

MEGAN FORWARD



Megan Forward, an Australian artist, illustrator, author, and teacher, is on a mission to intertwine art with nature, creating enchanting connections between people and the world around them. Specializing in a delightful mix of drawings, watercolour, gouache, collage, and assemblage, Megan's work transports us to layered and intricate worlds, each piece inviting a closer look.

“Embarking on my creative journey begins with walks through my neighbourhood and the bushland that surrounds it. Nature, in all its forms, provides the inspiration for my artwork—from fallen gumnuts to sprigs of wildflowers, and discarded objects I find beautiful, even old bits of glass and rusting wire. In my studio, these found treasures become part of my playful process, where I explore connections and compositions, and construct light-filled containers to house these collections.”

Having majored in Sculpture during my Fine Art Degree and illustrated six published picture books, I revel in the convergence of various mediums in my assemblages. The Bowerbird Series, inspired by the habits of this avian architect, delves into the theme of broken and dislocated things coming together in harmony. It's a whimsical exploration of the lost and found, echoing a sense of playful curiosity and emphasizing the beauty and mystery in the small, often overlooked details of existence.

As I gather and assemble these fragments, I feel like an archaeologist of life's small wonders, weaving them into intricate worlds that beckon exploration. My work mirrors the world I envision—one that discovers delight, beauty, and mystery in the often unnoticed details of existence.”

With a degree in Fine Art and a Bachelor of Teaching, Megan has written and illustrated her own book, and illustrated the stories of others. Her illustrations have been twice shortlisted for the prestigious Children's Book Council Awards, and her artwork has graced exhibitions across Australia and found homes in private collections nationwide.

Welcome to my world,

Megan Forward

