

# Arabella and the Magic Pencil

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**The creators are available for interview now.**

## A new picture book takes sibling rivalry to the next level!

Anyone who has ever been a sibling probably knows what it feels like to wish that their irritating brother or sister would just vanish for a little while.

In this new picture book by Australian creators, Stephanie Ward and Shaney Hyde, Arabella is a beloved only child who has everything a little girl could want.

That is, until her brother, Avery, the master of mayhem, comes along. While she certainly *loves* him, she finds that it's sometimes very hard to *like* him. So she spends her days creating marvellous, magnificent things with her magic pencil, and trying to ignore him. But when he spoils her perfectly proper tea party, she decides drastic action is required and she erases him from her life. Oops! But things aren't the same without him — can she get him back? *Arabella and the Magic Pencil* is a charming story, which will appeal to any child coming to terms with a new sibling and to caregivers who are supporting changing family dynamics, as well as those who love fantasy and engaging, alliterative language.



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**Shaney Hyde** is an Early Childhood Teacher from Melbourne who runs art workshops for children and draws inspiration from her own playful childhood. *Arabella and the Magic Pencil* is the first book Shaney has illustrated, fulfilling a long-held dream.