

# Shine

by **DANNY PARKER**  
illustrated by **RUTH DE VOS**

## ABOUT THE BOOK

*Shine* is a love song between a parent and a child, celebrating the beauty and joy of everyday family life, through mess and chaos and daily routines. *Shine* is also a story that seeks to find the beauty in ordinary things: the wonder of a lazy afternoon, the joy of being together. It is an attempt to put words to that spark of connection that we have with each other.

## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Danny Parker has been an actor, a nurse, an undertaker and a drama teacher. He is currently Head of Creative Arts at Mathew Flinders Anglican College on the Sunshine Coast. The youngest of six children, Danny grew up with a family competing for airtime at the dinner table. His memories of the stories told and the laughter ringing out as one or other sibling held court surely influenced his own desire to create narrative. Danny writes about joy and challenge, about creativity and curiosity, and always – not very far from the surface he writes about love.



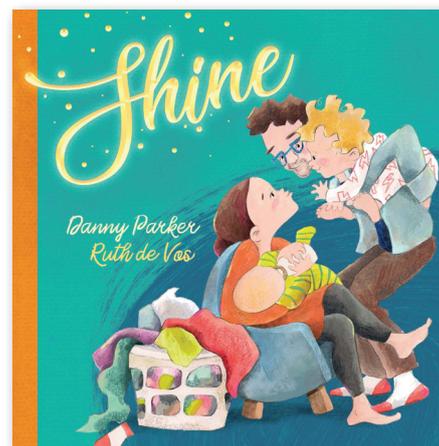
## ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Ruth de Vos's illustration work has grown out of a career as an internationally recognised textile artist whose award-winning works feature in the Western Australian Museum and in private collections in Australasia, North America and the United Kingdom. Ruth combines traditional (pencil, gouache, collage, screen-printing) and digital techniques to create fun scenes and worlds. Ruth's passion lies in illustrating children's books. As a mother of six young children, she is an avid and critical consumer of children's literature, and she also has a ready source of drawing inspiration right in her home. More information about her art is available at [ruthdevos.com](http://ruthdevos.com).



## MEDIA NOTES

- Danny Parker is the author of eleven books for children and has previously collaborated with illustrators Matt Ottley, Kelly Canby, Freya Blackwood and Bethany Macdonald. His books *Parachute* with Matt Ottley and *Paperboy* with Bethany Macdonald were shortlisted for the Children's Book Council of Australia's Book of the Year Award while *Perfect* with Freya Blackwood was shortlisted for a Prime Minister's Literary Award.
- Danny and Ruth will be available for local and online events, including in-store events and Book Weeks, with Danny based in Queensland and Ruth located in Western Australia.



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