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QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY

AACTA nominated writer/producer for Before We Sleep.

International award-winning screenwriter, author and playwright.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Award Winning Scriptwriter - [Michelle Worthington - IMDb](#) (2019 to Present)



AACTA nomination for Best Short Film 2024

Finalist Best Unproduced Script Bright International Film Festival 2023

Best First Time Screenwriter – Feature Award 2023 New York International Film Awards

Best Screenplay 2023 International New York Film Festival

Winner of the 2021 AFIN Best Screenplay Award

Nominee in the Best Debut Screenwriter Award 2022

Selected at the Global Indie Film Festival 2022

Selected at the Toronto Independent Film Festival 2021

Quarter Finalist of the Inroads Screenwriting Fellowship 2021

Selected at Phoenix Shorts 2021

Top 3 Screenplays at the 4th Dimension Film Festival 2021

Honourable Mention at the Oz Indie Film Festival 2021

Selection in the Kids First Film Festival 2021

Finalist in the Beyond the Curve Film Festival 2021

Semi-Finalist at the Gold Coast Film Festival 2021

Finalist at the California Women's Film Festival 2020

Writer/Producer – 2023 to now

Red (Micro Film, Self-Funded) 2023 Winner of the Paris Indie Film Festival Best Micro Short
Before We Sleep (Short Film, Self-Funded) 2024 AACTA nomination for Best Short Film
School for Fairy Godmothers (Play, Crucible Productions 2024)

Award Winning Children's Author - www.michelleworthington.com (2000 to Present)



Ruby's Repair Café (New Frontier Publishing 2023)
Mama's Chickens (EK Books 2023)
Granny Smith (Little Pink Dog Books 2023)
The Bushranger's Daughter (Big Sky Publishing 2022)
Trolls Tall Tales (Yellow Brick Books 2022)
Malibu and the Cheeky Elf (Big Sky Publishing 2021)
Dino Love at Christmas (New Frontier Publishing 2021)
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Possum Games (Novella Distribution 2020)
Super Nicholas (Spork 2020)
The Mouse Series (Daisy Lane Publishing 2020)
Animal Baby Paperback (Library for All 2019)
I'll Ride With You (Library for All 2019)
Lead With a Story (Share Your Story 2019)
Little Gnome's Christmas Wish (Spork 2019)
Johnny's Beard (Little Pink Dog Books 2018)
Pugs Don't Wear Pyjamas (New Frontier Pty Ltd 2018)
Glitch (Ford Street Publishing 2017)
Malibu and the Naughty Elf (Big Sky Publishing 2017)
My Brother Tom (Wombat Books 2017)
The Three Legged Kangaroo From Uluru (Big Sky Publishing 2017)
The World's Worst Pirate (Little Pink Dog Books 2015)
The Pink Pirate (Little Steps Publishing 2015)
Hootie the Cutie (New Frontier Publishing 2014)
Yellow Dress Day (New Frontier Publishing 2014)
Each the Same (Ambassador International 2013)
The Bedtime Band (Wombat Books 2011)

Key Achievements

- **Award-Winning Author:** Published over 20 children's books, many of which have been shortlisted for prestigious awards, including the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA).
 - **Founder of Share Your Story Australia:** Created a platform to support and guide aspiring authors, with a focus on diverse voices and inclusivity in storytelling.
 - **International Speaker:** Presented at writing conferences, schools, and literary festivals globally, advocating for literacy and the importance of children's literature.
 - **Advocate for Mental Health Awareness:** Integrated themes of mental health, disability, and emotional resilience into her books and workshops.
 - **Publishing Expert:** Provides mentorship on traditional and self-publishing paths, helping new authors navigate the complexities of the industry.
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Professional Experience

Founder & Director

Clann Productions (2023 – Present)

- Founded an inclusive production company that champions neurodiverse cast and crew.
- Inclusive Made certification.
- Promoted diversity and inclusion, with a focus on amplifying underrepresented voices in film and tv.

Founder & Director

Share Your Story Australia (2016 – Present)

- Founded a storytelling platform to provide aspiring writers with resources, workshops, and mentorship.
- Organized writing workshops, webinars, and conferences to help writers develop their craft and navigate the publishing industry.
- Promoted diversity and inclusion, with a focus on amplifying underrepresented voices in literature.

Children's Author

(2011 – Present)

- Authored over 20 children's picture books, including "**Yellow Dress Day**", "**Ruby's Repair Cafe**", and "**The World's Worst Pirate**".
- Traditionally published including New Frontier Publishing, EK Books and Big Sky Publishing.
- Delivered creative writing workshops in schools, engaging children with the magic of storytelling and fostering a love for reading.

Freelance Writer & Editor

(2015 – Present)

- Provided writing and editorial services for children's books, blogs, and educational materials.
 - Worked closely with both emerging and established authors to refine manuscripts for publication.
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Education & Qualifications

- **Bachelor of Arts (English and Journalism)**
University of Queensland
 - **Diploma of Children's Writing and Publishing**
Australian College of Journalism
 - **Certifications in Mental Health Awareness and Disability Advocacy**
Various Institutions
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Skills

- Screenwriting
 - Children's Writing & Editing
 - Publishing (Traditional & Self-Publishing)
 - Workshop Facilitation & Mentorship
 - Public Speaking & Presentations
 - Diversity and Inclusion Advocacy
 - Content Development for Children's Educational Programs
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Professional Affiliations

- Member, Screen Producers Australia
 - Member, AACTA
 - Member, Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA)
 - Member, Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI)
 - Books in Homes Australia
 - Hook Into Books
 - Life's Little Treasures Foundation
 - Adventure All Stars
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Awards & Honours

- AACTA nomination for Best Short Film
 - Finalist, CBCA Picture Book of the Year Award (Multiple Years)
 - Winner, International Book Awards (Children's Fiction)
 - Shortlisted, Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year
 - Highly Commended, Queensland Literary Awards
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