

Wombat Can't Sing

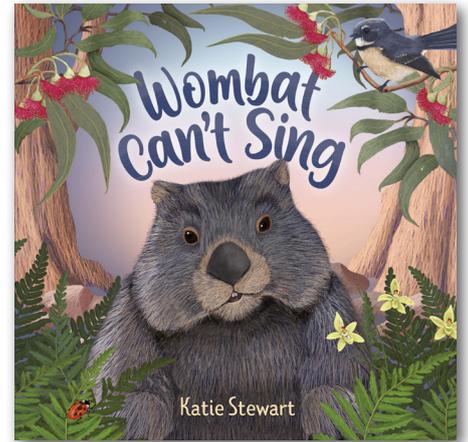
by **KATIE STEWART**

ABOUT THE BOOK

Wombat loves to listen to Fantail sing, especially when Fantail says that her songs make everyone happy. Wombat wants to make others happy, too. But his attempts at singing – even with lots of advice and assistance from friends – fall woefully short. Then Wombat discovers his own unique way to make others just as happy. Extravagantly detailed Australian animals are a delight to behold in this heart-warming tale about learning your limits and finding your strengths.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Katie Stewart is an author and illustrator. Born in the north of England, she came to Australia at the age of nine. She started her working life as an archaeologist and ethnohistorian, went on to teaching and then to being a mother. She later worked in a school library, but her lifelong dream was to be what she is now. She is married to a farmer, has three children and lives north of Northam, where her love of animals means she has a lot of pets and takes lots of nature photos. In her spare time, she tries to play the harp or wanders the countryside with a metal detector. Katie's first book, *What Colour is the Sea?*, was shortlisted for the Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year (2020). She is also the author of *Where do Stars Go?* (2021).



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NOTES

- Katie says the premise of the book stems from her hatred of the word 'should' and the way children are sometimes told they can do anything if they really try. She says, 'being told they should be able to do something does nothing for a child's confidence.' Katie, a former teacher, wants us to start trusting children to know their own limitations. She believes helping them set broader goals and encouraging them to find their own unique way of achieving them, will build confidence.

PRAISE FOR THE AUTHOR

'The full-page beautifully textured illustrations of iconic Australian fauna and flora make the book worth simply looking at before even beginning to read.' *Reading Time*



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