

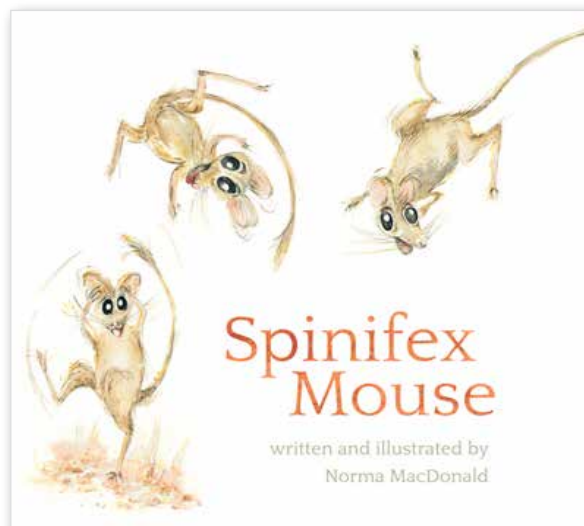
SPINIFEX MOUSE

The story of a mouse called Cheeky and his daring outback adventures

Written and illustrated by Norma MacDonald

Spinifex Mouse is the heart-warming tale of Cheeky, a spinifex hopping mouse, who lives in the Pilbara region of Western Australia. Cheeky is an adventurous little mouse that loves to leap high into the air and practice acrobatic tricks. Every morning, when his family have returned to their burrow to sleep after a night's foraging, Cheeky sneaks out again to look for more food and practice his flips. Each day, he ventures a little further from the burrow. One morning, when Cheeky is far from home, he shows off his clever tricks in front of a hungry snake and becomes swept up in a heart-stopping and very risky adventure.

Norma MacDonald is descended from the Yamitji people of the Gascoyne Region and the Nyungar people of the South West of Western Australia. Norma has always expressed herself through drawing and painting but only took up formal art studies when her children were adults. She is one of Australia's leading artists and her work is held in national collections including the Art Gallery of Western Australia and the National Gallery of Australia. Her commissions include civic sculptures and murals. Norma MacDonald is the recipient of many awards and in 2004 received an Australian Arts Fellowship from the Australia Council to study oil painting techniques of the 'old masters'.



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