

# Sally Rippin

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#7

## The Hat Parade

Includes:

HOW TO MAKE A  
VERY FANCY HAT!

An interview with  
a costume designer!

Learn to draw Billie!

Plus HEAPS more!





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Hello again!”

How many of you like dressing up? I used to love dressing up when I was little. Sometimes my sisters and I would even put on plays to entertain our parents, dressed up in homemade costumes. I bet they were very funny!

But did you know that some people make costumes and fancy hats for a job? How fun would that be? In this episode we get to meet neighbor Will, whose job it is to make costumes and very fancy hats.

Maybe you might like to make your own fancy hat from things you can find around the house, just like Billie and Jack? An empty ice cream container is a very good start!

Lots of love,  
**Sally**  
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Read  
with Sally!

Do you have a fancy hat? Maybe you'd like to make one! Sally has some fun tips to get started.

↙ PUSH PLAY!



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Have you read *The Hat Parade* yet? Why don't you read along with Sally and see if you can finish it by yourself!

# Mail Bag!

Let's meet some SUPER-DUPER fans!  
They have some activities for you!



Did you know Billie sometimes likes to solve mysteries? You can follow those adventures in the *Billie B. Mysteries* series. [CLICK HERE!](#)



Abbey and Polly

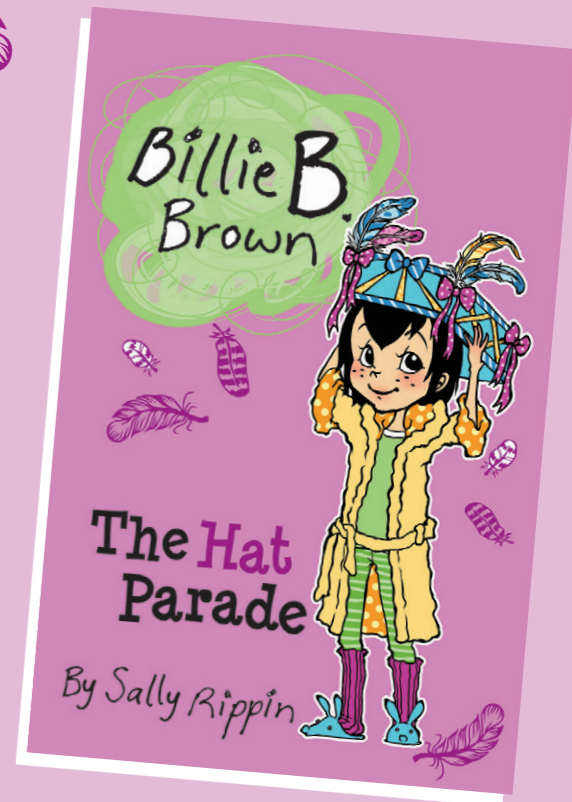
Psst ... last issue Sally got bees, and promised to show us! Watch Sally interview a beekeeper here! [PUSH PLAY!](#)



# The Hat Parade QUIZ!

How well do YOU know the Billie B. Brown book, *The Hat Parade*?

Take this quiz to find out!



1 In *The Hat Parade*, what does the "B" in Billie B. Brown stand for?

2 What are Billie and Jack making from boxes?

3 What day will the hat parade be held at school?

4 Who won the prize for Best Hat last year?

5 It's cold and wet on Sunday, so what does Billie's dad tell her to wear before she goes outside? Circle all the right answers.

swimsuit coat flip-flops  
hat slippers

6 Fill in the blanks! Billie and Jack ride their \_\_\_\_\_ up and down the \_\_\_\_\_.

7 Which movie does Billie's dad let her watch three times in a row?

8 Jack and Billie win a special award. What is it called?

9 What color is their award?

10 At the end of the book, what does Jack wear as a hat?

Answers 1. Box 2. Hats 3. Monday 4. Lola 5. Coat and hat 6. Bikes lane 7. *Finding Nemo* 8. The Best Friend award 9. Red 10. A tissue box

# Sally interviews a Costume Designer!

Learn all about William's job as a costume designer! **PUSH PLAY!**



Some people make fancy hats and COSTUMES for their job! Imagine how much fun that would be! My neighbor William makes costumes for theater shows, like some of these amazing ones here:



William



What things do you like to make and do?

Maybe you like gardening? Maybe you like cooking? Maybe you like building tall towers out of blocks?

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Hmmm ... I wonder if eating marshmallows could be a job?



