

The magpie has a special place in the hearts of many Australians. We are familiar with its warbling and carolling although few of us recognise that it ranks among the foremost songbirds of the world. Its impressive vocal abilities, its propensity to play and clown, and its willingness to interact with people make the magpie engaging company.

This highly readable book presents a comprehensive account of the biology and behaviour of one of Australia's best-loved icons. In bringing together much of what we know about the magpie, the author reveals its extraordinary capabilities and its complex social behaviour. The book includes her latest research on magpie vocalisation as well as aspects of anatomy, physiology, development and health, not previously published.

About the author

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