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The SPECTACULAR SPENCER GRAY

by **DEB FITZPATRICK**

ABOUT THE BOOK

Spencer Gray is just an ordinary kid, but he manages to get into some pretty extraordinary situations.

When Spencer stumbles on a sinister operation in the bush, his life goes into overdrive – midnight rescue missions, super-endangered animals, hair-raising adventures.

To survive, Spencer will need to pull off something spectacular.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Deb Fitzpatrick lives and works in Fremantle, WA. She has a Master of Arts (Creative Writing) from UWA and occasionally teaches creative writing and editing at Curtin University. Deb is the author of four novels. *The Break* (2014) is for adult readers. Both her novels for young adults – *90 Packets of Instant Noodles* (2010) and *Have You Seen Ally Queen?* (2011) – were named Notable Books by the Children's Book Council of Australia. *The Amazing Spencer Gray* (2013), a novel for younger readers, was published in the US in 2016.



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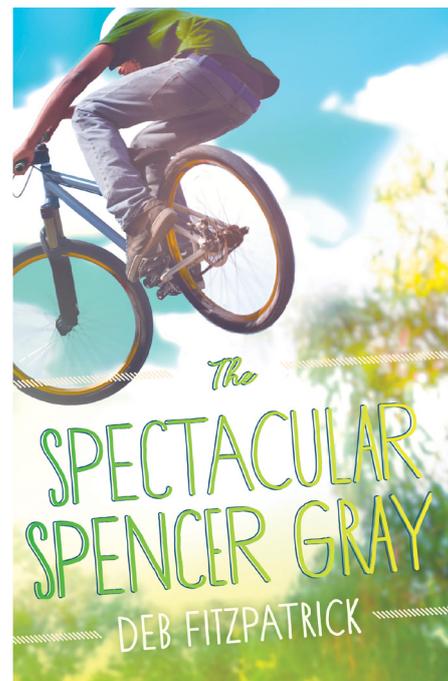
- Deb Fitzpatrick is an experienced and in-demand presenter in schools in Victoria, WA and NSW.
- The first book in the series, *The Amazing Spencer Gray*, will be serialised in *The West Australian's* Ed! Magazine for nine weeks. Over 7,000 students will participate in in-class activities.
- Teaching notes available from fremantlepress.com.au.

PRAISE FOR THE FIRST BOOK IN THE SERIES

'The clever writing allows the reader to simultaneously admire the bravery and determination of Spencer ... while exploring human fear and fragility.'
Magpies

'... this is a brilliant junior fiction read for boys who like adventure stories.'
Scoop Magazine

'Deb Fitzpatrick tells the story of a young man's courage and clear-headedness in an extraordinarily difficult situation. [Four stars out of five]'
Good Reading Magazine



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