He says he always loved dressing up and putting on plays when he was little so now he thinks he has the best job ever! (Of course, I didn't tell him that actually MY job is the best job ever!)

Can you imagine if you got to do your favorite thing all day, every day as your job?  
What would you choose?

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Billie B. Brown's Guide to

# Making a FANCY Hat



In *The Hat Parade*, Billie gets very busy making a very special hat for the hat parade at school. Billie thinks hats should be fancy. Being fancy is FUN!

## Things you might need:

- A hat base – this could be an ice cream container (make sure there is no more ice cream in it!), a tissue box, a Tupperware container – anything that fits on your head, really. We used a cereal box!
- Glue
- Scissors (get a grown-up to help)
- Fancy things to stick on your hat!
- An audience to parade your hat to! You could do a hat parade for your family, or you could take your hat on a parade of the neighborhood!



Find a hat base!



We're painting ours!



You could cut out shapes from paper!



Stick your hat decorations to the hat base!



You can use ANYTHING to decorate your fancy hat! Stickers, ribbons, feathers, fabric or yarn!

## HOW TO MAKE:

Ask your family if it's OK to do some gluing and painting. Then work out where you're going to do your fancy hat making, and cover that area with newspaper. This is REALLY important. Billie once forgot this step and accidentally glued a googly eye to the counter. Her mom and dad were NOT pleased!

Then, it's pretty simple really... Take your hat base and stick fancy things all over it!

Here are some shapes you might like to trace and cut out!



You can make super-duper flowers by cutting out different shapes and layering them.

We ran out of ribbon, but maybe there is some spare material lying around that you could cut into strips. Ribbon looks great because it flows in the breeze as you walk - very theatrical!



MAKE SURE YOU ASK A GROWN-UP BEFORE YOU START SNIPPING AND GLUEING!



# Roll it, read it, write it!

This is a sight word game using words from *The Hat Parade*.

Roll along with Billie and Jack!

**Materials:** 6-sided dice. If you don't have one handy, you could make one from paper.

**How to play:** roll a dice, read the sight word, and then trace the sight word. Only trace one word per roll! The game continues until the entire board is filled.



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	the	the	the
	and	and	and
	at	at	at
	to	to	to
	can	can	can

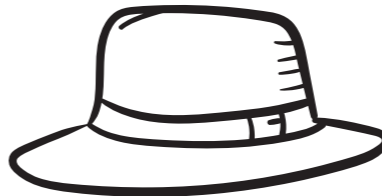
These words are from the story *The Hat Parade*.

I wonder if you will recognize them!

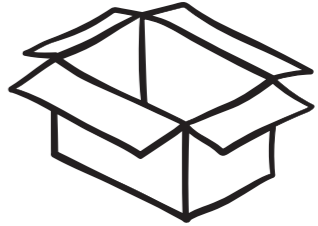
Color in the word that matches the picture.

Make sure you look carefully at all of the sounds in both words so that you don't get tricked!

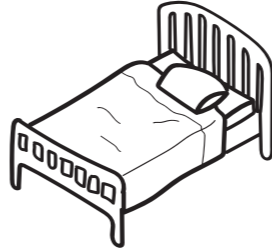





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bed	bud
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cap	cat
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Oops! Each sentence from *The Hat Parade* has a word that has gone missing. Look at the words in the list and choose the correct word to complete the sentence. There is a picture clue to help you find the correct word for each sentence. Don't forget to look carefully at the sounds in each word so that you make the right choice.



On Monday there will be a _ _ _ parade at school.	hat mat hit
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"All right," Dad says. "But put on your _ _ _ and hat."	cut cat coat
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"It's cold and _ _ _ outside."	with wet warm
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"I guess Lola will _ _ _ Best Hat again this year."	win wet won
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Her dad stays home from work and makes Billie a _ _ _ on the sofa.	bin bed bad
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Jack and Billie won a special award called the **Best Friend award** because Jack was doing such a kind deed for Billie. He wore the hat Billie had made for the parade when she was sick at home! I wonder if you've ever done something kind enough to get the Best Friend award?



Write about a time you have been kind to a friend and then draw a picture to match your writing!



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Draw a picture to match your writing.

