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## Rebecca Bloomer's new book aims to Redefine Normal

*Foley Russel and That Poor Girl* is a fast-paced, fun book for kids of an age for whom school and relationships are their whole world. This title also brings to the fore the trials kids face with reading.

When Foley Russel is given an assignment to write a book report—and to meet a character from that book—he hopes for someone interesting. Like a circus midget, or a Formula One driver. He doesn't expect to meet a girl in a wheelchair, much less like her.

The girl is Lily, she's written a children's picture book, and she has cystic fibrosis—meaning she has to roll through life in a wheelchair with a gas tank. So Foley tries to make his book report interesting. Somehow, he must link the author, who is a girl with a tube up her nose, to a book about a rainforest prince.

Written by Rebecca Bloomer, and published by Odyssey Books, *Foley Russel and That Poor Girl* is aimed at the teenaged-readers market. It's a fast-paced, fun book for kids of an age for whom school and relationships are everything. This title also brings to the fore the trials kids face with reading—Foley's had numerous bad experiences with books! It is a heart-warming, triumphant story that challenges 'normal'.

Along with Foley, we find ourselves having a good book experience.

*'As a parent of a child with CF, I found this well-written book to be a great window into our lives. It's engaging, interesting, and unassumingly educational!'* – Rebecca Fogarty.

### About the author

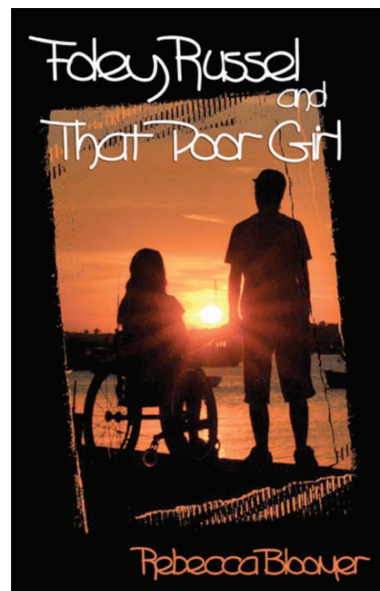
Rebecca Bloomer is an English and Biology teacher by trade. Following thirteen years of teaching in Australian and international schools, across all levels of primary, secondary and tertiary education, wherein texts were analysed, deconstructed and critiqued, she's decided to take part in the creation process instead.

Rebecca began her foray into writing with a pseudonym (Rebecca Williams) and a romance. Five romances, excellent reviews, a couple of milestones and awards dinners later, she decided to try a different audience: Teens!

*Mae-be Roses* was born with great difficulty via the self-publishing process, as many people worried about the book appearing to 'promote' teen parenthood. *Mae-be* is now in schools across Australia, being promoted by the Core Of Life. According to AWE (Australian Women Educators), she is "a welcome addition to young adult bookshelves..."

Next came *Willow Farrington Bites Back*, which is, according to reviews, "a delightful book" (Eating Disorders Association) and "a wonderful, warm, witty story" (*Busy Mothers Magazine*).

With *Foley Russel and That Poor Girl*, Rebecca continues to redefine normal and she really hopes you'll join her on this adventure.



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