



Anika was excited, because it was that time of the weekend.

Sunday afternoon.

Anika and her mother were going to visit Anika's grandparents.



Anika started getting ready early, as she did each week. With some help from her mother, she chose a bright ribbon to tie back her *curls*, and her favourite dress. Anika loved visits to her grandparents' house and always dressed for the adventure.



The house had lots of nooks to explore, and of course, they loved to spoil her. Her grandparents always had *special treats* hidden around the house.



Spud
(**Sir Spuddle Buttlington**)



She also got to play with her grandparents' little dog **Sir Spuddle Buttlington**. Her grandfather, Seeya, gave Sir Spuddle his full name. He said the one the lost dog's shelter gave him, Spud, was too ordinary for an extraordinary dog.

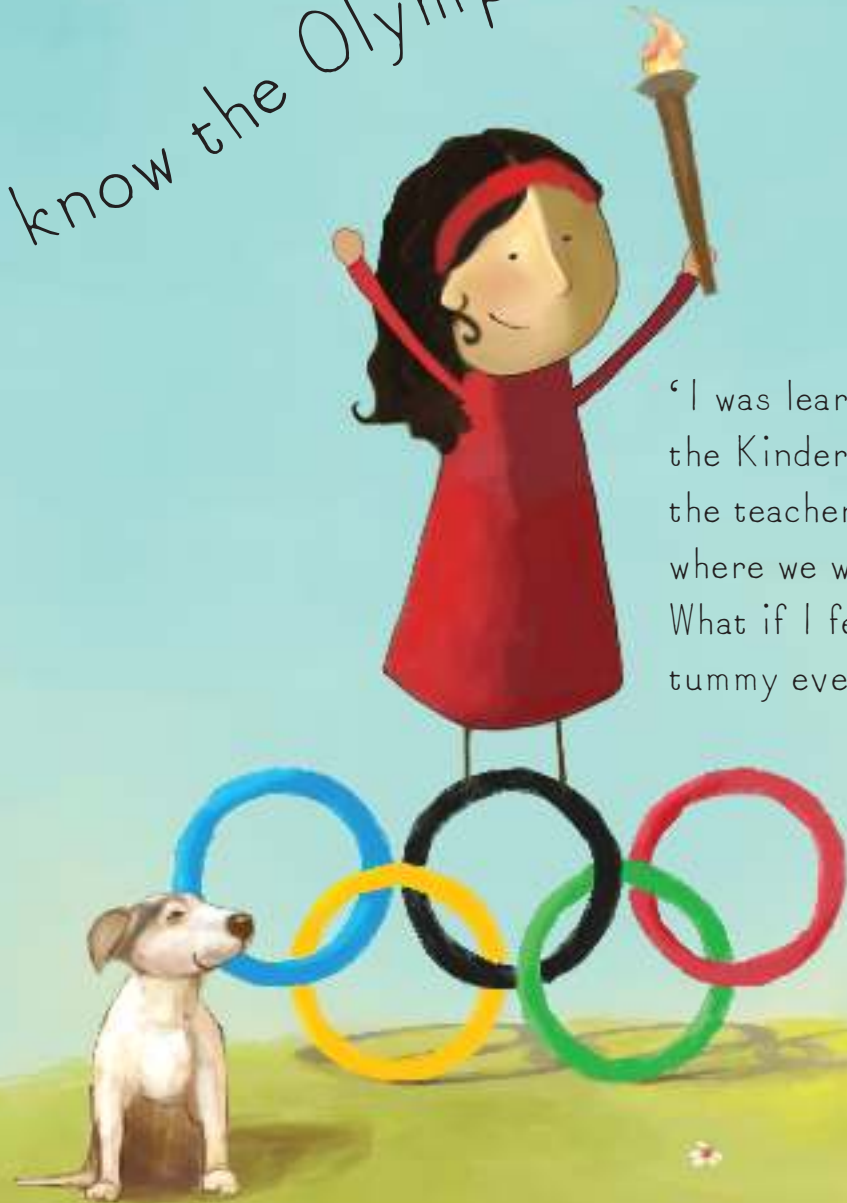
Seeya had all sorts of brilliant ideas like funny names for things and silly jokes. Most everyone told Anika to behave when she was being silly, but she loved that her grandfather liked being silly too and made her **LAUGH**.



grandparents' house

Anika's mother drove them to her grandparents' house. It was also Anika's mother's house, because her mother had lived there as a child.

‘I know the Olympics,’ said Anika, excitedly.



‘I was learning to hop for the Kinder Olympics, which the teacher said is a contest where we will run and jump. What if I feel funny in the tummy every time I hop now?’

Seeya smiled. ‘You’re our brave girl, Anika, and we’re all very proud of you. I don’t think you’ll feel funny in the tummy.’

But even if you do, remember it’s your first time doing something like that, and that makes you *very brave* indeed.’



Seeya closed the atlas. ‘Now, little girl, enough stories. Unfortunately for your grandmother and me, you and your mother have to go home soon.’

‘Seeya,’ Anika said shyly.
Spud tilted his head as if to hear her better.



‘Yes, my dear?’ Seeya said.

‘When I take part in the Kinder Olympics, will you and Achi come and watch? I think it might make my tummy feel better.’

Seeya clapped his hands. 'Of course,' he said.
'We would be honoured, wouldn't we, Achi?'
Achi nodded and Spud barked.

'The Kinder Olympics can be our
first brave adventure together.'



Anika jumped up and gave Seeya a hug.
Her mother and grandmother smiled at
each other and Spud licked Anika's face.

