

MAGNOLIA MOON BOOK REVIEW

Author: Edwina Wyatt, Illustrator: Katherine Quinn

Publisher: Walker Books Australia

Shortlisted for: Book of the year: Younger Readers

Edwina Wyatt's junior fiction novel 'The Secrets of Magnolia Moon' invites readers into the whimsical imagination of 9-year-old Magnolia Moon. Each chapter offers a new adventure and problem which Magnolia eagerly faces using her ingenuity and sensitivity. Through Magnolia, Wyatt encourages creativity, individuality and unconventional thinking. The poetic writing coupled with the Katherine Quinn's playful illustrations bring the characters of the story to life, creating magic in the everyday. 'The Secrets of Magnolia Moon' tenderly engages with various coming of age issues such as; becoming an older sibling, having a best friend move away and the challenges which come with creating new friendships. The book would be best enjoyed by younger readers aged 7-10 who are experiencing similar changes.