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Brave young adventurer reaches for the moon

How does a young girl with a yearning for adventure get to the moon? Why, she climbs the staircase of course!

In this book, a young girl and her grandfather sneak away from home one night in a bid to climb the staircase to the moon. The pair brave blood-thirsty mosquitoes, dive-bombing fruit bats, boab trees that loom like giants and sinking mangrove mud before making it to the foot of the staircase.

From there they climb the steps and have the time of their lives, leaping like acrobats on the moon's surface.

This tale of adventure creates a real sense of magic, as the young girl narrator lives a fantasy with a helping hand from her grandpa — but was it all just a dream?

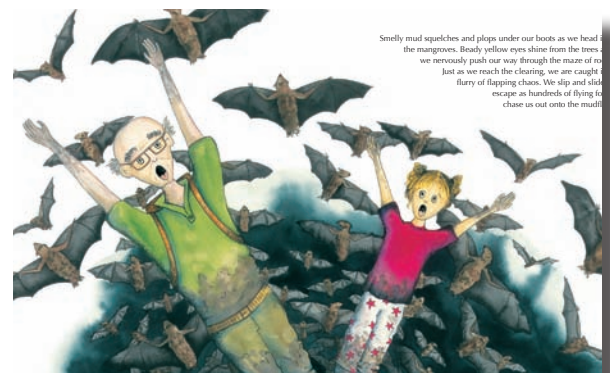
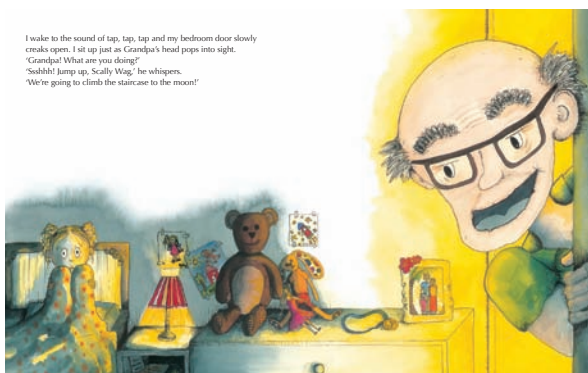
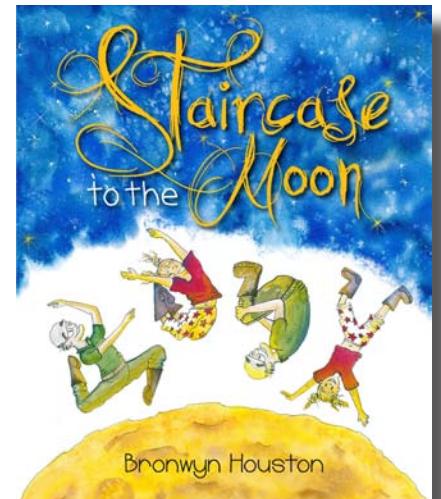
Delightful illustrations in ink and watercolour bring to life the excitement and adventure of this fantastic story for young readers.

Staircase to the Moon is based on a natural phenomenon occurring at Broome in the remote north-west of Western Australia. As the full moon climbs above the horizon, it reflects across exposed mudflats at low tide, creating the illusion of a rising staircase. The spectacle draws thousands of sight-seeing tourists each year.

Bronwyn Houston is a talented young Indigenous author and artist. She illustrated her first book, *Loongie the Greedy Crocodile*, at the age of 21. Now 23, *Staircase to the Moon* is her second title as an illustrator and first as an author.

Descended from the Niyaparli and Yindjibarndi people of the Wana clan in the Pilbara region of WA, Bronwyn was born and bred in Broome and draws her inspiration from the natural world she knows and loves. *Staircase to the Moon* will be available from April 2011 in bookshops and online at www.magabala.com for \$19.95.

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