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# Renowned writer has the magic

THE much-loved Australian classic children's book *Possum Magic* almost never made it to bookshelves.

Written by South Australian author Mem Fox, the book was initially rejected nine times over five years before a publishing deal was secured.

The book, Ms Fox's first publication, became (and continues to be, to this day) the best-selling children's book in Australia, with nearly five million copies sold worldwide.

The classic book is a staple in most family's reading lists and has been shared between countless generations of Australians.

Now an author of more than 40 books for young children including *Time for Bed*, *Where Is The Green Sheep?* and *Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes* translated into 19 languages and the book for parents *Reading Magic*, Ms Fox will be in Logan City in May for the annual celebration of

Under 8s Week.

Logan City Council Libraries and Logan Together have joined forces to present for free An Evening with Mem Fox from 6.30-8.30pm on May 24 at the Logan Entertainment Centre.

Logan children the best start in life were invited to attend this special session.

"Ms Fox is one of Australia's most cherished children's authors and we are delighted to be hosting her in the City of Logan," Mayor Luke Smith said.

"Since its release in 1983 the popularity of *Possum Magic* has never waned. People who read the book when they were children are now enjoying it with their own children."

Story time with Mem will be held in two sessions for children from 10.30am and 1.30pm on May 25 at the Entertainment Centre.

Tickets with Ms Fox are free and can be booked by phoning 3412 5626.



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