

Leonard the Lyrebird

children's book now available in Italian

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Award-winning Australian children's book *Leonard the Lyrebird* is taking its tale of a charismatic Blue Mountains lyrebird across the globe and across cultures with a new bilingual English-Italian translation published by Italian publisher Voglino Editrice.

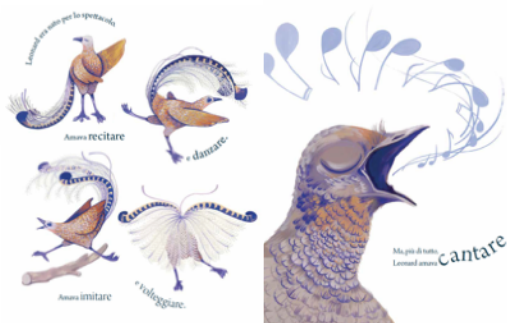
Created originally by Blue Mountains writer Jodie McLeod and illustrator Eloise Short, the new bilingual version – titled *Leonard l'uccello lira*, translated by Mirella Alessio – features both the English text and the Italian translation, offering children in Australia and overseas an engaging and stunningly illustrated resource for exploring the Italian language.

Based in Turin, Italy, publisher Cristiana Voglino describes *Leonard* as a “special, joyful and lively story” that appeals to children's curiosity about Australian animals, while also bridging geographic and cultural distances.

“Australia's native animals have always intrigued children [in Italy], who love nature and are fascinated by that distant continent. This story of friendship, courage, creativity and tenderness – that speaks of finding one's true, authentic voice – is a universal adventure that can reach everyone from the exotic antipodes of the world.” ~ Cristiana Voglino, Publisher, Voglino Editrice

For Australian deliveries, and if you'd like to order a copy of *Leonard l'uccello lira* for your school, family and/or bilingual organisation, please enquire [here](#).

Blurb: *Leonard is friends with everyone, and boy can he sing! But will his singing talents impress the one friend he really wants? In a story about friendship, bravery and being yourself, join this charismatic Blue Mountains bird in his search for the song that will change his life...* [Read reviews of Leonard at jodiemcleod.com/books](#)



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The book at a glance:

- Winner: 2019 Whitley Award for Best Young Children's Book, Royal Zoological Society of NSW
- Shortlisted: 2019 REAL Awards (KOALAs, YABBAs)
- Appeared in 2019 Premier's Reading Lists NSW & Victoria
- Adapted into classical music composition “Leonard the Lyrebird: A Musical Story” by Ian Munro, Feb 2019
- “This is a book to treasure.” ~ Maura Pierlot, CBCA
- “A very special story that touches the heart.” ~ Dr Belle Alderman AM, Director, National Centre for Australian Children's Literature
- Featured on national TV (Channel 9's *Reading Time*) and Kinderling Kids' Radio
- Follow-up book *Lilah the Lyrebird* published Dec 2020
- Find testimonials, stockists and buy the original book online [here](#).

