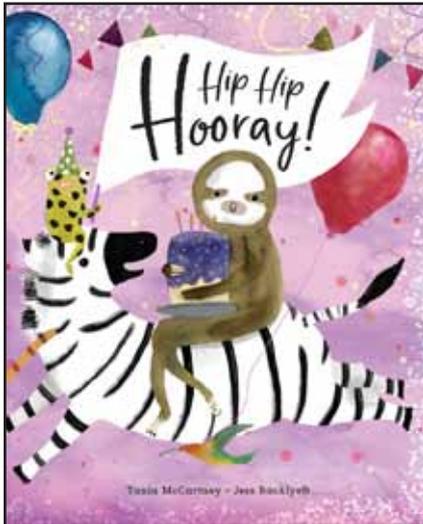


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Hip Hip Hooray

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Imprint: Windy Hollow Books

Binding: Hardcover

Pages: 32

Dimensions: 200w x 250h x 9d mm

Weight: 300 grams

Category: Child Picture

Ages: 3 - 6

Tania McCartney
Jess Racklyeft

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RRP: \$25.99



The big day is almost here. The invitations are sent, the presents made pretty... there's some fun to prepare! Peek inside the homes of these adorable animals as they celebrate charming birthday traditions—from party hats and piñatas to blowing out the candles... and making a wish. Hip hip hooray!

This picture book, by an award-winning duo, features echidnas in Australia, goats in Canada, sloths in Costa Rica, narwhals in the nippy Barents sea, orangutans in the depths of Borneo, and an entire menagerie of creatures from around the world—sending invitations, wrapping presents, playing party games and of course, prepping the birthday cake for the ultimate annual wish.

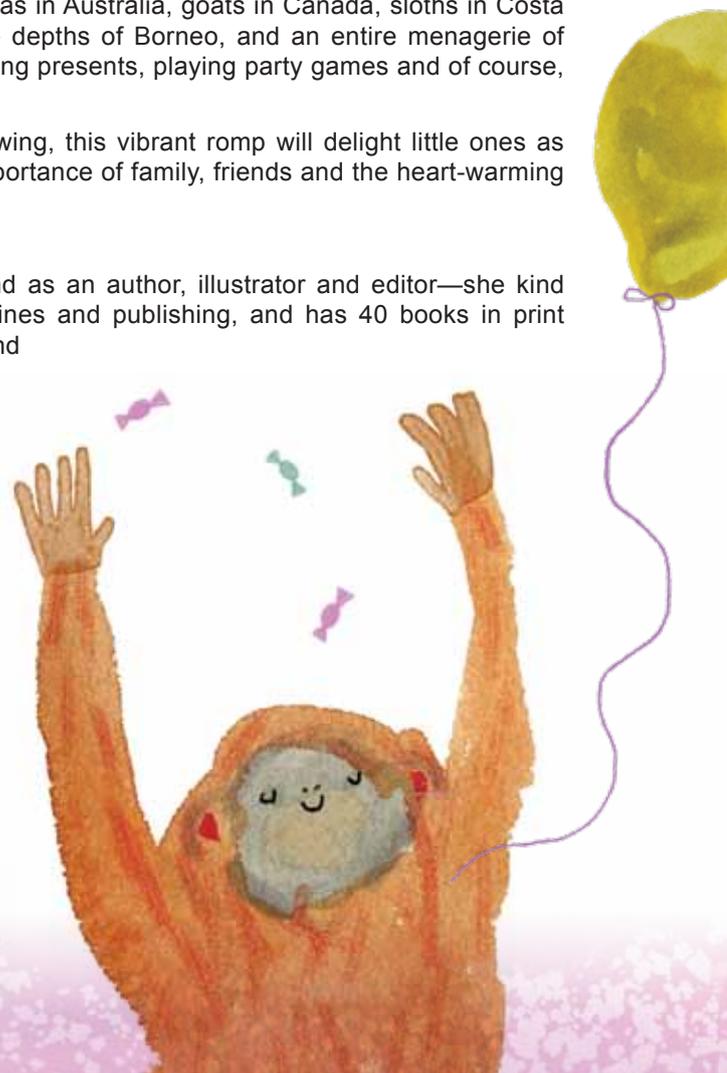
Starting on birthday eve and ending as the party hits full swing, this vibrant romp will delight little ones as their very special day comes around... and highlights the importance of family, friends and the heart-warming traditions of childhood.

Author:

If she could, Tania McCartney would live inside a book, and as an author, illustrator and editor—she kind of already does. Tania has 30 years' experience in magazines and publishing, and has 40 books in print or production. In 2013, she reconnected with illustration and has gone on to produce several illustrated maps and books, including *Mamie*, a picture book on the life of May Gibbs (HarperCollins, 2018) and *This is Home: Essential Poems for Australian Children* (with Jackie French, National Library Publishing, 2019).

The founder of Kids' Book Review, Tania's books have been published in nine countries. She has received various awards including several CBCA Notable books, the SCBWI Crystal Kite Award and the CBCA Laurie Copping Award for Distinguished Service to Children's Literature. An ambassador for the Chief Minister's Reading Challenge (ACT), she is a fierce advocate for juvenile literacy. Tania has lived in Paris, London and Beijing, and currently lives in Canberra with her family, a forest of artwork and a mountain of books.

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Illustrator:

After working in the publishing industry sales world for many years, Jess jumped ship a few years ago to follow her dream of illustrating rather than selling books. She's illustrated eight picture books including SCBWI Crystal Kite Award winner and CBCA Notable Book, *Smile Cry*, and several other titles including *If Baby Could Talk* and *Love Was Hiding* with Windy Hollow Books.

Working with watercolours and digital illustration, she also creates work for greeting cards, prints and portraits, and more work can be seen at www.jessesmess.com.

With two young children, if she's not drawing, she's either constantly reading picture books, visiting the library or book shop, usually with a coffee in hand. Her kind of heaven!

Themes:

- Birthdays
- Friendship
- Celebration
- Multiculturalism
- Family
- Animals
- Tradition

Key Curriculum Areas:

- English
- The Arts
- Traditions
- Culture + Multiculturalism



Selling Points:

- A book that will appeal to the very young, for its animal characters and whimsical, pastel illustrations. It would also appeal to older children, for the cuteness, humour and themes.
- A wonderful celebration of tradition, family and togetherness, making it appealing to adults.
- Touring the world to see how animals might celebrate their birthdays is a wonderful way to entrance children, and would make the perfect birthday gift.
- *Hip Hip Hooray!* has been created by an award-winning duo, whose previous books have become CBCA Notable Books (*Smile Cry*, *Merry Everything*) and have won the SCBWI Crystal Kite Award for the Australia/ New Zealand region (*Smile Cry*).

