



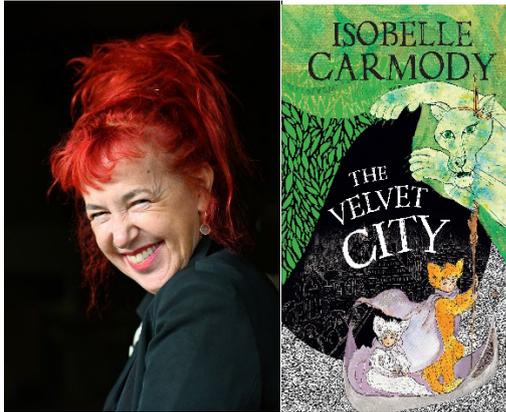
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About the author

Isobelle Carmody, author of *The Velvet City*, is one of Australia's most highly acclaimed authors of fantasy. At fourteen, she began *Obernewtyn*, the first book in her much-loved *Obernewtyn Chronicles*, and has since written many works in this genre. Isobelle's work for younger readers includes her two series, *The Legend of Little Fur*, and *The Kingdom of the Lost*, the first book of which, *The Red Wind*, won the CBCA Book of the Year Award for Younger Readers in 2011. She has also written several picture books as well as collections of short stories for children, young adults and adults.

In this session, Isobelle tells students how she became a writer, and where she finds inspiration for creating entirely new worlds in fiction.

Relevant titles

- *The Kingdom of the Lost, Book 4: The Velvet City* (2021)

Curriculum guidelines for teacher resources

Learning Area(s)

English, Humanities and Social Sciences (7-10 History: The Ancient World)

General Capabilities

Literacy, Critical and Creative Thinking, Personal and Social Capability, Ethical Understanding

Key Learning Outcomes

English: ACELY1714, ACELT1618, ACELT1616, ACELT1614

History (The Ancient World): ACDSEH001, ACDSEH029, ACDSEH030, ACDSEH031, ACDSEH148

Suitable for
Stages 1-3

Activities and resources

The aim of these resources are to provide a link between the texts and actual application of related issues/topics presented to the classroom. The following activities and resources provide a link between *Velvet City* and application of related issues/topics such as **loyalty, bravery, curiosity, fantasy and personal growth** presented in classroom and educational contexts.

Read:

- Information on *The Velvet City* and reading extract:
<https://www.penguin.com.au/books/the-kingdom-of-the-lost-book-4-the-velvet-city-9780670075126>
- Q&A on *The Velvet City* with Isobelle Carmody:
<https://www.booktopia.com.au/blog/2021/07/09/read-a-qa-with-isobelle-carmody/>
- Review of *The Velvet City*: <https://readingtime.com.au/the-velvet-city/>

Listen:

- 5 min reading of *The Velvet City* (Audible sample – 5 minutes):
<https://www.audible.com.au/pd/The-Velvet-City-Audiobook/1867546116>

Do:

- Teaching resources for previous book in the series (*The Ice Maze*):
https://cdn2.penguin.com.au/content/resources/TR_Ice%20Maze.pdf

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