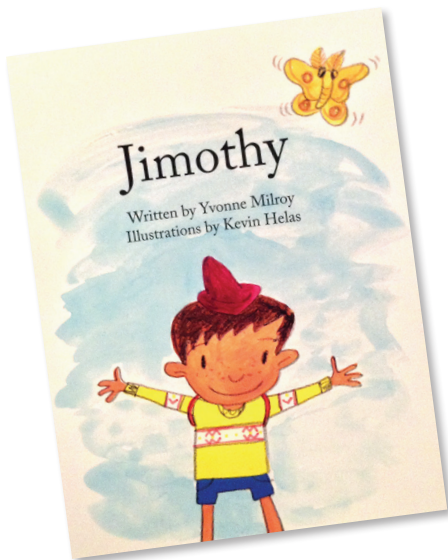


Jimothy



About the Author



Yvonne Milroy was born in Winton and spent her first few years in Te Anau before moving to Hamilton, where she completed her schooling. Yvonne gained a Business degree at Southern Cross University in Australia before working in Sydney for several years. She returned to Auckland, then eventually to Hamilton. By day, Yvonne manages the Trust Account at her cousin's law firm Foster & Milroy. In her spare time, Yvonne is a freelance copywriter and writer. She has several fiction works on the go, both children's books and short stories.

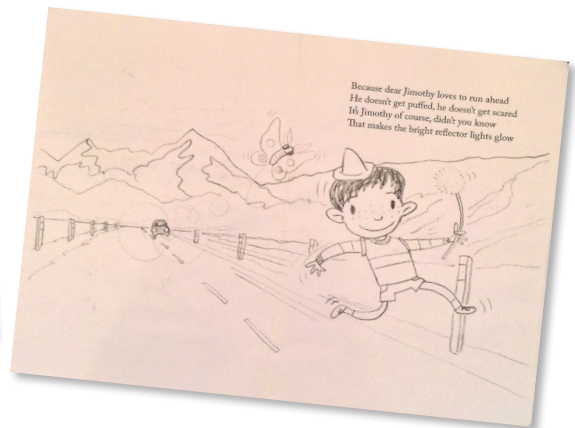
Publications

Jimothy (children's picture book) Self-published 2012
Annabelle (Short story) Self-published 2014

*"Who turns on the refrigerator light
In the deepest, darkest middle of night?
When you open the doors for a midnight snack.
Jimothy turns the lights on from the back!"*

What the author says:

I came up with the story of Jimothy when I was four years old, on the road between Te Anau and Manapouri. I decided that there was a little man who ran along in front of our car turning on the reflector poles as we drove home. He then also became the little man who turned on the fridge light, lived inside torches and helped light up our lives.



Jimothy tells the story of a little fellow who lives with a family, and helps turn on lights for them. The family's kids and cat believe that Jimothy exists, and sometimes they see him. The grownups never see Jimothy. In the story, the family goes on holiday. Jimothy goes with them, and then helps light the family's return trip home by turning on the reflector poles on the side of the road. Jimothy is written in rhyme.

About the Illustrator

Kevin Helas is a New Zealand born, London-based Artist, Designer, and Illustrator. He completed a Design Degree in Aotearoa before heading to London to complete an MA in Communication Design at Central Saint Martins. Kevin worked for several leading creative agencies in London and Zurich before setting up a design consultancy in 2003, where he now offers an integral approach to design and communication, working with people to identify, articulate and manifest their visions.

Classroom Activities

Reading

- Can you name all the items in the fridge?
- What toys do the girls have?
- Where do the family go to on holiday?
- Can you find Te Anau on a map?
- What are some of the gymnastic moves that Jimothy does?

Oral Language

- Explain how Jimothy makes things light up
- Give a speech about your favourite places to visit in New Zealand.

Written Language

- Write a short poem that rhymes
- Write about a holiday you have taken with your family
- Do you know what the Maori words are for moth, rat and cat?

Visual Language

- Draw a picture of Jimothy surrounded by all the things he can light up
- Draw a picture of your family getting ready to go on holiday