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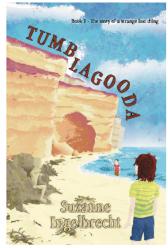
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WA's Tumblagooda rock formations inspire middle-grade fiction book.

Perth: Independent publisher Dragonfly Publishing proudly presents *TUMBLAGOODA*, a middle-grade adventure novel written by Perth playwright, Suzanne Ingelbrecht, launched in July 2023.

Drawing inspiration from her early childhood holidays to Kalbarri, the Tumblagooda rock formations and the rich local history of the area, Suzanne has switched from award-winning playwright to debut children's author to pen a children's adventure story akin to Enid Blyton's Secret Seven and Famous Five books.



Ten-year-old Georgina 'George' Doherty lives carefree in the

colourful seaside town of Mirmouth, WA in the late 1970s. She spends her days exploring the river and beaches nearby for buccaneers, buried treasure and subjects to save. But when a damaging cyclone rolls into town dislodging a mysterious creature from its fossilised cocoon in nearby Red Cliff, the stage is set for adventure and mayhem. George and her best friend Mac find themselves in a battle against time, the prying attention of adults, and the school gang led by Jed Ostler, to protect their new friend, who they've named "Tumblagooda", from discovery.

"This is a classic tale of lonely city child moves to the seaside and encounters a sea creature from the deep past. Two lost creatures searching for their own kind and no way to know how to help each other. A lovely debut by Suzanne Ingelbrecht showing a slice of 1970s WA mid-west childhood with delightful scenes of small-town life and the stunning Tumblagooda sandstone cliffs."

- Bren MacDibble, author of *The Raven's Song* and *Across the Risen Sea*

TUMBLAGOODA is the latest title from Dragonfly Publishing, a micro-publisher based in the beautiful Perth Hills, and is available in paperback and eBook from retailers and leading online booksellers.

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About Suzanne



Suzanne Ingelbrecht is an author, professional playwright, director and performance-maker based in Perth, Western Australia.

She has been entertaining others since the tender age of nine when she wrote a play to cheer up her classmates during their sewing lessons.

Always the drama queen, Suzanne has enjoyed honing her skills and techniques in dramatic storytelling through her plays, and now loves to pass this passion on to the next generations of storytellers and fabulous imaginers of wonder.

Now she has penned *TUMBLAGOODA* for eight-to-ten-yearolds (as well as all those who like to think they have never really

grown up). And she is busy thinking about and penning books two and three in the *TUMBLAGOODA* trilogy from her custom-made Toyota HiAce Commuter van, affectionately known as "Van Go", as well as other fantastical wonders of imagination. It's all a far cry from teaching into the Creative Writing program at Curtin University, and inspiring artists with disability to follow their dreams.

You can join her and Van Go (if you dare) on their amazing journey round Oz in 2023 and 2024. Catch up with their shenanigans on Instagram #theferalbohemian.

And watch out – Suzanne and *TUMBLAGOODA* will soon be coming to a school or a library near you to thrill you and fill you with tall tales and rambunctious rabble-rousing!

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