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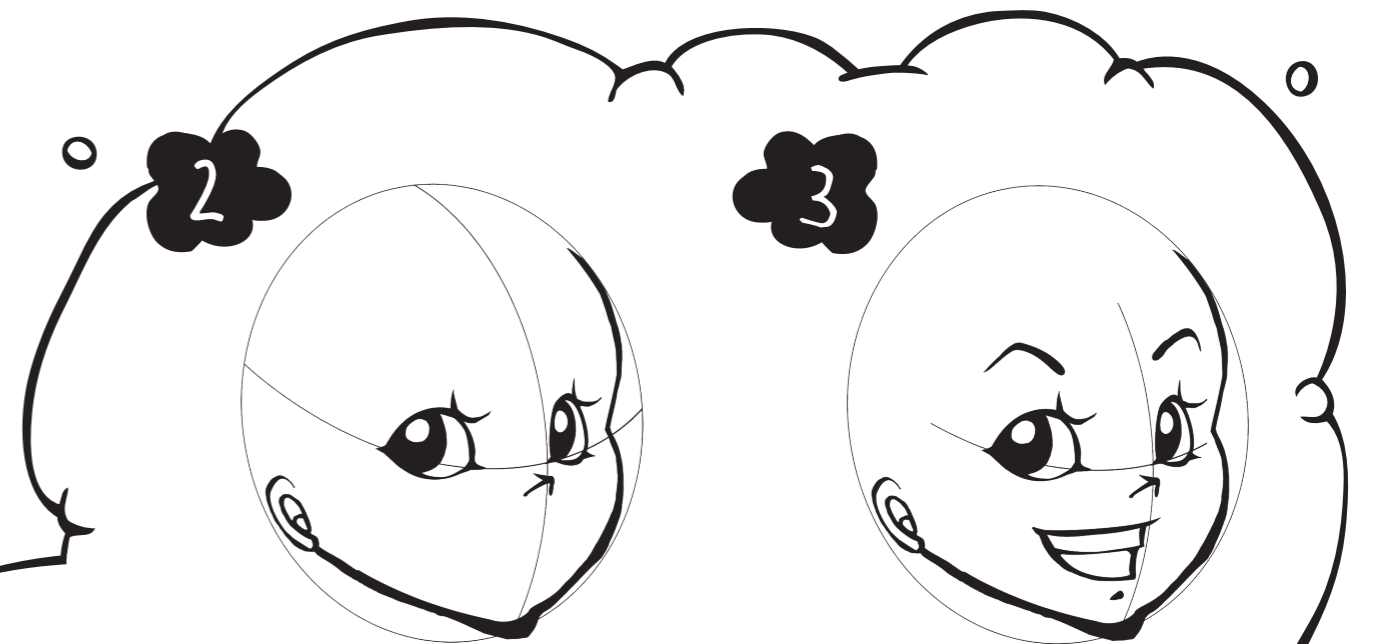
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# Learn to DRAW BILLIE like a pro!

Follow these simple  
instructions from  
BBB illustrator Aki  
Fukuoka and you will  
be drawing Billie like  
a pro in no time!

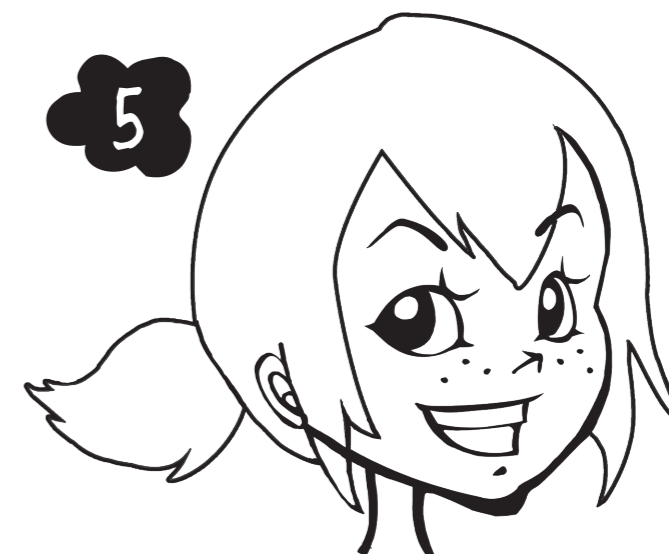
We've put together a  
little "how-to" to  
get you started ...



