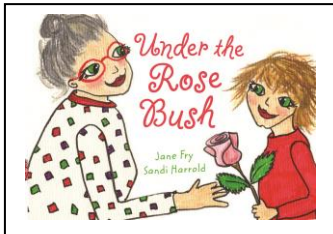


Under the Rose Bush

By Jane Fry, with illustrations by Sandi Harrold

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Under the Rose Bush is a short story which explores a touching relationship between a young girl and her grandmother who develops Alzheimer's disease.

**“Granny loves me and always will.
I have my own special room at her house.
It smells of lavender, sweet, just like her.”**

Zoe and her Granny are great friends. They spend a lot of time playing and learning together. Gradually Zoe notices changes in her Granny. Zoe learns to adjust to the situation as her grandmother ages. Her story provides a sense of optimism despite the grief of eventually losing her beloved grandmother.

The story, with its brilliant illustrations, helps children to understand the illness and teaches them how to cope with supporting their grandparents through a difficult time.

“A young person in such a position would be experiencing new emotions, and being able to share, and express those feelings with another by reading a book with a loved one would be a comfort. Well done.”

- ***Dr Andrew Orr, M.B.B.S, a family doctor***



The book will appeal to mothers with small children and elderly relatives. It would also appeal to retirement homes or nursing homes.



Jane Fry lives in the Western suburbs of Brisbane. She worked as a senior English teacher for many years and currently volunteers teaching English to overseas students and refugees in Australia. Most recently she published a short story in “Inside Outside In”, dealing with issues impacting on women. She is interested in how people, particularly families, cope with issues that affect them and has taken a counselling course to get more of an insight. Jane also enjoys photography, camping, travelling and her family, especially watching her grandchildren growing up.

Sandi Harrold is also from Brisbane and presently tutors children with special needs. Sandi has written and illustrated nine story books for children. Most recently she published “Sarah and Andy” through Green Olive Press as a donation to the Aussie Angels Assistance Dogs charity. Sandi is currently working on writing and illustrating a series of indigenous stories for young children. Sandi's artwork is displayed at various galleries in Queensland. She has sold her art at the 2013 Brisbane Rotary Art Spectacular and won the ‘Packer's Prize’ at the Creative Art Extravaganza. Sandi's work can be viewed at www.sandiharrold.com.au



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