

# BOOKS *in* HOMES

## BOOK CATALOGUE



### A message from Dr Anita Heiss

Hello to all you deadly book lovers in the Books in Homes Programme!

My name is Anita Heiss. I live in Sydney, I love going to the beach, I drive a silver sports car and in the last 15 years I have written eight books – and that adds up to a lot of words! You may have seen some of my books: *Yirra and her deadly dog*; *Demon*, which is about a Koori girl from La Perouse with a very naughty Siberian husky that keeps getting into trouble, and *Who Am I? The diary of Mary Talence*, which is about a young Aboriginal girl who was one of the Stolen Generations. Maybe you've read *Me and My Mum*, which shows some of the things girls do with their mothers: dancing, shopping and watching television. I've also written novels for adults and two books of poetry.

The most exciting part of being an author is that I get to travel all over Australia and right across the world, talking about my books and writing at schools, universities, festivals and book fairs. Thanks to my books I have been to Fiji, Tahiti, New Zealand, America, Spain, Austria, Canada, England, New Caledonia, China and Japan.

I was really lucky to win (twice) the Deadly Award for Most Outstanding Contribution to Literature. The Awards are shown on SBS TV and there's a big ceremony and party at the Sydney Opera House. It's loads of fun!

I love writing books, and more importantly, I love reading them, and you know why? When I lie in bed or at the beach I read books that take me travelling to different countries and different times in history. I get to learn about different cultures and people, and sometimes I can visit different galaxies. Books are like my friends, and I never get lonely if I have a book with me.

I'm really excited for all of you mob involved in the Books in Home Programme! Make the most of it, because the one thing I wish I did more of when I was young was read! And a tip for those of you who want to write: just start writing in a diary every day about what you do, where you go, what you see, who you meet, what you hear and what you eat.

And before long you'll have a book full of ideas and characters and settings you can weave together.

Happy reading AND writing.

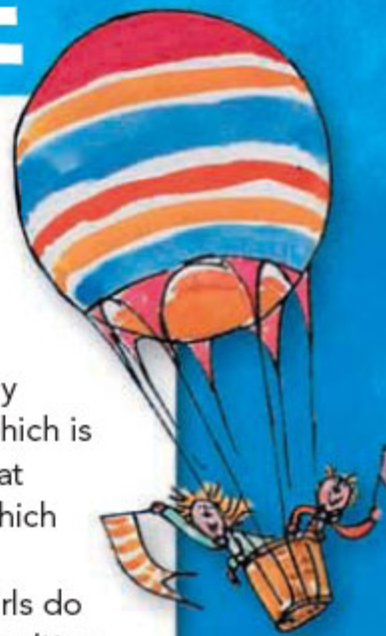


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