

Evie P & Me

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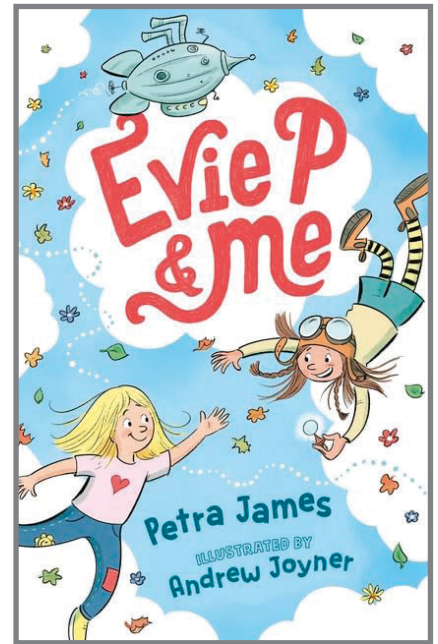
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SYNOPSIS

You never know something wonderful is going to happen . . . until it does. It might be sitting at the bus stop, zooming down the path, or even sailing through the sky . . .

Meet Evie P. Until now she has lived in an airship on the other side of the world. And for her first day at her new school, Evie P brings adventure, imagination, a Storm Glass Weather Predictor, and even a villain to be vanquished!

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Petra James was born in a small town in the South Island of New Zealand, and came to Australia via London. She has written several fiction titles for children such as *The Most Ungrateful Girl in the World* and the seven books in the Arkie Sparkle series. Like Arkie Sparkle, she wanted to be an archaeologist when she grew up (she had planned to work her way through the career alphabet but didn't get past 'A'), but instead sold chocolate chip cookies and eventually found her way into publishing. When she is not sending fictional characters on adventures, she works in children's publishing in Sydney.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Andrew Joyner is an internationally published illustrator and author. His bestselling books include the modern classic *The Terrible Plop*, written by Ursula Dubosarsky (shortlisted for the CBCA awards and the Prime Minister's Literary Awards). Other favourites include *Too Many Elephants in this House* (with Ursula Dubosarsky), *How Big is Too Small* (with Jane Godwin), *Blue the Builder's Dog* (with Jen Storer) and the Boris series for young readers (*Ready, Set, Boris* was a Notable book in the CBCA Awards). Andrew lives in Strathalbyn, South Australia.

STUDY NOTES

BEFORE READING

- Before reading, view the cover and title of the book. Identify the following:
 - The title of the book
 - The author/illustrator
 - The publisher
 - The blurb.
- Based on the title only, what do you think this story is about? Based on the cover, what do you think this story is about? Did your ideas change after seeing the cover?

- How do you think it will begin/end? Revisit your answer after reading the story to see if your predictions were correct.
- Discuss the title of the book. Do you think this is a good title? Why or why not? If you were asked to choose an alternative title for the book, what would it be? Remember, a good title should capture the audience's attention and give them some idea of what the book is about.
 - Write your own story using the title of the book.

WHILE READING

- Who do you think the audience for this book is? Why?
- Is the book an imaginative, informative or persuasive text? How can you tell?
- Literary techniques allow a writer to convey a deeper meaning in their text. What techniques can you find in *Evie P & Me*? Eg. metaphor, imagery, alliteration, personification, etc.
- What deeper meaning can you draw from the text?

AFTER READING

- Discuss whether Evie P's story about Rat Hector is real or made up. What are some of the clues in the book? And, does it matter whether the story is real or made up?
- Identify the different ways the author has made the story more engaging by using various writing techniques (eg. imagery, metaphor, alliteration).
- Evie P loves 'P' words, and shares a list of 'P' words and their meanings on p 46. Write your own list of words and meanings, starting with the letter of your last name.
- Draw your own airship! Be as creative as you like.
- When Evie P shares that her parents are Air-xplorers, Lily thinks about her list of WHAT I WANT TO BE WHEN I GROW UP. What are some things on your students' lists?