

BRONTIDE

A groundbreaking, fictionalised coming-of-age story about four boys and their lot in life from the award-winning author of *Grace Beside Me*

Brontide – a low muffled sound like distant thunder

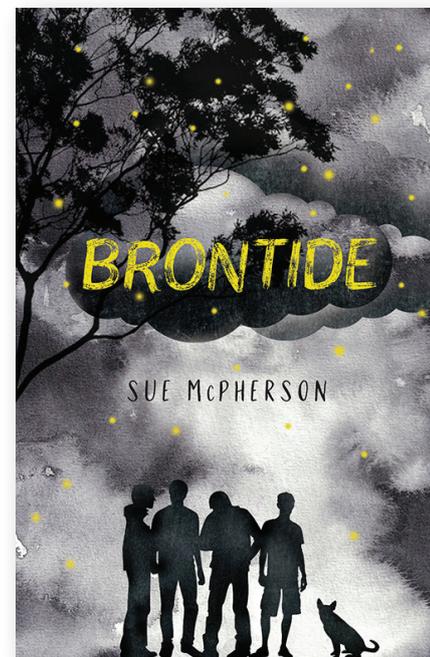
Rob; (and his brother Pen) white Aussies. Rob is completing Year 12, going to schoolies, working as an apprentice in his dad's company and loves his dog, Nig. Rob believes real men take risks.

Pen; fifteen-years-old, storyteller, graffiti artiste extraordinaire with a penchant for male anatomy. Pen is liked by everyone. Pen and Benny Boy are mates.

Benny Boy; fifteen-years-old, Aboriginal, loves drawing, fishing and living with his awesome (white) foster Nan. Benny Boy doesn't trust Rob.

Jack; white, male, finishing Year 12, new to the area, from the bush and adopted into an Aboriginal family. Jack has met Pen and reckons he's a funny bugger. He has also just signed up as an apprentice working alongside Rob-the-knob.

Suitable for YA and reluctant readers, *Brontide* is a fictionalised coming-of-age story about four boys and their lot in life. Recounted through storytelling sessions at their school over a period of five days, these boys chronicle their lives. They are at times demanding, occasionally rude, always funny and unexpectedly profound. The boys like to challenge themselves and the rules, and soon realise that not everything goes to plan...



About the author

Sue McPherson is an award-winning storyteller who lives on the Sunshine Coast. She is of Wiradjuri, Torres Strait Islander and Irish heritage, and grew up with her adopted family near Batlow in southern New South Wales. Inspired to write by her two teenage sons, in 2011, Sue won the inaugural black&write! Indigenous Writing Fellowship from the State Library of Queensland for her manuscript, *Grace Beside Me*, which was published by Magabala Books in 2012. A regular writer for TV and film, in 2015, Sue's 12-minute short drama, *Nan and a Whole Lot of Trouble* premiered on ABC TV. In 2017, *Grace Beside Me* was commissioned by NITV to be its first ever scripted live-action series, which debuted on Australian screens in early 2018. It was recently nominated for a Logie Award for Most Outstanding Children's Series.

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