

Spaghetti Giraffe and the Chaos Cake

Sarah Johnson + Deborah Hinde

Spaghetti Giraffe wants a family of his own

The only way to get one is if Mina Cucina cooks, and nobody thinks that's a good idea!

Another rollicking adventure in *The Spaghetti Giraffe* series – Storylines Notable Book Award 2018.

The story

"If Mina Cucina doesn't cook. There can be no accidents," explained Spaghetti Giraffe. "And if there are no accidents no new animals can be born."



The under-cooker animals want babies. But Mina Cucina has given up cooking – it's far too dangerous. Spaghetti Giraffe and the other under-cooker animals set about getting her to change her mind; with disastrous consequences. Meanwhile, Gorgon is trying to bake the perfect cake. He's determined to enter the annual Confectionation – the biggest baking competition in the Bonbon Valley and beyond. When Mina Cucina renews her determination not to cook, Spaghetti Giraffe resigns himself to being childless. But is there another way to get the child he so desperately wants?

Spaghetti Giraffe and the Chaos Cake is another warm-hearted story in the Spaghetti Giraffe series, featuring Spaghetti Giraffe and his quirky friends. The third book in the trilogy, the story is also a stand-alone novel.

Specifications

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Extent	184 pages, in 26 chapters
Audience	7 to 11 years
Artwork	Deborah Hinde
Printing	Full colour cover, b&w internals





Also by Sarah Johnson

The Spaghetti Giraffe

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Spaghetti Giraffe and the Egg of Courage

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About the author

Sarah Johnson lives in Whaingaroa – Raglan, on the west coast of the North Island of New Zealand.

Sarah's first book for children, *Ella and Ob* (Scholastic, 2008) was shortlisted for the 2006 Storylines Tom Fitzgibbon Award. In 2011, Sarah won the Storylines Joy Cowley Award for her picture book, *Wooden Arms* (Scholastic, 2012), which is also available in te reo Māori as *Poupou Tauawhi* (Scholastic, 2012). In 2016, her junior fiction novel, *The Bold Ship Phenomenal* (Flat Bed Press, 2015) received a Storylines Notable Book Award, and was shortlisted for the New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults. The first book in the Spaghetti Giraffe series, *The Spaghetti Giraffe* (Flat Bed Press, 2017) also received a Storylines Notable Book Award in 2016. Along with illustrator Deborah Hinde, Sarah received a Copyright Licensing New Zealand grant in 2020 for their picture book *Enough: A Story About Community* (PictureBook Publishing, 2021) and a Creative New Zealand grant in 2021 for the picture book *Harold's Spots* (Waipa-King Country Life Education Trust, 2022).

Sarah works full-time as a writer, creating books and stories for trade and educational publishers in New Zealand and overseas. *Spaghetti Giraffe and the Chaos Cake* will be the seventh book she has produced with friend and colleague Deborah Hinde.

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