



Aussie STEM Stars

Reviews

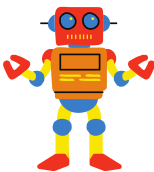
"Georgia Ward-Fear is a strong role model as she doesn't stray from her passion, even if it makes her different to her peers at school. She experiences life with gusto and makes a positive mark in the conservation field as she combines her knowledge and experiences with indigenous practices from Australia and other global cultures. It also reminds us that science isn't confined to people in white coats in a laboratory mixing colourful solutions."



- **Melissa Pang, STAV, *Let's Find Out***

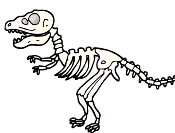
"Books like this are so important for Australian students in discovering more about other cultures and the realities occurring both within Australia and elsewhere. Through framing these themes in the *Aussie STEM Stars* series, this biography looks at multiple elements and the power one human can hold. There are so many discussions which can come from Munjed's story and it is important for it to be shared."

- **Alison Shuttleworth, STAV, *Let's Find Out***



"Cristy Burne brings Fiona's story to life, giving the reader insight into her childhood, celebrating her success and exploring the struggles and prejudice she faced throughout her professional career. Born to a family of coal miners, Fiona fought for her right to an education and to follow her dreams. The 2002 Bali bombings brought her important work in the field of burns to the attention of the public and cemented her as an important figure in Australian history. Burne's treatment of Fiona's story balances the personal and the factual, making it accessible, while Fiona's love of invention and discovery and her can-do attitude make her a strong role model, opening up a world of possibilities to young people. Perfect for a 10-13 readership."

- **Books+Publishing**



"These books read like stories of great adventure and exploration. How wonderful to witness the journeys of our STEM heroes giving an insight into their struggles and inspirations. The *Aussie STEM Stars* series and this book in particular will inspire young readers and certainly young girls to discover that the world is theirs for exploration and for making a difference."

- **Heather Zubek, CBCA VIC**



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"Dianne Wolfer writes Munjed's story with the utmost sensitivity ... [she] takes the reader into the horrors of Iraq during war time but never treads too far. The story is given to us simply, as the story itself is enough to inflame in the reader a sense of injustice.

Munjed Al Muderis: From Refugee to Surgical Inventor provides much scope for the teacher to use as a class study. As a biography, it offers young readers insights into living in war torn Iraq as well as the injustices and struggles faced by refugees arriving in Australia. Hopefully, readers will feel like I felt after reading the book – pure anger. Anger at how people fleeing such inhumanity could be treated so inhumanely in our own backyard. We should be ashamed. But isn't it wonderful that a book can incite such emotion?"

- Heather Zubek, CBCA VIC

"Heroes and heroines come from different fields of endeavour and receive varying degrees of public recognition ... This book should be in every school and public library as Burne goes where few writers do as it celebrates the advances of science and medicine ... a story that transcends the factual."

- Rayma Turton, *Magpies magazine*

"With passion and dedication, we can grow up to be Aussie stars, just like Georgia Ward-Fear, and the Aussie STEM Stars series delivers the evidence to make kids believe it."

- Shaye Wardrop, *Kids Book Review*

"Smart children will like this book! In this fabulous story, Fiona defends the weak ones and fixes the broken ones to fight for her chance to study medicine. My favourite part about this story is that Fiona works hard on a study and she doesn't give up because it reminds me that even if I have a bit of trouble with my sport in school, I don't start giving up. I still haven't given up yet! Now what are you waiting for? Go read this outstanding book! I hope you enjoy this book!"

- Kobe, 9, *Alphabet Soup Magazine*

