

# Award-Winning Author

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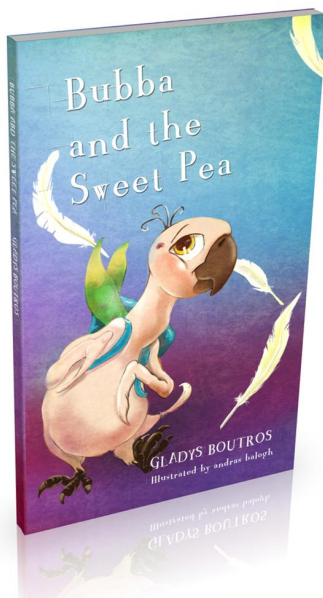
**Gladys Boutros** is the Australian author of her first book 'Bubba and the Sweet Pea' which was inspired by her sulphur-crested cockatoo, Bubba, and the life he was given to live.

Bubba was born with a beak and feather disease known as PBFD, which is a virus that is greatly affecting our Australian 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.

As Gladys watched Bubba go through many 'human' emotions, she saw similarities in the emotional behaviour of both animals and people and took the opportunity to write a story to inspire children who may perceive themselves as being different. The profound lessons that she learned through Bubba's life may have been subtle and inspirational and with this she hoped to reach out to young children and instil in them the confidence to fight any life challenges.

Bubba And The Sweet Pea has been awarded FINALIST at the 2013 Next Generation Indie Book Awards and also awarded BRONZE in the category of Children's Books – For All Ages at the eLit Awards.

The self-published book is currently available in print in English, as well as Kindle and Apple digital formats. The book has also been translated and published in German and Japanese versions.



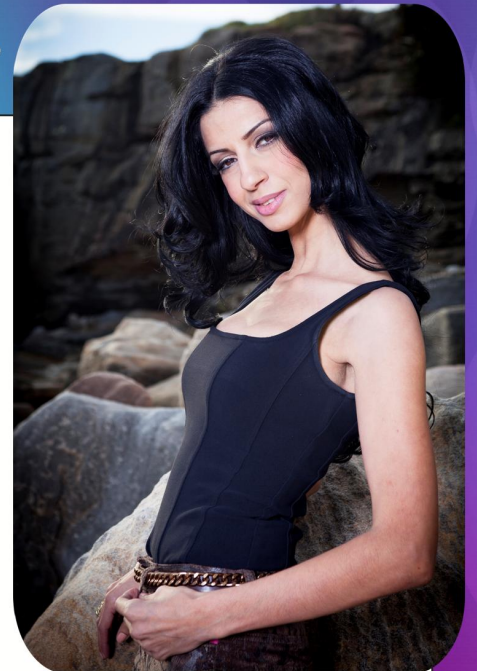
Although the book was written for children between the ages of 7 to 12, the story has connected with readers of all ages which highlights that these issues are taken with us into our adult life with sometimes devastating consequences.

With the rise of issues such as depression, bullying and body image in children today, Gladys' mission is to use this story in schools and other children's organisations. To inspire and empower them to embrace their uniqueness, strengths and build their confidence to love oneself and each other.

Gladys wishes to donate all profits to other charities and organisations who share the common mission of children's well being and the on-going research of PBFD .

“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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# Bubba And The Sweet Pea

Bubba, 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.



★★★★★ **What a wonderful story!**

By Minerva

*Definitely not just for children! Great moving story! Kids will love the ending and adults will appreciate the ending! 5 stars all the way!!*

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