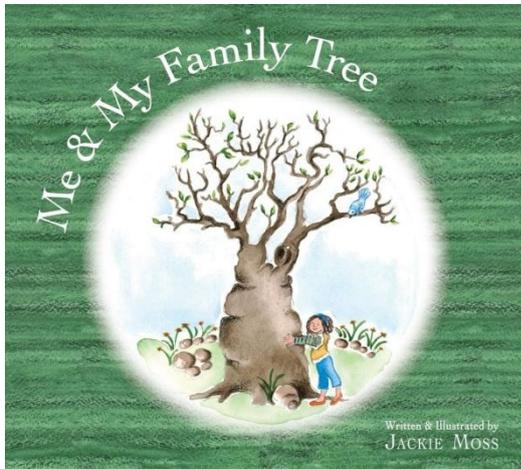


Review of *Me & My Family Tree* written and illustrated by Australian author Jackie Moss
<http://www.jackiemossart.com.au/> - ISBN 978-0-9875663-5-5 paperback, available in print for \$15.00 plus postage.



I have to confess this is the first children's book I have reviewed and I was curious as to how the concept of family history could be conveyed to young children. The nice thing about children's books is that they don't take that long to read with minimal text and lots of pictures.

I particularly enjoyed the illustrations in *Me & My Family Tree* as Jackie has captured what family life is like in most families. The text is written from the viewpoint of a young girl Emily wondering about her family and their characteristics.

Emily has siblings, parents, grandparents, cousins and other relatives. Where did the curly hair come from or the skinny legs and freckles? Where does everyone live and how are they related not to mention all those shared family events like birthdays and Christmas.

It's not just a dry read. There is lots of humour as Emily describes various members of her family and how they see themselves. Many readers will be able to identify with the 'messy dad', 'mum with a big bottom' or the aunt who gives 'sloppy kisses'. The illustrations are all contemporary and the relationships even include a cousin's ex-husband.

A very modern and entertaining book to help young children start to think about their own families and where they fit within their own family history. Jackie Moss donated a number of her books for [National Family History Month](#) in August this year and I was able to use them as door prizes at various presentations. Recipients all said they were looking forward to sharing their prize with their grandchildren. We will be reading it with our youngest grandchildren when we visit Adelaide in October.

Any grandparent who is researching the family history will want to share this book with their own families. Christmas will soon be here and *My & My Family Tree* makes a nice present for those who love reading and have an interest in where they came from. Why not share it with your family?

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