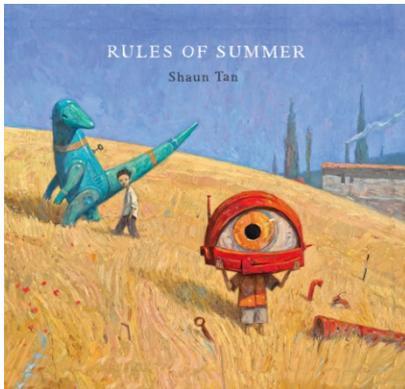


'Never break the rules. Especially if you don't understand them.'



Shaun Tan Exhibition – Rules of Summer

For three days only, Shaun Tan's stunning original artwork from his latest picture book *Rules of Summer* will be on display in an intimate exhibition at Bright Space Gallery from **25-27th October 2013**.

Published on 8th October, *Rules of Summer* is a deceptively simple story about two boys, one older and one younger, and the kind of 'rules' that might govern any relationship between close friends or siblings. Shaun Tan draws upon his own personal experiences with surreal snapshots of fishing adventures with his older brother, leaving a sock on the clothesline, and buildings inspired by Brunswick and greater Melbourne.

Event: Rules of Summer Exhibition

Venue: Bright Space Gallery, 1st Floor, 8 Martin St, St Kilda. Vic 3182

Dates: Friday 25th October – Sunday 27th October 2013

Gallery Opening times: 12 – 5pm

Price: FREE

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MORE ABOUT RULES OF SUMMER

Lothian Children's Books, 08th October 2013, ISBN: 9780734410672, \$24.99 HB

Shaun Tan's books have won world acclaim, the prestigious Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, as well as an Academy Award for the animated short film adaptation of his book THE LOST THING.

Tan's new book, RULES OF SUMMER, is a deceptively simple story about two boys, one older and one younger, and the kind of 'rules' that might govern any relationship between close friends or siblings. Rules that are often so strange or arbitrary, they seem impossible to understand from the outside. Yet through each exquisite illustration of this nearly wordless narrative, we can enjoy wandering around an emotional landscape that is oddly familiar to us all.

Shaun Tan draws upon his own personal experiences with a surreal snapshot of fishing adventures with his older brother, leaving a sock on the clothes line, and buildings inspired by Brunswick and greater Melbourne.

As you venture deep into the story, these poetic images become darker, more mysterious and unsettling, drawing towards a redemptive ending that affirms the depth of true friendship, a bond that is equally wonderful and inexplicable.

Moments of humour, surreal fantasy, and the sometimes devastating ways we interact with the people we love the most, are presented in Shaun Tan's typical thought-provoking style.

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ABOUT SHAUN TAN

Shaun Tan's award-winning books include the highly acclaimed wordless novel THE ARRIVAL, THE LOST THING, THE RED TREE, THE RABBITS and TALES FROM OUTER SUBURBIA.

In 2011, Shaun won the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award, shared an Academy Award for his work on the animated short film version of his book THE LOST THING, and was presented with the Dromkeen Medal for services to children's literature in Australia.

Shaun has also worked as a theatre designer, as a concept artist for the films 'Horton Hears a Who' and Pixar's 'WALL-E' and as an animator on the Academy Award-winning short film adapted from his book THE LOST THING. His books have been translated into more than twenty languages and have won many prizes both in Australia and internationally.



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