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## MEM FOX

Mem Fox is Australia's most highly regarded picture-book author. Her first book, *Possum Magic*, is the best selling children's book ever in Australia, with sales of over two million. In the USA, *Time for Bed* and *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge* have each sold over a million copies. *Time for Bed* is on Oprah's list of the twenty best children's books of all time. Mem has written twenty-nine picture books for children and five non-fiction books for adults, including the best-selling *Reading Magic*, aimed at parents of very young children.

She was an Associate Professor in Literacy Studies at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia, where she taught teachers for twenty-four years until her early retirement in 1996. Over the years she has received an embarrassing number of awards and accolades in Australia, including two honorary doctorates. She has visited the States over eighty times. She is now an influential, hectic, grey-haired international consultant in literacy, although she pretends to be a redhead who sits around writing full time.

Her latest book is *Hunwick's Egg*. She hopes everyone will adore it.

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