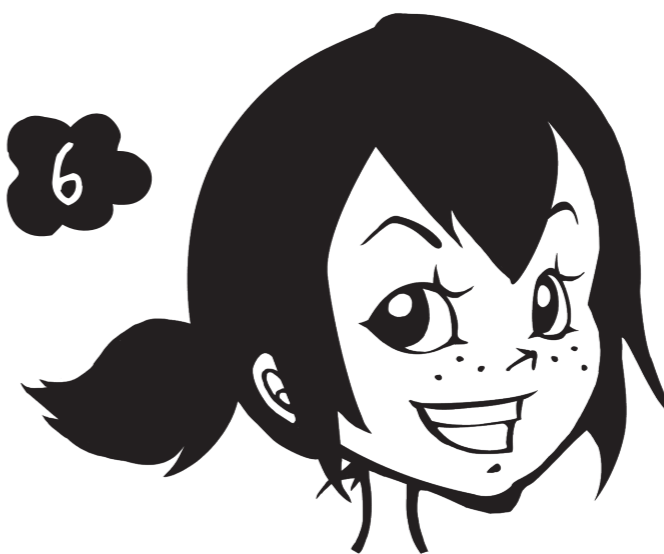
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# MEET AKI

the illustrator of the Billie B. Brown books!

We asked Aki how she became an illustrator - because we know a lot of you are VERY good at drawing and perhaps when you grow up, you might become an illustrator too!



CLICK TO WATCH THE VIDEO!

I have loved drawing since I was little - drawing has always been my favorite hobby and it still is! I would draw comics to tell stories. I was too shy to show them to my parents or friends, and shared them only with my sister. I didn't know that you could be an illustrator for a job - it was just fun for me. I always thought that when I was old, I would live deep in the woods with lots of cats and draw all day!

Other than art, my favorite subjects in school were math and science. I loved solving problems with numbers and formulas. I thought that when I grew up I would be a physicist - a type of scientist who gets to use lots of exciting math. Once I finished high school, I went to college to study physics - but after some encouragement from my mom, I also decided to study fine arts at the same time! Studying the fine arts is all about painting, sculpture and the history of art! I LOVED it, and after two years, I decided to study only art.



My teachers taught us about being original, inventive and to learn from history. My classmates and I studied masterpieces created by other artists, and then tried to come up with something original ourselves. Once, we got to choose our own homework so I chose to draw a comic, just like I used to make when I was a kid! This project was so fun, and I even won awards for it!

After I graduated, I kept drawing more comics. Once I decided that I definitely wanted my job to be an illustrator, I put together a portfolio - like a big photo album of my illustrations - and sent it out to over fifty book publishers in New Zealand and Australia. After a long time, two publishers came back to me and offered me some illustrating jobs. One of those publishers was Hardie Grant Egmont, asking me to illustrate a chapter book series about a bold, brilliant and bubbly girl - called Billie B. Brown!

That was over ten years ago, and since then I have illustrated over eighty books - and drawing is my job! Now I just need to get lots and lots of cats, and all my dreams will have come true!

Here are some of the things I did to become an illustrator that might help you!

- Even though I love other subjects like science and math, I always kept drawing.
- I eventually grew the courage to share my work not just with my sister, but also with my parents! Their encouragement helped me decide to study art in college.
- I listened carefully to my teachers, and researched lots of other artists from history to figure out my own style.
- I practiced lots and lots to improve my skills.
- I always kept trying, and having fun!



# Cook a Yummy, Healthy Lunch!

with Billie B. Brown

**BILLIE B. BROWN LOVES COOKING!** Sometimes she makes special treats. But most of the time she likes to make yummy, healthy food! Here is her favorite lunch recipe - maybe you could try and make it at home!



## INGREDIENTS

around 4 cups veggies  
(Pick your favorites! I like zucchini,  
sweet potato and corn.)

1 egg

1/2 cup grated cheese

1 1/2 cup all-purpose flour  
(or chickpea flour for gluten free)

1 clove minced garlic or  
1 teaspoon crushed garlic

2 tablespoons olive oil

## Recipe: VEGGIE FRITTERS

Prep time:  
10 mins

Cooking time:  
10-20 mins

Makes: 12

Don't forget to  
wash your dishes  
when you're  
done!

## TOP TIP

No matter what she wants to cook, Billie always asks a grown-up if it's OK before she starts. And she always, always asks for help when she's using the stove or oven. You should do that, too!

## METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and line a baking sheet with nonstick parchment.

2. Grate vegetables.

3. Remove excess moisture from zucchini by placing grated zucchini in a clean tea towel, scrunching it together and squeezing until towel is damp.

