



# Sue Lawson

Author, Teacher and Writing Instructor



Award-winning author Sue Lawson can't remember when she fell in love with books and stories, but she can say stories and books have always been part of her life. Bookshelves bulged in her family home, her grandfather and father told endless stories, some true, some not, but all embellished, and her grandmother was an English teacher with a passion for words.

Sue came to writing after careers in teaching and radio, where she worked as a presenter and producer, all the time continuing to dabble with writing. It wasn't until she confronted serious illness that she pursued her passion. Sue now writes books for children and young adults, does a little teaching and runs workshops for young people and adults. She also presents a weekly book review on Geelong's Bay FM.

Sue's books include *Pan's Whisper*, shortlisted for the 2012 Prime Minister's Literary award and winner of the Family Therapists Award.

Sue liaises with schools to ensure her talks and workshops are tailored to suit the student's needs.

## Talks:

Sue's background in education and radio make for entertaining and educational sessions, while her warm personality helps to create an fun, safe and inspirational atmosphere for students of all abilities. During her talks, Sue explains the stories behind her books and encourages students to follow their dreams. Her passion and enthusiasm is infectious and her feedback encouraging.

## Workshops:

Sue's workshops are interactive and practical, suitable for primary and secondary students, teachers and adults. Sue leads students through exercises to help them develop their skills and provides positive and directive advice. Topics include generating ideas, planning, beginnings, characters, dialogue, editing and more.

**Talks** Primary (P & 1 separate to 2–6), Secondary (all levels)

**Workshops:** Primary: Years 2–6; Secondary: all levels; Adults: Teacher PD.

**Costs:** \$795 + GST for 3 sessions (plus travel & accommodation if applicable).

**Artist in residency:** \$3000 + GST per week.

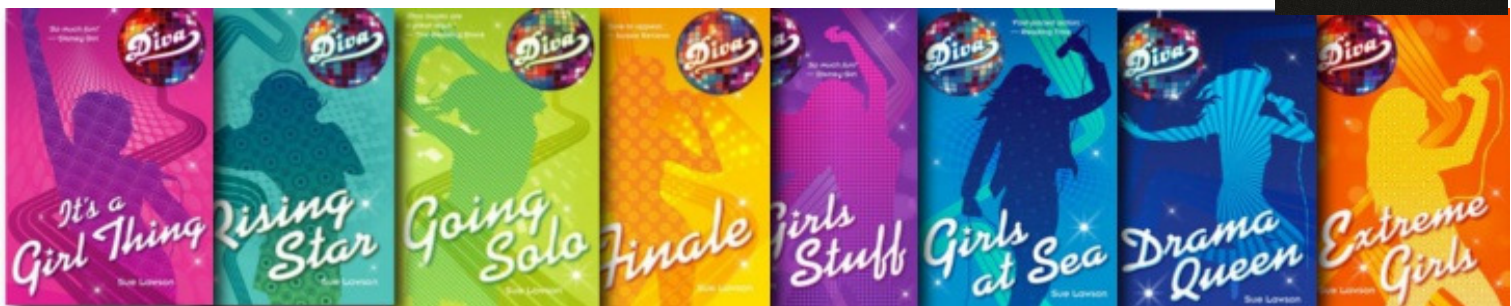
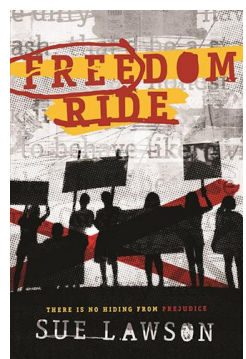
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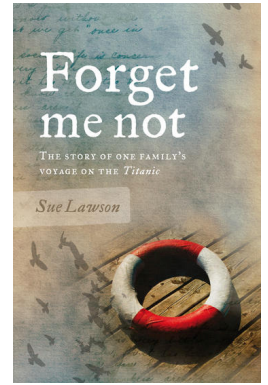
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Feedback from schools



*Sue's visits here were so wonderful last year & this year. We look forward to having Sue again next year for another fabulous author visit!* **Jan Askew, Warrnambool College**

*Best session I've seen* **St Mary's, Colac**

*Sue's a champ. I love her sense of humour* **Year 8 student, Christian College, Bellarine**

*Sue had an amazing rapport with our year 12s. They clearly enjoyed it.* **Angela McGlynn, Trinity College**

*Before Sue's lesson, I didn't really like writing, but now I want to do it more and more.* **Year 3 student, Colac South West PS**

*It was really fun. Once I started writing I couldn't stop.* **Year 4 student, Warrnambool East PS**

*I have great ideas now and I feel a lot more confident.* **VCE English student**

*Sue was wonderful. She connected with our students and brought Finding Darcy alive for them. They are studying the novel next term, and we can see that the exploration of this text will be heightened as a result of this experience.* **Toorak College**

*Students wished they could spend more time with Sue and even parents came in raving about their child's experiences.* **Yarrowonga PS**

*Students were enthusiastic, engaged, motivated. They DEVoured all that Sue was saying. Were disappointed when they had to stop!* **Our Lady Help of Christians PS**

*Students found the lesson cool, awesome and interesting. They learnt a lot about ideas for writing & imagination techniques and making writing stories MORE FUN!!* **Murtoa College**

*Sue immediately captured the audience....comments were fantastic, warm, engaging, inspiring, interesting, excellent, informative and entertaining, amazing, stimulating...everyone was DELIGHTED!!*  
**School Library Association of Victoria**

*Amazing, magnificent, inspired. Children had lights in their eyes. They now can't wait to read and write....We bought all her books.* **Rupanyup Primary School**

*Amazing! Made me want to read her books!* **School Library Association Geelong**

*Children were very enthusiastic listening to Sue talk and were eager to discuss with her books they had read.* **Somerville Library**

*BRILLIANT session! Sue was a seasoned presenter who knew exactly how to engage all the children, especially the boys!* **Our Lady Help of Christians Murtoa**

*Students enjoyed the presentation because you made it fun. They picked up on the comment, "I love kids". They found you enthusiastic, encouraging and you made writing fun! Creative not dull!*  
**Joan Robertson, St Brigids Ballan Grade 3 & 4**

*Students were extremely positive. They wanted to keep going and enjoyed all parts of the discussion and writing. They were keen to write after the session. I found it absolutely fabulous. Very engaging. Ideas for both children and teacher. Catered for all levels of ability.* **Kaye Lafranchi, St Brigids Ballan.**