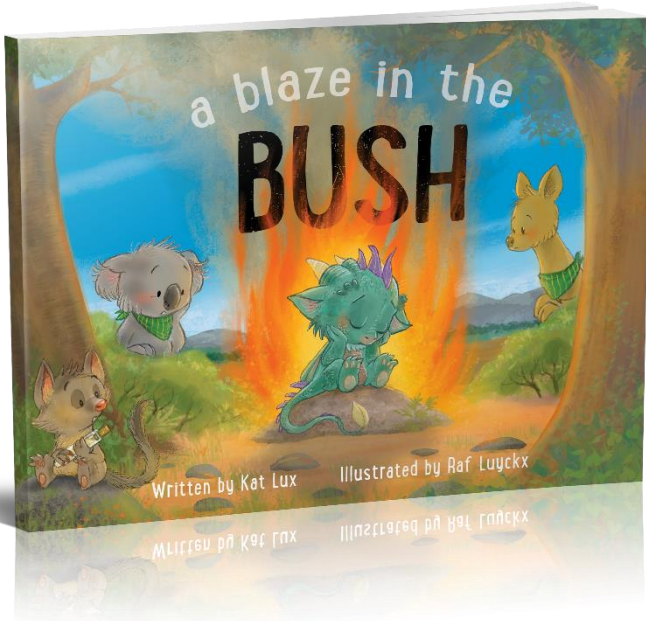
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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

WHY DID YOU WRITE 'A BLAZE IN THE BUSH'? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

A Blaze in the Bush is inspired by the major bushfires in Australia in 2019. I wanted to bring across the feeling of constantly losing the battle against the fire and the flames eating away acres of wildlife habitat despite the enormous efforts of the fire brigade and volunteers. But I also wanted to display the resilience of nature and wildlife. I noticed how people all over the globe were touched and saddened about what it meant for the Australian wildlife.

With this in mind I started thinking I wanted to create a story to show how nature and wildlife were being impacted by these devastating fires that are so embedded in the Australian culture. To show how the fires are part of life here, but also how it can quickly get out of hand and for many (animals and people alike) it is a waiting game, a fight with all resources available and often a losing battle until nature decides to end it with rain... a lot of rain.



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