



## Meet the Authors



Inspired by her Japanese grandmother, Western Australian author and illustrator Briony Stewart created the *Kumiko and the Dragon* trilogy of children's books.

Briony recently launched the third and final tale in this series: *Kumiko and the Shadow Catchers*.



**Briony Stewart**

Briony's first book was awarded the inaugural Voices on the Coast Youth Literature Festival's writing award and the Aurealis Award for Best Children's Short Fiction.

**Have you ever thought you could write a book, but don't know where to start or how to get published?**

If so, come along to our **Meet the Authors** workshop and learn the tricks of the trade from two exciting Western Australian writers.

**4:30pm—6:00pm**  
**Saturday, 24th September**  
**Hyogo Cultural Centre**  
**\$20 per person**

Cristy Burne and Briony Stewart will discuss their achievements and writing experiences at this informative workshop.

All proceeds will go to help fund a fleet of minivans for the International Board on Books for Young People Japan Bibliotherapy Appeal. These vans deliver books to children affected by the earthquake and tsunami for a much needed therapy program.

**Meet the Authors** will be preceded by a Japanese cultural presentation at 3pm by two visiting university interns from Hyogo Prefecture. The workshop fee includes both sessions.

Be sure to reserve your place by calling **9385 9002** or emailing **hyogoprogram@iinet.net.au**

Local author Cristy Burne has worked as a JET, a translator, an editor and a science writer.

Influenced by her experiences in Japan, Cristy has recently completed the third novel in her series *Takeshita Demons*, of which the first saw her win the Frances Lincoln Diverse Voices Children's Book Award, among others.

Cristy regularly speaks at writers' festivals and other cultural events and is an active blogger.



**Cristy Burne**



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