# TANIA M°CARTNEY



## MAMIE By Tania McCartney

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#### Themes:

- Literacy
- Sustainability
- Visual Literacy

# **ABOUT THE BOOK**

TO US SHE IS MAY GIBBS, CREATOR OF SNUGGLEPOT & CUDDLEPIE. BUT TO HER FAMILY, SHE WAS KNOWN AS 'MAMIE'.

In a land far away, where fairies, pixies and elves live deep in the woods, a baby girl is born. Her parents call her Mamie.

Mamie loves to sing and dance and paint with her magical woodland friends. Her days are like a fairy tale. But when Mamie's family move to Australia, she misses green fields drenched with rain. The hot skies and dusty plains of her new home turn Mamie's world upside down. Will she ever find new fairy friends in this strange and beautiful land?

From the talented Tania McCartney comes an exquisite book that celebrates the life of renowned children's author and illustrator, May Gibbs.

# ABOUT THE AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR

Tania McCartney is an author, illustrator and editor with experience in magazines and book publishing. Her first author-illustrated book, *Australia Illustrated*, was released in November 2016 and she has gone on to illustrate two maps and five books, including a collaboration with Jackie French for the National Library of Australia. The founder of Kids' Book Review and the 52-Week Illustration Challenge, Tania is a past ambassador for the National Year of Reading (2012) and a current ambassador for the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge (ACT). She is also an experienced speaker and presenter, running workshops for schools and organisations such as the ACT Writers Centre, the ASA, CBCA and SCBWI.

Tania's books have won awards and shortlistings, and have been released in Australia, NZ, the UK, the US, Canada and China. Recent awards include several CBCA Notable books, the Laurie Copping Award for Distinguished Service to Children's Literature 2017, and the SCBWI Crystal Kite Award 2017 for *Smile Cry*. Now a HarperCollins author, Tania's picture book, *Mamie*, was released in December 2018. Tania has lived in France, England and China, and currently lives in Canberra with her family.

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# **DISCUSSION POINTS**

## **BEFORE READING**

Get your kids marvelling in the wonder of native flowers and trees by collecting some samples, either in your local area, or heading out to the bush if close by.

Create a collage of what you have collected or get the students to draw or paint flowers such as:

- Gumnuts
- Ragged blossoms
- Kangaroo paw
- Flannel flowers
- Golden wattle
- Waratahs

Have a selection of *The Complete Adventures of Snugglepot and Cuddlepie* books for students to look at.



### **READING THE BOOK**

Some things to discuss following the reading of Mamie:

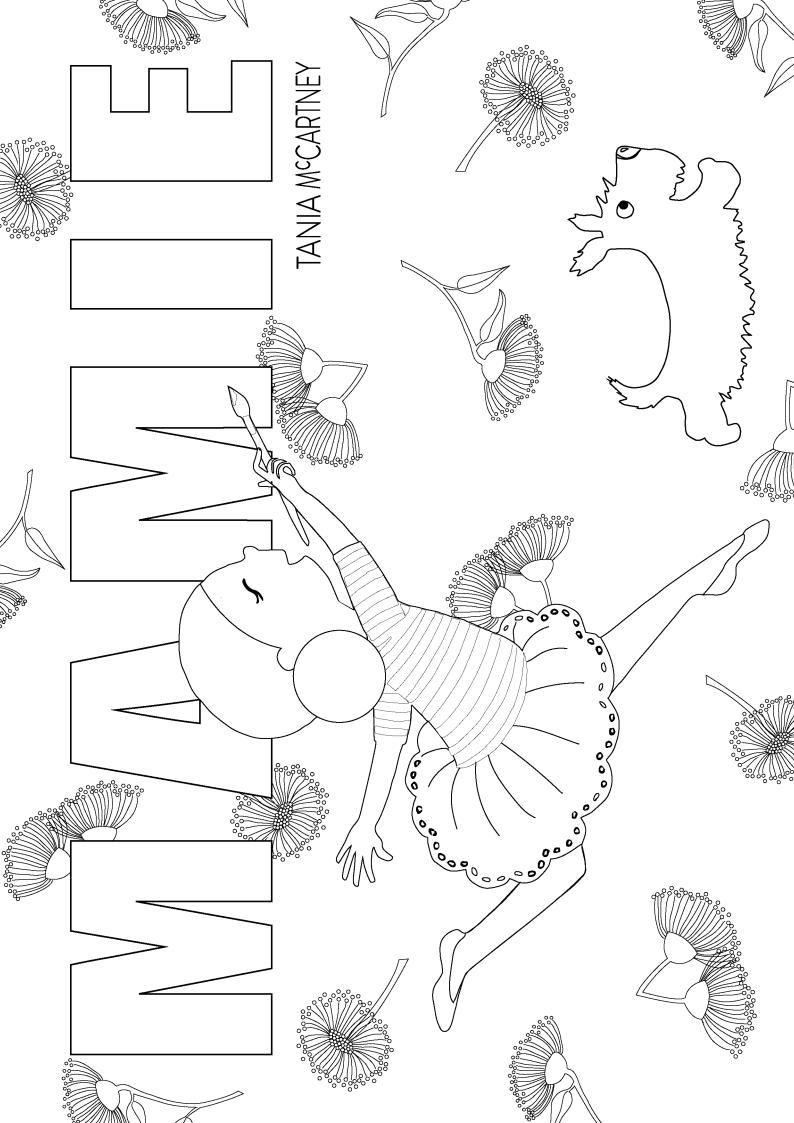
- Who is Mamie?
- What is her actual name?
- What is imagination?
- Why is Australia at the bottom of the world?
- How and why was Mamie's life turned upside down?
- Where are Mamie's fairies?
- Where did she finally find the fairies?
- How was Mamie's day like a fairy tale?

Look at the illustrations and make a list of the birds and animals that you find in the book. Do they live in Australia?

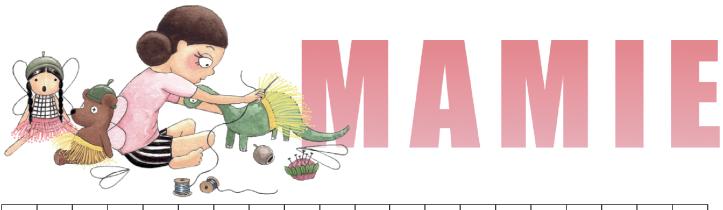
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## Word List and Meaning







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