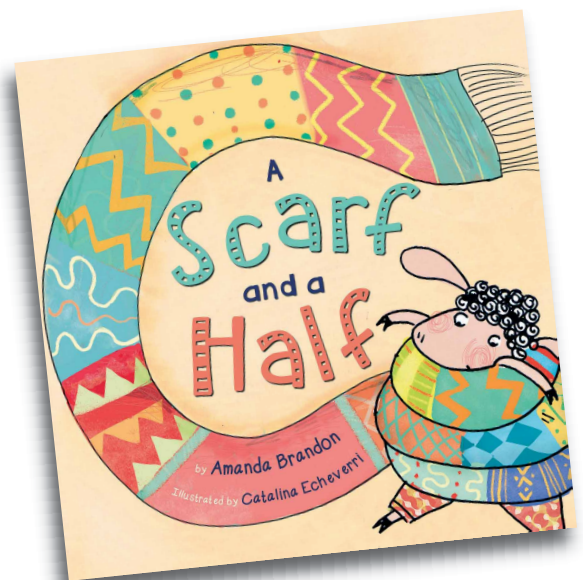


A Knitting Loving Granny is the Inspiration for Author's First Picture Book 'A Scarf and a Half'

Amanda Brandon lives with her husband and two children in Essex and is delighted that Maverick Arts is publishing her first picture book '*A Scarf and a Half*' which celebrates the special relationship between a granny and grandson.

"Grandparents can play an important role in creating happy childhood memories and I had a special bond with my grandmother who took an interest in my work," says Amanda. "Like the character Granny Mutton in my book, she enjoyed knitting and every Christmas my brother and I would receive a pair of handmade gloves."

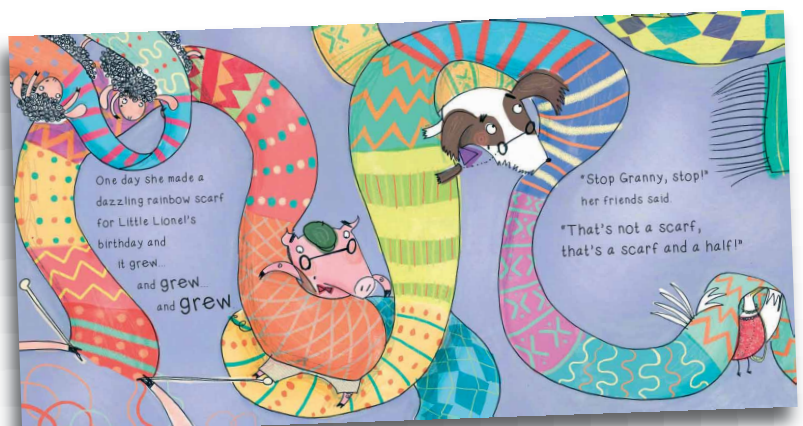


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From scribbling stories in old exercise books to reading Famous Five until 'lights out' it was inevitable that Amanda would make words her world. In her early teens she won a story writing competition and the seeds of a new career were sown. At 19 she became a newspaper journalist including spells as a feature writer and assistant news editor until starting a family 13 years later.

Amanda says "I believe no-one can ever have too many books. I love to encourage children to read – there's something rewarding about sharing a book whether it be with a baby or an older child." Illustrations for the book are by the very talented up and coming illustrator Catalina Echeverri. Pre sales are so encouraging that a sequel is already underway!

(As well as too many books Amanda also admits to owning too many scarves and is teased for wearing one until the first signs of summer.)



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