

Elena's Biography

Elena lives with her family in Auckland and has been writing for children since 2004. She has had a number of stories, poems, plays and readers published by educational publishers in New Zealand, Australia and the United States. Two of her stories (a picture book and an illustrated fiction text) are being published by Walker Books Australia and she is currently writing a fantasy novel for 10-12 year olds.

Educational qualifications include a BA from The University of Auckland (English) and a post graduate Diploma in Librarianship from Victoria University. Elena worked for seven years as an information consultant for the National Library's business information service.

Currently, as the 2010/2011 recipient of the Todd New Writers' Bursary, Elena is working on a collection of children's poems.

She is a member of Storylines, The NZ Society of Authors, Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators, and Kiwi Write4Kidz ...

Elena once worked her passage to Europe on a container ship, and has been a contestant on 'Sale of the Century' and 'Who Wants to be a Millionaire'?

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Published List

Trade Books

The Rain Train (illustrated by Brian Lovelock) - Walker Books Australia, 2010 (also published Candlewick Press (USA) and Walker Books (UK), 2011)

Ophelia Wild, Secret Spy (illustrated by Tracy Duncan) - Walker Books Australia, 2012

Readers

'On a Roll' - Rainbow Reading, NZ, 2007

'Blender Trouble' - Rainbow Reading, NZ, 2007

'Super Squeeze' - Rainbow Reading, NZ, 2007

'Coffee Stop' - Rainbow Reading, NZ, 2009

'Good Advice' - Rainbow Reading, NZ, 2009

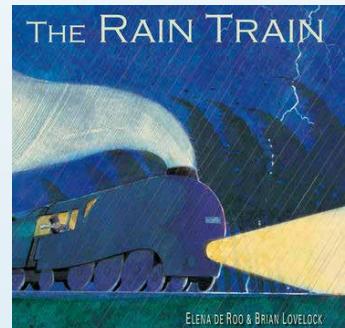
'Snorkelling' - Rainbow Reading, NZ, 2009

'Gran's Growing Potion' - Rainbow Reading, NZ, 2011

Short Stories

'Neither Up Nor Down' - The School Magazine (Orbit; Vol.92, no.9), Australia, 2007

'The Dig' - The School Magazine (Touchdown; Vol. 95, no. 10), Australia, 2010



Poems

'Snorkelling' - The School Magazine (Countdown; Vol.92, no.7), Australia, 2007

'Waxing and Waning' - The School Magazine (Countdown; Vol.93, no.2), Australia, 2008

'Venetian' - The School Magazine, (Touchdown; Vol.94, no.4), Australia, 2009

'Horripliation' - The School Magazine, (Touchdown; Vol.96, no.4), Australia, 2011

'My Cat Euclid' - The Right Angle: A Collection of Mathematical Poems, South Pacific Press, NZ, 2011

Plays

'The Reader' - Pacific Learning, USA, 2006

'The Boy Who Lost His Voice' - The School Magazine (Orbit; Vol.92, no.10), Australia, 2007

Awards

1st - Auckland City Libraries Poetry Competition 2008

NZSA Mentor Programme 2009/2010

1st - The Manawatu (New Zealand) International Poetry for Performance Competition 2010

The Rain Train - finalist CJ Korean 3rd Picture Book Awards 2010

Todd New Writers' Bursary 2010

The Rain Train - Storylines Notable Picture Book, 2011

Ophelia Wild, Deadly Detective - Storylines Notable Book 2015

The Name at the End of the Ladder - Storylines Notable Book 2015



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