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From the dust jacket:

"This modern Australian fairy tale features Australian folk heroes alongside the witches, giants and princesses of tradition. Daily trips to sweep the moon clean of Russian and American cameras and mechanical shovels seem quite normal when the method of transport is the age-old witch's broomstick. The boy hero Peter's allies include a kangaroo with a bottomless pouch and an intriguingly up-to-date Willy Willy Man who has starting trouble because he runs on a 2-stroke.

Whispering in the Wind is a tale with as wide an appeal as *Wind in the Willows*. Full of courage, kindness and humour the exciting enchanting characters will enthrall all ages while the allegory interests and enlightens adults."

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Kylie W says

This book is part of who I am. I will read the book in its entirety (including the last chapter) only to the man I marry.

Here's a small section verbatim:

After they had boiled the billy, the Bunyip continued his story.

'On that day the King happened to be out hunting. His entourage caught me up as I was walking along the road. They were a mob of courtiers and they bowed and scraped a lot. They were well dressed, too: long velvet coats and tight pants.

'They rode magnificent horses, but the King's was the best. It was a black stallion and it never stopped prancing. It pranced in circles when he reigned it in.

' "Hey, Boy!" he called out when the prancing horse was facing me. "What breed are you?"

'The the horse went round again and I had to wait before I could answer.

' "I'm a Bunyip, Your Majesty."

' "Never heard of them."

'The horse kept prancing and taking him round in circles so I had to wait again till he faced me.

' "We live in the swamp near the palace."

' "Good heavens!" the King exclaimed. "I'll have to have that place disinfected."

'Then, round he went again. He must have been sick of it because he suddenly shouted at one of the courtiers, "Stop this darn horse."

'The man he shouted at leapt off his horse and grabbed the King's bridle. You could see he was frightened, and for good reasons, since the King leant forward and lashed him with his whip.

' "How dare you give the King a horse like this," he snapped.

' "But you wanted a horse that could prance," stammered the couriter.

' "Prance, yes," said the King, "but I didn't ask for the Circular Waltz."

' He dismounted and adjusted his crown, which had slipped to one side with all the prancing. "Now," he said to me, "you say you are a Bunyip. I watched you fighting the Knights. I...saw your unorthodox methods when St George's gang of tutors were trying to belt you into shape. You certainly dis-horsed them with great skill."

' "Un-horsed them," I corrected him.

' The King glared at me. "An intellectual, eh!"

Judy says

This is one of my All Time Favourite Books. Currently very hard to purchase and long out of print. My family copy (from my childhood) has gone missing and I have only this rather ordinary little paperback copy found in an op shop. No internal illustrations, but the text is still wonderful.

I'm reading it to my children (8 and 9) who won't let me read to them any more because they like reading on their own. But I've found a way around this by reading to them at the dinner table when they are a captive audience. Myyaaaarrrghhh! (insane laugh. Thanks Otherjude for the spelling of that one. Very handy)

Since the boys were laughing their heads off at chapter two tonight where Peter meets Greyfur and discovers her special gift, I might not have much of a problem from here on :-)

June - Finished. Not only did they love it, but now they are letting me read to them again. So I've hauled out a pile of favourites and we're going to gnaw through them. Hooray for Whispering in the Wind!

Tsana Dolichva says

A childhood favourite.

Brendan says

One of the classics of children's literature, but unfortunately not very well known. I am a teacher and I read this book to most of the classes I teach. It has the children rolling with laughter!

Written about the time of the first moon landing, it has wonderful humour and plenty of action to keep most children on the edge of their seats. Some interesting takes on TV, schools, parenting etc... to keep the discussion lively.

A wonderful book to read aloud.

Does anyone know where I can get my hands on an eBook version to store on my iPad?

Matt says

I love this book, must have read it dozens of times over the years.

Currently reading it with my youngest daughter, our special time together.

will have to hunt down another 3 copies to give to each of my girls, plus one more for when my copy eventually falls apart.

Abigail says

This book is utterly gorgeous; an allegory that is touching and, at the same time, comic...A teacher read it to me when I was eight, and the story haunted me for years, until I found a battered copy in a charity shop. I just re-read it with my seven year old daughter and six year old son, and they were both spellbound too (although the seven year old appreciated some of the subtle humour more). Love it; it deserves to be better known.

Joshua says

Great children's book. Unfortunately has been out of print for many years and is somewhat forgotten. I remember staying up all night to read it as an 10 year old.
