

Bobbi Chegwyn

AUTHOR OF THE RADICAL RAY SERIES



Bobbi Chegwyn grew up in Australia, ended up in the United States, and at some point decided the best way to understand her new community was to drive a school bus full of third and fourth grade students.

What she saw on those rides stayed with her.

Kids carrying weight they didn't have words for. Feelings showing up as behaviour — and behaviour getting them in trouble. Children doing their best in situations that weren't their fault.

With twenty years of experience working in human behaviour, understanding what shapes the way people think, feel, and see themselves, Bobbi began writing the Radical Ray series for a specific window: ages seven to twelve. Before adolescence arrives. Before everything gets louder and harder to reach.

She writes from Lebanon, Ohio.



The Radical Ray Series

Radical Ray is a social-emotional learning series for children aged 7–13. Each book follows Ray Roxby — an eight-year-old boy living in Botany, Sydney, Australia — as he navigates kindness, belonging, resilience, family complexity, and emotional honesty.

The series is designed for a specific window: before adolescence, when the emotional patterns that shape a lifetime are still being formed. The emotional experiences Ray navigates are universal. The setting is just where he happens to live.



The Books



Book 1: Australia's Little Champion for Big Change

Ages 7–9 · Grades 2–4

Ray discovers that kindness isn't just something you feel — it's something you do. Featuring Grandma Leila's concept of Radical Love, the Belonging Bench, and a breathing exercise that actually works. Includes a built-in Think, Share, Explore discussion guide.

Available: Amazon

The Books

Book 2: A Father's Return

Ages 9-12 · Grades 4-6

A letter arrives out of nowhere. Ray's dad is back — and nothing about that falls neatly into place. Includes a built-in Think, Share, Explore discussion guide.

Available: Amazon



Book 3: The Too Much Moment

Ages 9-12 · Grades 4-6

One comment from a teacher sticks — and slowly Ray starts making himself smaller to fit. Includes a built-in Think, Share, Explore discussion guide.

Available: Amazon

Book 4: No Greater Love

Ages 10-13 · Grades 5-7

Ray comes home one afternoon expecting everything to be normal. It isn't.

Available: Amazon



What Makes This Series Different

Ray is the boy most boys' books forget to write.

Most male protagonists in children's literature lead with action — they solve problems, win competitions, overcome obstacles. Their emotional world, if it appears at all, arrives at the end, tidied up and resolved.

Ray Roxby leads with his heart. He notices things. He feels things deeply. He blurts things out and then wonders why. He cries sometimes and doesn't always know what to do with that. He is not a watered-down version of a boy — he is a completely authentic one.



For boys who have been told they are too much, too loud, too sensitive, or too emotional — Ray may be the first time they have ever seen themselves in a book.

Key Themes Across the Series

- **Radical Love** — love as action, not just feeling
- **Belonging** — the quiet question underneath every chapter
- **Resilience** — small and ordinary, which is what makes it teachable
- **The Inner Guide** — early self-regulation and emotional intelligence
- **Boys and emotional literacy** — pushing back against the myth that boys feel less
- **Family complexity** — absent parents, grief, forgiveness, and complicated love

For Educators & School Counselors

Each book in the Radical Ray series comes with built-in discussion support. Book 1 is accompanied by a full Educator & Parent Guide — a ready-to-use resource for classrooms, counselling sessions, and family conversations — available free at meetradicalray.com.

The guide includes chapter-by-chapter discussion questions, five classroom activities, a dedicated Counselor Corner with therapeutic entry points, and a Family Connection page. No preparation needed.

The series aligns with social-emotional learning frameworks and is suitable for use in grades 2–7.

Readers' Favorite — Five Star Award



Book 1: Australia's Little Champion for Big Change
Book 2: A Father's Return

Endorsed by Professionals

Brilliantly done — and a book that would absolutely support any child experiencing a similar life event.

Kathryne Imabayashi M.Ed., B.S.Ed.

Parents of Boys Coach

Early Years Specialist

A wonderful tool for assisting children who are faced with the loss of a loved one. Creating hope and allowing emotional processing are key components throughout this book. As a therapist for over thirty years, I consider this one of the best resources for helping families support children dealing with grief.

Melissa Kappes, M.A., M.Ed., LPCC-S

Co-owner of The Counseling Professionals

Suggested Podcast Topics

Bobbi is available for podcast interviews. Suggested conversation angles include:

- The school bus that started it all: how driving third graders changed everything
- What children aged 7–12 are ready to absorb — and what we're waiting too long to teach
- Radical Love as a framework: what it means to teach kindness as action, not feeling
- The Belonging Bench: how one small idea in a story became a real classroom tool
- Twenty years in human behaviour — what that taught me about writing for children
- Australian setting, universal story: bringing Ray's world to readers around the globe

Get in Touch

Bobbi welcomes enquiries from podcasters, educators, school librarians, journalists, and book reviewers.

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Radical  Ray

Ray's world is big enough for everyone.

We're glad you're in it.