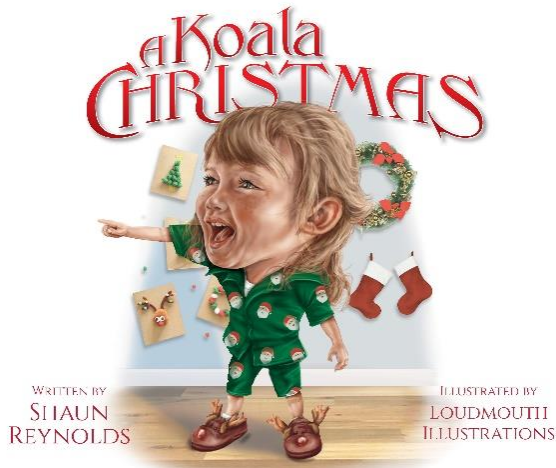


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**CHRISTMAS MORNING PENNY WAKES EARLY, EXCITED, AS SHE ANTICIPATES OPENING HER PRESENTS THAT ARE WAITING UNDER THE TREE.**

But she must stay in bed until her parents get up.

Above the noise of the wind blowing and the house creaking; another sound.

Is it Santa and his reindeer?

Careful not to wake her parents, Penny tiptoes down the hall to investigate...

**Only to discover to her surprise, something nestled in the branches of the Christmas Tree.**

*"An Australian Christmas can be a unique experience and this book is pure gold for all the world to enjoy... A delightful surprise!" Brock, Indie Book reviewer*

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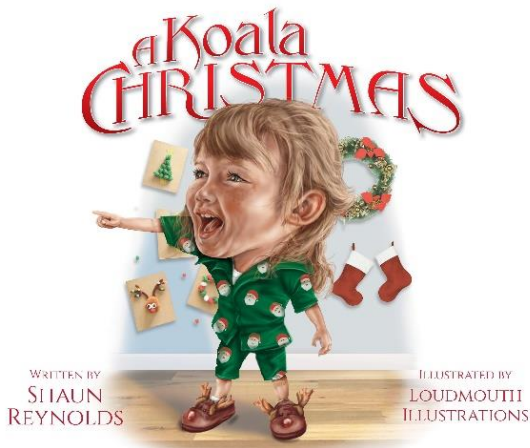
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## A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

### WHY DID YOU WRITE 'A KOALA CHRISTMAS'? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

*My writer's group has written a Christmas story for the past couple of years and wanted to again in 2020. I wasn't that keen. However, my book club group was also organising the last meeting for the year and assigned tasks to various members. One member would recite a poem, another organise games and I was asked to write a Christmas story. At first, I thought I might be able to get away with recycling one from last year 'An Atheist's Christmas'. Then on the nightly news, there was a story about a Koala in a Christmas tree.*

### HOW HAD YOU DECIDED ON THE BEST CHARACTERS FOR THE BOOK?

*The Penny character in the book came to mind without too much effort. The name Penny became the first word of the first paragraph and the story developed from there. I thought a young girl to be the best fit for the story. Imagining a five-year-old girl's behaviour and personality was not a difficult thing in the context of an 800 to 900 word story.*

### WHAT WAS AN EARLY EXPERIENCE WHERE YOU LEARNED THAT LANGUAGE HAD POWER?

*I think that as children we learn the power of language when we are called names or see the reaction when we call another child a name. Later, as readers we learn how language has the power to move and influence.*

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