

MEDIA RELEASE

HAVE *you seen* ALLY QUEEN?

DEB FITZPATRICK

ABOUT THE BOOK

Ally Queen is tough. Tough enough to swim out past the breakers and into calmer waters. Tough enough to put a craypot on a treacherous reef or to spend an entire night pouring water over beached whales.

She's strong enough to do without the best friend she left in the city and, when her Mum has a mental breakdown, she figures she'll just do without her too. So what if life is as lonely as the windswept beach of her new home?

Whether she's running from the embarrassing attentions of the school guidance counsellor or just working out that tomboys can romance the boy next door too, Ally Queen's direct and matter of fact voice speaks to the outsider in us all.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Deb Fitzpatrick lives and works in Fremantle. Her first novel, *90 Packets of Instant Noodles*, was published in 2010. An early draft of *Have You Seen Ally Queen?* was shortlisted for the 2007 T.A.G. Hungerford Award.

MEDIA NOTES

- The author's first novel, *90 Packets of Instant Noodles*, was a Children's Book Council of Australia notable book in 2010 and was favourably reviewed Australia-wide.
- This is a contemporary romantic story for adolescent readers who like their heroines to be independent and their novels to be dramatic without the melodrama.
- Free teaching notes are available at www.fremantlepress.com.au

PRAISE FOR 90 PACKETS OF INSTANT NOODLES

'a good read for older teens.' – *Herald Sun*

'Loyalty is the theme of this excellent first novel, which delicately treads the minefield of adolescence gone wrong.'
– *Weekend Australian*

'This is a very well written novel. Joel is utterly believable and has a compelling voice.' – *Reading Time*

'Fitzpatrick is a writer to watch. Highly recommended for readers 14-plus.' – *The West Australian*

'The realistic plot, excellent characterisation and development of relationships make this novel a worthwhile read for older teenagers.' – *Magpies*



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