

the HOTTEST TOWN

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CAN YOU IMAGINE A TOWN WITHOUT THE SUN?

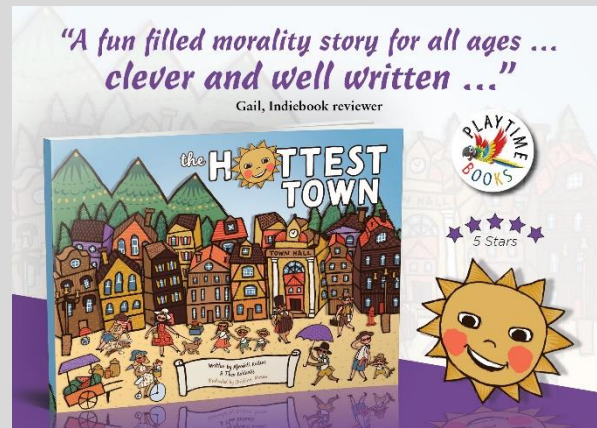
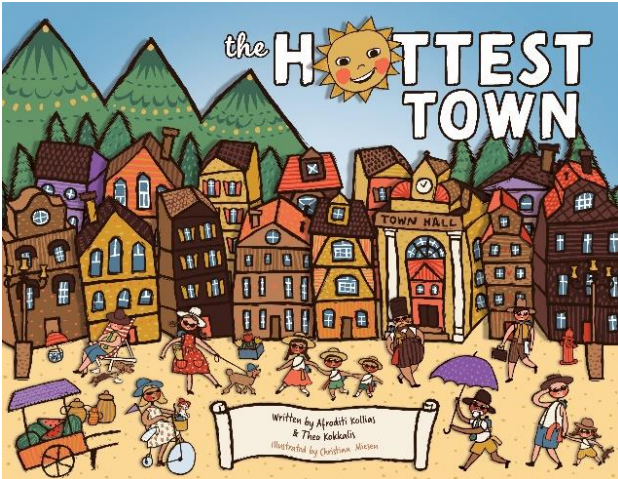
Day after day in the Hottest Town, the townspeople swelter under the Sun's hot rays.

The heat is unbearable!

They had had enough!

During the emergency meeting in the Hottest Town Hall, the townspeople go against Mayor Scorcher's wishes and devise a plan to get rid of the Sun.

The townspeople get their wish and the Sun finally disappears. But will this turn out to be a grave mistake?



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AUTHOR BIO

Husband and wife duo, Theo and Afroditi have been primary school educators for many years both in Australia and overseas.

They live in Melbourne with their three young children where they get plenty of inspiration for their writing. As a family, they enjoy reading lots of books, drawing, visiting museums and exploring nature.

They always wanted to write their own stories as they want to inspire children to love reading and to become confident little scribes.



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A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHORS

WHY DID YOU WRITE 'THE HOTTEST TOWN'? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

One morning we were sitting on the couch talking to our daughter about what would be a great story to write. She responded by saying, "What about The Grey Day?" She loves to rhyme words. We started talking about what if there was a town that becomes grey? How did it become grey, we all wondered? That got us talking even more about the problem of the story! The plot of the story began to form. We started to brainstorm ideas about a town before it became gloomy. Of course, we thought of a lovely hot town with a blazing sun. So naturally the title became "The Hottest Town".

HOW DO YOU CREATE OR MODEL YOUR CHARACTERS TO FIT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STORY AND THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE READERS?

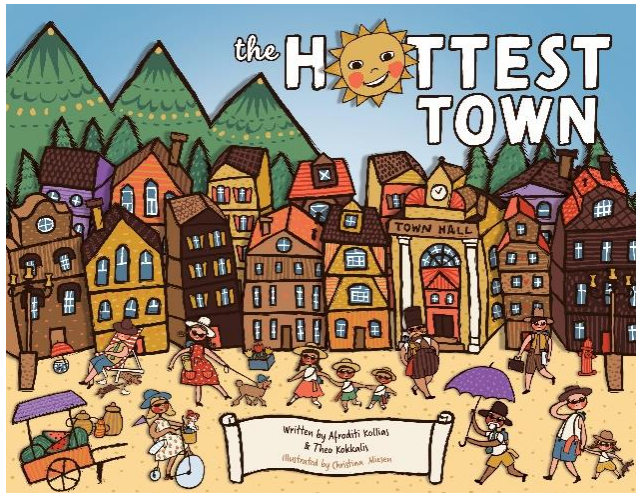
We don't have many characters in our story because this book is written for young readers. The townspeople are grouped together. They look different, but they all think the same way. So really, you could say our story has three main characters. The Sun is a character that children will already have some knowledge about. We want the readers to see that Mayor Scorcher is in fact a great Mayor that listens to the townspeople's concerns. Although he has a different opinion from the rest, he tries to reason and compromise with them.

WHAT DREW YOU TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE BOOK AND ALSO THESE CHARACTERS WITHIN?

In school (and at home) we teach the importance of the environment and nature. As educators, we also wanted to include morals to the story which children and even adults could relate to. First, be careful what you wish for! Second, be grateful for what you have. Lastly, when a problem arises, it's important to learn how to communicate and compromise with others in order to reach the best solution.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR YOUR FUTURE BOOKS?

We hope to publish more picture story books and chapter books that are original and that children can enjoy.



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