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Author - Isobelle Carmody - 18th August

Australian writer of science fiction, fantasy, children's literature, and young adult literature.

Isobelle Carmody was born in Wangaratta, Victoria. She grew up the eldest of eight children. When left to babysit she would entertain her younger siblings with oral story-telling as a way of maintaining some semblance of order. It’s safe to say Isobelle has had an extensive career in holding an audience’s attention and she has won an embarrassment of awards doing just that.

Isobelle is a many-faceted individual, deeply curious about the external, and perhaps more importantly, about the internal world. She is one of Australia’s most beloved and awarded fantasy authors.

Isobelle didn’t come from a background typically conducive to further education. Her drive came from a simple hunger for ‘something more’. Following this instinct, Isobelle went on to complete a BA in Literature and Philosophy at Deakin University and obtain a job with a Geelong publication. At the time of this achievement, Isobelle had only completed one semester in journalism but she knew she could write, and most importantly she had the drive to do so. Relegated to cataloguing in a dark basement in her current position, she had little to lose, and a week after one unblushing and determined call to the chief of staff at the Geelong advertiser Isobelle received what she thought was a prank call. To her surprise and elation, her brazen approach had earned her the coveted position of journalist.

Between jumping from a plane lounging with lions and most importantly writing a lot, she published her first book somewhere around age 24. Isobelle began writing Obernewtyn at 14 and through a genuine curiosity in humanity’s foibles and a stroke of luck she secured a deal with the first publishing house she ever wrote to. *[Obernewtyn](https://isobellecarmody.net.au/ic-books-series/the-obernewtyn-chronicles/)* is now a little orange Penguin Classic, and the entire *[Obernewtyn chronicles](https://isobellecarmody.net.au/ic-books-series/the-obernewtyn-chronicles/)*, with Isobelle’s infamously voluptuous novels, can be found often filling one whole shelf of a commercial bookstore near you

Isobelle has travelled the world and lived many different lives. Her present existence is spent predominantly in balmy Brisbane.



