

SOPHIE BLACKALL

Author/Illustrator, Sophie Blackall grew up in Australia and now splits her time between her home in Brooklyn, New York and her farm in upstate N.Y. where she is turning an old dairy farm into a retreat for illustrators and artists. Sophie has illustrated over 40 books and is a two-time Caldecott winner for *Finding Winnie* (2016) written by Lindsay Mattick and *Hello Lighthouse* (2018) which Sophie wrote and illustrated. She is the illustrator of all 11 *Ivy and Bean* books and has just released her new book, *If You Come to Earth* (2020).



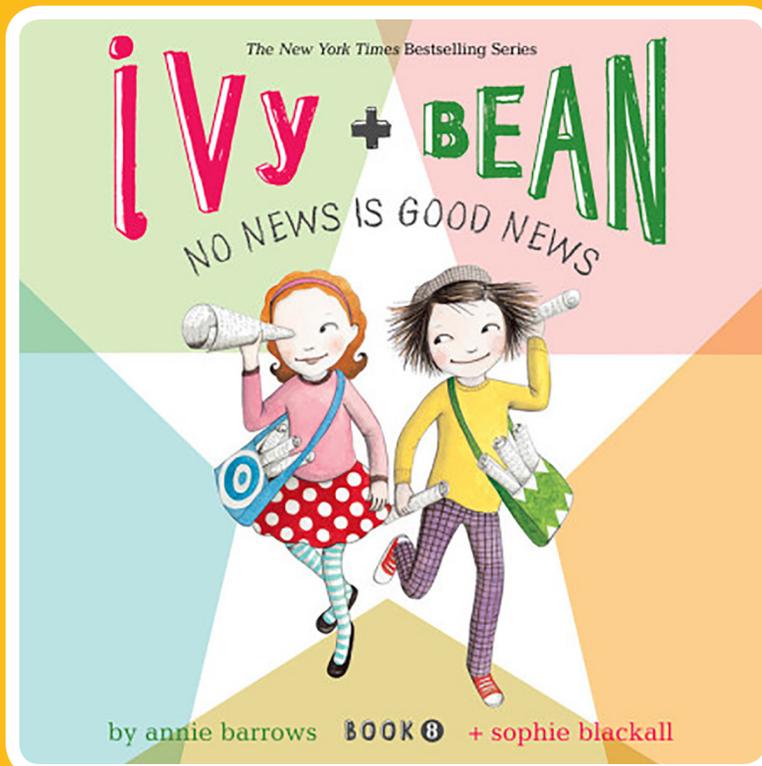
For more about Sophie, visit:

WWW.SOPHIEBLACKALL.COM

Watch an interview with Sophie:

WWW.VIMEO.COM/260460407

Ivy and Bean No News Is Good News
By Annie Barrows, Ills by Sophie Blackall



ANNIE BARROWS



Annie Barrows was born in 1962 in San Diego, California, but quickly moved to a small town called San Anselmo in the San Francisco Bay Area. She spent most of her childhood at the library. She wouldn't leave, so they hired her to shelve books at the age of twelve. Annie published the first *Ivy & Bean* book in 2006 and since then has written 10 more. Other children's books by Annie are *Half Magic* and the *Iggly* series. She has also written for adults; *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* was written with her aunt, Mary Ann Shaffer. Annie lives in Northern California with her husband and two daughters.

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LET'S TALK

1. Ivy and Bean promise to eat fruit so they can get the waxed cheese snacks like all the other kids at school. Have you ever felt like everyone else had something and you did not? What was it? Did you end up getting it? Did you have to raise your own money for it? If so, how did you raise the money?
2. Why do you think Bean's Dad laughs when he reads their newspaper? Do you think he would have laughed if he had known the papers had already been delivered? Do you think he was sorry he started the newspaper idea?
3. Ivy and Bean spied on their neighbors to get their stories. Do you think this was a good way to be a reporter? How will you find stories for your newspaper?
4. Which character on Pancake Court do you think you are most like and why?

LET'S CREATE

1. How to make a cheese wax candle. (ADULT HELP NEEDED!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cLPbNgI0GBE>



2. Projects with Newspapers

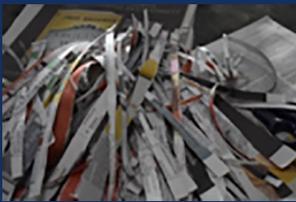
Making a structure with newspaper

- You will need; newspaper and masking or painter's tape. (I used Scotch tape and it worked okay)
- Begin by rolling 2 sheets of newspaper into a cylinder. To make this easier start with a pencil or small marker to begin your roll.
- Tape to secure the cylinder.
- After you have at least 6 cylinders made begin taping together to make any style structure you desire! You can keep adding more if needed. Try making different sized cylinders.



Making clay out of newspaper

- You will need; newspaper, scissors, water, blender and flour.
- Begin by tearing strips of newspaper. You will want to get these as narrow as possible. Then cut even smaller with scissors.
- Cover with boiling water and let stand over-night.
- In the morning, use blender to pulverize the paper. You leave the water in at this point. I used an immersion blender. This took a bit of time to get it to a pulp consistency.
- Squeeze the water out with your hands
- Add flour to the paper pulp. It is about 3 parts paper to 1part flour.
- You have your play dough/clay! Keep in airtight container in refrigerator for up to 6 weeks.



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LET'S CREATE (CONTINUED)

3. Newspaper templates at the end of this Explore More!

4. Creating a local newspaper:

<https://islandreadersandwriters.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/2-stu-Creating-Newspaper-IB-F2020.pdf>

5. Rules for writing a news article:

<https://islandreadersandwriters.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/3-stu-Rules-Writing-News-Article-IB-F2020.pdf>

5. Annie Barrow's website has some super fun ideas!

<http://anniebarrows.com/kids-home/ivy-bean/crafts-and-ideas-ib/>



LET'S LEARN MORE

Research newspapers that serve your region and state.

1. What is the local newspaper for your area?
2. Find an article to share on a subject that interests you. See if you can identify all the newspaper parts; headline, byline, weather and sport sections...
3. Cut a picture out of the newspaper without reading the description. Write your own short story about what you see.
4. Interview a local journalist. (You can look to byline for a name!) Ask how they became interested in journalism, what their most exciting story was about and other questions that you come up with.

Learning with and about newspapers;

1. For teachers or parents;

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/teachers-guide-using-newspapers-enhance-language-arts-skills>

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LET'S READ MORE

Other *Ivy and Bean* books by Annie Barrows Illustrated by Sophie Blackall



Frankie Sparks series by Megan Blakemore



Anna Banana series by Anica Mrose Rissi



NEWSPAPER TEMPLATES

YOUR NEWSPAPER NAME HERE!		
THE DATE GOES HERE		YOUR LOCATION HERE
HEADLINE GOES HERE!		ANOTHER ONE HERE!
A BIG PICTURE		SECOND STORY GOES HERE...
YOUR STORY STARTS HERE!	... AND CONTINUES HERE!	
CLASSIFIED ADS	SMALL HEADLINE SMALL STORY	PICTURE
CARTOON OR JOKES		

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