4. Repeat with the sweet potato - place it in a clean towel and squeeze out the moisture.

5. Whisk the egg in a large bowl.

6. Add the veggies to the bowl and mix together.

7. Add the cheese, flour, garlic and oil into the bowl and combine.

8. Roll mixture into balls and flatten down the top. Each fritter should measure approximately 3 in. wide. Place onto baking sheet lined with parchment paper.

9. Once tray is full, brush fritters with olive oil and bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes, until the fritters are golden.



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# Do you keep A DIARY?

Billie B. Brown does!

Sometimes it's fun to look back and see how much you have grown up!



This week, my favorite book was

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by

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I loved it because

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The song that was stuck in my head was

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The best thing I ate was

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The best thing that happened this week was

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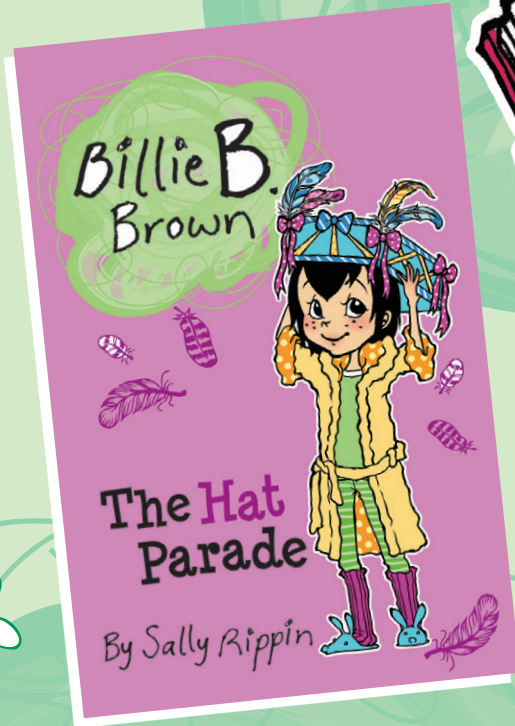
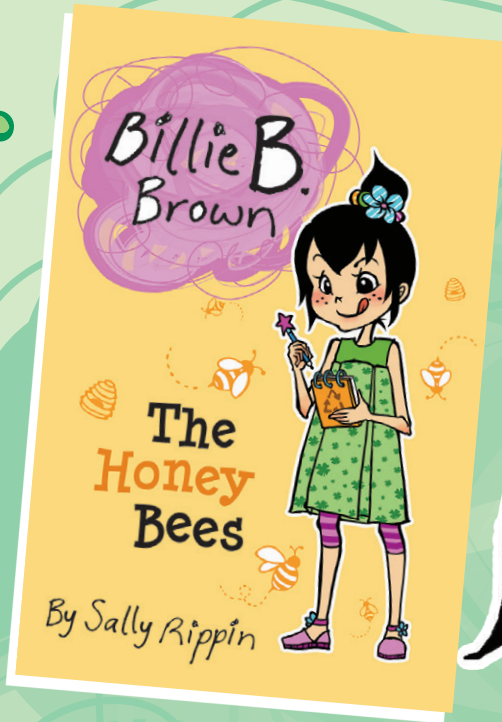
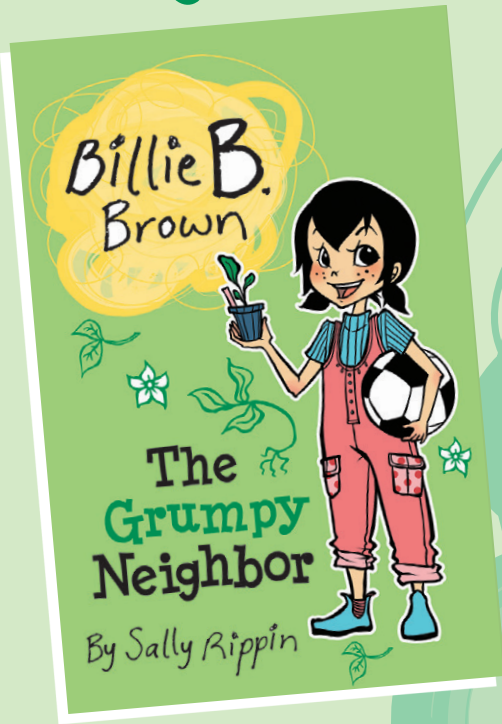
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Next week I want to try

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It's Billie's birthday! Color her amazing birthday party!





Don't miss all  
of Billie's latest  
adventures!