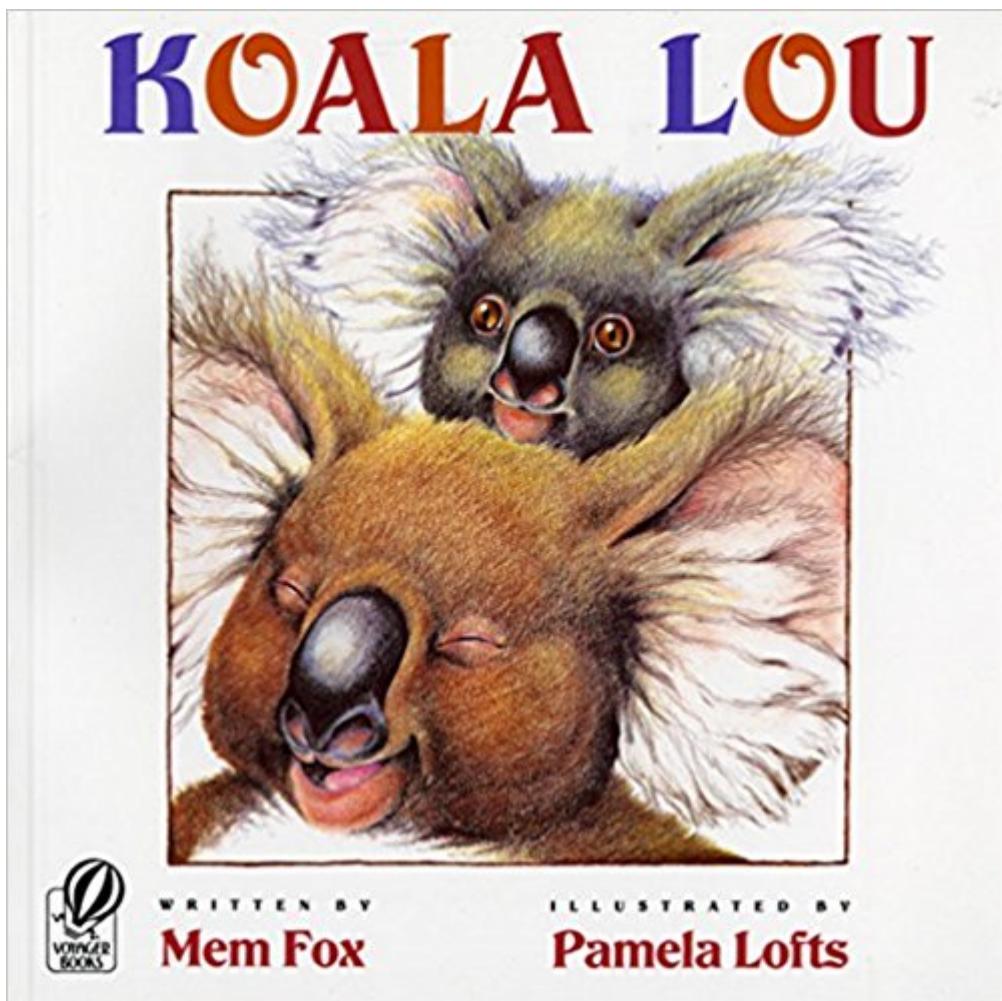


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## Koala Lou



## Synopsis

When Koala Lou's mother becomes so busy that she forgets to tell her firstborn how much she loves her, Koala Lou enters the Bush Olympics, intending to win an event and her mother's love all at one time. A first-rate choice for bedtime, story hour, or reading aloud.—The Horn Book

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One of my most favorite books from my homeland of Australia. Illustrations and story are superb. Extremely well written by a world respected author. Mem Fox is just the best! The story of Lou is so cute and inspirational. I bought it as a gift for a friend's baby. She loves the book and so did everyone else at the baby shower. And of course there is the cute exotic Aussie aspect to it - perfect baby or children's gift....and adult gift. Especially a unique gift to give in USA from an Aussie.

Sweet book, especially for children with brothers and/or sisters. Great story about unconditional love. Koala Lou doesn't have to get first to find her mother's love, a story parents would want their children to understand.

I first discovered this book through one of my children's book authors courses. I was attracted by the beautiful illustrations which are colorful, expressive and capture all sorts of wildlife from the Australian bush (one of Mem Fox's intentions). Koala Lou's facial expressions truly tell the whole story, and the mother koala's face radiates love and pride. Then, upon reading the book, I truly

realized the book's value. Koala Lou received a lot of attention and affection from everyone, but it is her mother who loves her most. She would always say, "Koala Lou, I DO love you!" But then siblings were born, and Koala Lou didn't receive as much attention. To get her mother to notice her and to win back that affection, Koala Lou decides to enter the Bush Olympics. After much training, she comes in 2nd place and is devastated. When Koala Lou returns home at the end of the day sadly dragging her 2nd place medal behind her, her mother hugs her and assures her that she still loves her and always will no matter what. The lessons children and parents can take away from this story include: winning isn't everything, and 2nd place is not the most horrible thing in the world; a parent may be busy with other siblings, but that doesn't mean a child goes unloved or unrecognized; children do not need to do spectacular things to win the love of their parents -- that love is always there and it is unconditional; and finally, as a parent, I need to let my child know how much I love her every day, all day.

My son is in love with this book. It's pretty silly (and very Australian in phrasing), but he loves it and I think that good. It's a very sweet story, if a bit odd (like some of Mem Fox's books tend to be).

Bought to go with stuffed koala. Familiar with the author Mem Fox. Love the drawings, not my favorite story.

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