



Kersplatypus

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“Parents/Educators will love it not only because it is a fun story in general, but because it will lead its readers to recognize and accept diversity. This is a great way to encourage conversation with young readers to help them learn basic social skills, and to help reinforce the age-old idea of treating others like you'd like to be treated.” – *Ready Set Read Reviews*

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“This delightful tale is sure to be a winner with young readers and listeners. In addition to being a fun story, the book presents excellent material about Australia by showing the habitats of Australian animals and introducing Australian terms.” – *Children’s Literature Comprehensive Database*

When a strange little creature appears

out of nowhere after the big rains, Australian animals wonder what in the world he could possibly be! His fur, feet, tail and duck-like bill remind each animal of something different. With a “down-under” spirit, they all pitch in to help him discover where he belongs. *Kersplatypus* is the story of one creature’s journey to find his place in the world and how he sometimes falls flat on the way there. A heart-warming story with an unmistakable Aussie flare, *Kersplatypus* proves that with a little determination (and some really good friends) you can pick yourself up when you fall and keep on going.



Children, parents and teachers will love the “**For Creative Minds**” educational section which includes:

- Platypus Fun Facts
- An Outback Animal Adaptation Matching Activity for: Platypus, Wallaby, Kookaburra, Blue-tongued Skink, Brushtail Possum, Bandicoot
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- Animal Classification Activity
- Bully or Friend?

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About the Author and Illustrator



Susan K. Mitchell is a children's author with many hats in her collection: author, mom, wife, pre-school teacher and Spanish teacher. Susan loves creating a silly world of words for kids. The idea of *Kersplatypus* quite literally came from a word she made up when her youngest daughter fell down one day. Surrounded by kids all day, every day, she has no shortage of story ideas. Susan is also the author of two other picture books: *The Rainforest Grew All Around* and *Stone Pizza*. She has also written more than fourteen non-fiction chapter books for older readers on topics ranging from entertainment to architecture to animals. Susan, her husband, and two wonderful daughters live outside of Houston with their dog and two crazy cats. To learn more, visit her Web site: <http://www.susankmitchell.com>.

Sherry Rogers spent twelve years as a corporate graphic designer and artist before "leaving it all behind" for the freelance world. In addition to illustrating *Kersplatypus*, Sherry has illustrated *Burro's Tortillas*, *If You Were a Parrot*, and the newly released *Sort It Out!* for Sylvan Dell. Her first book, *Counting Little Geckos* was published in the summer of 2005. Sherry, her husband, and two children live in Northern California. To learn more, visit her Web site: <http://www.sherry-rogers.com>



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