



Title: Spider Iggy

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

## **'WHERE DO I BELONG?'**

## Finding the place where we can shine

In the cold, grey city no one ever seems to notice Spider Iggy. As he spins his web into beautiful and intricate designs, he dreams of a faraway land filled with colour and light. Determined to leave his 'ho-hum' life behind, brave Iggy sets out on an adventure to find the one place he can finally fit in. **Home**.

Spider Iggy is the latest picture book from award-winning children's author, Aleesah Darlison. It's a tale about a lonely little spider looking for kindness and companionship in the big world. The story deals with themes of friendship, love, the appreciation

of others, the importance of home and finding a place to belong. "Iggy is like every child – and the child inside us all. He is kind and curious, friendly and adventurous. He's courageous and determined to find a place where he can fit in," Aleesah says. "Young children will identify with Iggy's feelings of being small and helpless, as well as his desire to find a place where he can be loved and accepted."

Sarah Jane Hinder's artwork is rich and vibrant in colour and layers. Every page is like a mural from a child's nursery or bedroom. Iggy and the other characters in the book have all been rendered with care. This shines through in the expressive faces of every creature in the book, but especially in Iggy's sweet face. It's impossible not to fall in love with him!

"By using a spider as a main character, I've allowed readers to view spiders – and Spider Iggy's situation – in a fresh, new way," Aleesah says. "Readers will empathise with sweet, brave Iggy because, just like him, we all want to be loved. We all want to feel safe and find a home."

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