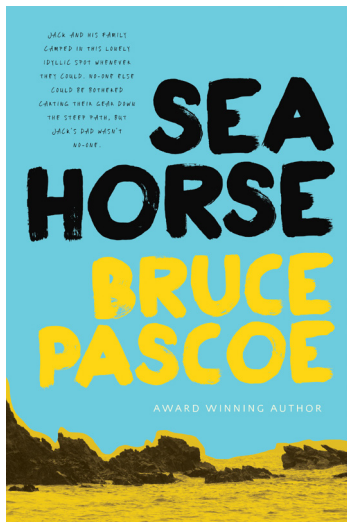


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From the winner of the 2013 Prime Minister's Literary Award for Young Adult Fiction comes a delightful new book for children, *Seahorse*.

Seahorse is a daring adventure story about a secret bay and the mystery behind a shipwrecked boat.

Jack and his family spend their weekends swimming, fishing and diving for abalone, crayfish and turban shells at Seahorse Bay. At the end of the day they light a fire and boil up the crays in a big pot. Jack cannot believe his luck when he discovers a sunken boat, and he and his Dad set out to salvage it. But their perfect paradise is about to change. Why would someone abandon a boat? Who is the man on the cliff with the binoculars? When the boat is finally raised, the adventure begins.

Seahorse was inspired by author Bruce Pascoe's wild childhood on an island in Bass Strait, and the years he spent at Cape Otway in a place called Crayfish Bay.

Reminiscent of endless summers, azure seas and sandy white beaches, *Seahorse* is a yarn about family, the sea and the mysteries of the deep. Bruce Pascoe crafts a beautiful interpretation of landscape with splendid simplicity. *Seahorse* is a gift for all readers.

Bruce Pascoe is a Bunurong, Tasmanian and Yuin man who grew up on a remote island in Bass Strait and had a joey and a dog as pets. He lives in a secret bay called Gipsy Point in Victoria, where he has two children, three grandchildren and two dogs, Yambulla and Wangarabel. Bruce has always been a nature boy and still loves to go out on his boat fishing and diving.



Bruce has written 28 books including short story collections *Night Animals* (1986), *Nightjar* (2000); novels *Ruby Eyed Coucal* (1996), *Ribcage* (1999), *Shark* (1999), *Earth* (2001), *Ocean* (2002); historical works *Cape Otway: Coast of secrets* (1997), *Convincing Ground* (2007); and the critically acclaimed *Dark Emu* (2014). His last book for young people, *Fog a Dox* won the 2013 Prime Minister's Literary Award (YA Fiction).

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