
THE OUTBACK POST

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G'day!

There's lots of news about my books. The first one, 'Audrey of the Outback' is shortlisted for some prizes: WAYRBA (Western Australian Young Readers' Book Awards) and CBCA Book of the Year, Younger Readers.

It also won a White Raven International Award from the International Youth Library in Munich, Germany (www.childrenslibrary.org/servlet/). The award is given to books that deserve worldwide attention. That's pretty exciting for a girl who comes from 'the other side of the black stump.'

'Audrey of the Outback' is also going to go on the stage in Victoria and New South Wales in August & September this year. And the man who's doing that, Tony Bones, says there's going to be a couple of songs and everything.

Oh, and I nearly forgot - 'Audrey Goes to Town' is a Children's Book Council Notable book. Phew!

Some people have been asking me when 'Audrey's Big Secret' will be in the shops, and the answer is September. Not long now, only a few weeks.

If you want to print off a 'Stumpy' door-hanger, Christine Harris says to go to the Audrey Fun Page at www.audreyoftheoutback.net.

You can either print it on card, or on paper and then put some clear contact on it. Then you can hang it on your doorhandle to let people know that you're reading one of my books.

And in between newsletters you can read new things on my Audrey Blog at www.audrey-of-the-outback.blogspot.com/ or at www.audreyoftheoutback.com.au.

Bye, And keep on reading!
Your friend, Audrey (Two-Bob)

NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO THINK OF QUESTIONS!

The following six words are from 'Audrey Goes to Town.' What is a question that goes with each one?

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Swap with a friend and see if you can answer each other's questions.

A PICTURE CAN TELL A THOUSAND WORDS

The Audrey books are made up of words. But they also have drawings by Ann James. You can tell a lot about someone from their picture. Look at the cover of 'Audrey of the Outback'. When you look at Audrey what can you tell about her from these things:

Her Hair:

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The expression in her eyes:

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Her dress:

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Boots:

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The way she is holding her skirt:

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If you are happy with your ideas and you want to send them to Christine Harris – audrey@christineharris.com – she will put them up on the Audrey Blog so we can share what we've thought and written.

SUMMER QUIZ ANSWERS

How did you go with the quizzes in the Summer Edition of this newsletter? Here are the answers. If you need to remind yourself of the questions, go to www.audreyoftheoutback.com.au then click on 'Activities for Audrey Fans' to find the newsletters.

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ANSWERS WHICH WORD DOESN'T FIT?

Gerald: the other names are brothers and sisters in the Barlow family.

Tall order: if something is a 'tall order' it's a big thing to ask or do. But the other words in the list mean something is easy to do. So 'Tall order' is an opposite.

Water: the other words refer to food.

Snag: the other words refer to someone who is a bit silly.

All laired up: this is different because it means to be smartly dressed, whereas the other three words mean to trick someone.

Go-cart: the other words mean an outside toilet.

Weepie: this means something that makes you cry, but the other words mean a toddler or baby.

Wolf: this is the only word in the list that is not a native animal to Australia.

Feathers: the other words are related to trains.

Spotty: The Barlows don't have a pet called Spotty, but the other names are ones they gave to their animals.

ANSWERS UNSCRAMBLE THESE WORDS

- Sylvia • Mrs Jenkins • Price
- Stumpy • Boy • Mrs Paterson • Lionel

The answers to the quiz about emus are on the Audrey Blog at: www.audrey-of-the-outback.blogspot.com/2008/01/emu-dads-are-mum.html

