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G'day!

'Audrey's Big Secret' is here! Have you read it yet?

It's hard to work out what to do when you have a secret, especially if it's a really big one. So I hope you enjoy reading about mine and what happened when ... whoops, I nearly told you what happened. But it's better to read the whole story in the book. Then you don't miss anything.

I saw this girl, Jacqui, pretending to be me on the stage. She was in an Audrey play. She had a really good singing voice. Better than me. And her pretending (Price says it is called 'acting') was good too. Her voice was almost as loud as mine. The boy who pretended to be Price had funny hair. Price reckons it didn't look like him at all. But it did. Price's hair always looks as though he's been dragged through a bush backwards. I put my hair in plaits but Price can't do that. His just sticks up.

Christine Harris, who writes my books, says she put some 'Big Secret' fun activities (that's a big word, she had to spell it for me) on her website www.christineharris.com/TeachersParents/TeachersNotes.aspx#audrey_secret if you want to have a go at them. (I like the page with the yellow faces.)

I got my fingers crossed that you like my new book!!

Your friend, Audrey (Two-Bob)

HERE IS AN EXCERPT (SOME OF THE WORDS) ON PAGE 35 OF 'AUDREY'S BIG SECRET'

Audrey skipped alongside Bloke's plodding feet. 'Dad's giving Mum a rest because she's got a baby in her tummy. I want a girl. But Dougie, my little brother, wants a horse. Dougie's only three, so his brain's not working all that good yet. When he felt the baby kicking in Mum's tummy, he cried 'cos he thought she'd eaten it.' 'It's all comin' back to me now, why I called you Two-Bob.'

Audrey giggled.

'You've gone and grown on me,' said Bloke. 'I remember you bein' knee-high to a grasshopper.' If she ever shouted, she'd blow kookaburras out of trees. Maybe when people had no teeth, there was nothing to dampen the sound of their voice.

'I got trousers too, like you.' Audrey plucked at her braces and then let them snap back. 'I have to roll up the cuffs. They're too long because they were my brother's. But girls can wear trousers.'

'Too right we can.' Bloke said every word as though it had to stand out on its own.

'We can't grow beards though.'

Bloke guffawed. 'Suits me just fine, I can tell you. Some of them blokes on the track got more wildlife in their beards than there is in the zoo.'

'Is that why men scratch their beards a lot?'



