



Crikey!

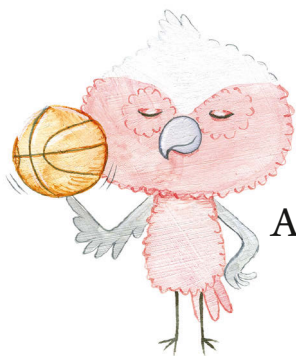
Joe lives in Yabby Creek, Australia. One day, he finds a baby galah, or Australian cockatoo, on the ground. He knows it will die if he leaves it there. Joe decides to take it home and care for it. He names the tiny galah 'Crikey'.

Joe finds out that the famous zoologist, Davina Dabchick, is coming to visit the school! Crikey will be the perfect pet to show her. Even more perfect than Patsy's pet corgi, Queen!

Over the following weeks, Crikey's baby feathers fell out. His new silver-grey wings were smooth and strong. His chest was rosy pink and his crest was snowy white.

Crikey was a champion galah.

He was a
chatterbox.



A show-off.



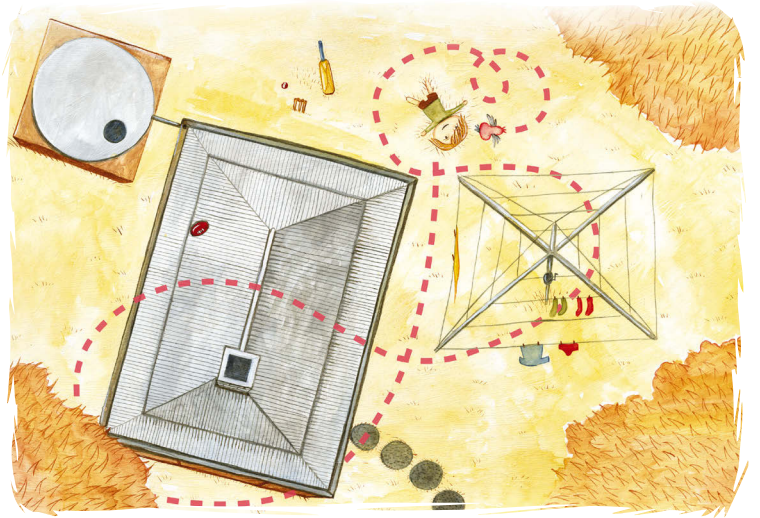
A stickybeak.



A daredevil.



He was Joe's **best** friend.
Crikey flew like a champion too.
Around the garden, over the roof
of the house, under the clothes line
he *swooped*, *swerved*, *flipped* and
curved. But he always came back
to land on Joe's shoulder.



At school, Patsy said, 'Your galah will
fly away if you don't watch out. You
should put him in a cage.'



'No way,' said Joe.
'Clip his wings, then.'

'Never!'

'I bet you lose him before Davina
Dabchick's visit.' Patsy curled her fringe.

'Queen has a new collar with *diamond*
studs. I wonder if Davina will like her
the **best**?' She walked off and left Joe
staring after her.

