

Richard Yaxley

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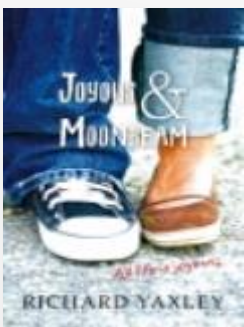
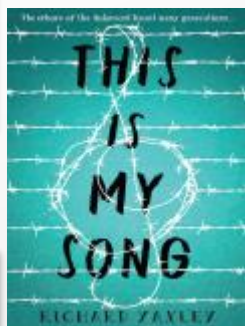


PUBLICATIONS

The Happiness Quest, 2018

This is my Song, 2017

Joyous and Moonbeam, 2013



Richard was raised in Tasmania amidst rivers, rainforest and Reader's Digest books. He loved reading traditional literature such as *The Wind in the Willows* and *The Call of the Wild*, and used to finish all of his work early in primary school so that the teacher would let him write stories. When his parents gave him a copy of *The Great Gatsby* he "knew from that moment what I wanted to do, and what the ideal looked like."

As well as writing award-winning novels, poetry, short stories and educational texts, Richard teaches secondary English and Drama. This has enabled him to see first-hand the wonderful and empowering effect of good storytelling on children. Richard believes wholeheartedly that thoughtful, well-crafted fiction will always allow young people to better understand their own world, and better empathise with those who come into that world. This notion lies solidly at the heart of his latest work, *This Is My Song*.

A significant highlight of Richard's career was receiving, in 2011, a prestigious *Medal in the Order of Australia* (OAM) for services to education, literature and performing arts.

REVIEWS

"This is beautifully written with the words at times leaping off the page to tug at your heartstrings. It also makes you wonder about humans capacity for cruelty. At the same time, you will marvel at the beauty to be found in the simplest of things and the inner strength people can find within."

– *This is my Song*, Lamont Books review, 2017

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