

# gladys boutros

growing up in Sydney, Australia, as a child Gladys Boutros had a creative imagination. In the privacy of her bedroom, she would never tire of endless days spent alone role playing. She would change the Opera House into the great Egyptian Sphinx and herself becoming Cleopatra adorned with beautiful jewels and fabrics, or be it the turning Harbour Bridge into the grand palace of Versailles and as Marie Antoinette hosting grand banquets in the Hall of Mirrors.

Today, as an older soul, Gladys loses herself in 'Black and White' movies and theatre, imagining herself being a part of past places and past lives.

Gladys is the author of her first book 'Bubba and the Sweet Pea' which was inspired by her sulphur-crested cockatoo, Bubba, and the life he was given to live.

Bubba was born with a beak and feather disease known as PBFD, which is a virus that affects cockatoos and all species of parrots. The virus attacks the immune system and their cells, causing them to lose their feathers and develop beak abnormalities resulting in a loss of life.

Unknown to them, Gladys, her husband Simon and Bubba were on journey that will ultimately lead to the creation of this book.



As Gladys watched Bubba go through many 'human' emotions, a children's story was created. The profound lessons that she learned through Bubba's life may have been subtle and inspirational but with this she hoped to reach out to young children and instil in them the confidence to fight the challenges of self-worth.

Gladys wishes to donate 100% of profits to the on-going research of PBFD and is hopeful this research will lead to a cure.



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# b u b b a a n d t h e s w e e t p e a

**b**ubba, a beautiful and magnificent cockatoo, is the show's star attraction!

But something very strange is happening...Bubba is losing his feathers!

With hope and courage, Bubba sets out on an unforgettable journey in search of Uriah the great Eagle, who has the power to grant any wish.

All Bubba has to offer Uriah is a humble sweet pea.

Join Bubba on his amazing adventure in quest of his feathers, as he learns through his struggles and fears, what it means to be truly beautiful.



“A book created  
to help children face  
personal struggles and learn  
that the desire for outer  
beauty is overshadowed  
once learning the value of  
inner beauty”



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