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Dr Gary Crew, author of novels, short stories and picture books for older children and young adults began his writing career in 1985, when he was a high school teacher. His books are challenging and intriguing, often based on non-fiction. As well as writing fiction, Gary is a Associate Professor in Creative Writing, Children's and Adult Literature, at the University of the Sunshine Coast, Queensla...more Dr Gary Crew, author of novels, short stories and picture books for older children and young adults began his writing career in 1985, when he was a high school teacher. His books are challenging and intriguing, often based on non-fiction. As well as writing fiction, Gary is a

Associate Professor in Creative Writing, Children's and Adult Literature, at the University of the Sunshine Coast, Queensland and editor of the After Dark series.

He lives with his wife Christine on several acres in the cool, high mountains of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland in Queensland, Australia in a house called 'Green Mansions' which is shaded by over 200 Australian rainforest palms he has cultivated. He enjoys gardening, reading, and playing with his dogs Ferris, Beulah, and Miss Wendy. In his spare time he has created an Australian Rainforest Garden around his home, filled with Australian palms. Gary loves to visit antique shops looking for curios and beautiful objects.

Gary Crew has been awarded the Children's Book Council of Australia Book of the Year four times: twice for Book of the Year for Young Adult Older Readers (Strange Objects in 1991 and Angel's Gate in 1993) and twice for Picture Book of the Year with First Light in 1993 (illustrated by Peter Gouldthorpe) and The Watertower (illustrated by Steven Woolman) in 1994. Gary's illustrated book, Memorial (with Shaun Tan) was awarded the Children's Book Council of Australia Honour Book in 2000 and short listed for the Queensland Premier's Awards. He has also won the Wilderness Society Award, the Whitley Award and the Aurealis Award for Speculative Fiction.

In the USA he has been twice short listed for the Mystery Writers of America Edgar Allan Poe Mystery Fiction Award for Youth and the Hungry Minds Review American Children's Book of distinction. In Europe he has twice been and twice the prestigious White Raven Award for his illustrated books. Among his many Australian awards is the Ned Kelly Prize for Crime Fiction, the New South Wales Premier's Award and the Victorian Premier's Award. He has been short listed for both the Queensland Premier's and the Western Australian Premier's awards for Fiction.

Picture book for primary school-age readers. Two children encounter a shadowy beast that lives in the depths of the sea. Christopher is blind, though through no physiological reason, and Antonia is a cynic, blind to the possibilities of her brother's information. Christopher defeats the Kraken, the beast of doubt, through his faith and determination that he will see. Multi-award-winning Crew's previous titles include 'Angel's Gate' and 'Mama's Babies'. McBride has recently created the covers for Emily Rodda's fantasy series.

Gary Crew was born on September 23, 1947 in Brisbane, Australia. Gary attended State Primary and High Schools in Brisbane, English and Art were his favorite subjects, but he left school aged 16 to become a cadet Civil Engineering Draftsman. After he had graduated from the Queensland Institute of Technology and worked in a drawing office for ten years as a design draftsman, he became bored and decided to become a teacher. After that, Crew re-educated himself, earning his master's degree in literature at Queensland University. He became a teacher in 1974 and went on to become head of English at various high schools in Brisbane. Gary Crew began writing fiction in 1985. Because of his teaching background and his own teenage children, he entered the Teenage Fiction or Young Adult genre and has published 12 novels in that field. He has twice been awarded the Children's Book Council of Australia, Book of the Year for Older Readers, for Strange Objects in 1991 and Angel's Gate in 1993. Gary has also been twice short listed for the Edgar Allan Poe Mystery Fiction Award for Youth in the USA and awarded the American Children's Book of Distinction. Among his many awards is the Ned Kelly Prize for Crime Fiction. He also specializes in fiction texts for Illustrated Books for Older Readers. He has won the CBC Book of the Year twice in the Picture Book category, for First Light in 1993 and The Watertower in 1994. He was short listed for this award in 2000 with Memorial. He is the series Editor of Lothian's After Dark series of Macabre Tales. Crew is a lecturer in Creative Writing, Children's and Adult Literature at the University of the Sunshine Coast. He is the Chair of the Queensland Writers' Centre.

By internationally acclaimed children's author, Gary Crew, and outstanding illustrator, Marc McBride, The Kraken tells the story of two children's encounter with a shadowy beast that lives in the depths of the sea. Christopher is blind – though for no physiological reason. Antonia, his sister, is a cynic and blind to the possibilities of her brother's imagination. It is through Christopher's determination

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Author Biography: Gary Crew has an outstanding reputation as a writer of Young Adult fiction and innovative picture books. His numerous prizes and awards include CBC Book of the Year: Older Readers for *Strange Objects* and *Angel's Gate* (1991 and 1994) which also received widespread international recognition; CBC Honour Book for Memorial (2000), CBC Picture Book of the Year for *First Light* (1994); CBC Picture Book of the Year for *The Watertower* (1995); *The Lost Diamonds of Killiecrankie* was a notable book in 1996. He is also the author of *The Viewer* and *Mama's Babies*, which were CBC Notable Books for 1998 and 1999 respectively. Gary is editor of the *After Dark* series and author of the picture books *Bright Star*, *Troy Thompson's Excellent Poetry Book*, *Troy Thompson's Radical Prose Folio*, *Leo The Lion Tamer* and *Valley of Bones*. Other Lothian YA Fiction titles are *Dear Venny*, *Dear Saffron* with Libby Hathorn and *Edward Britton* with Philip Neilsen.

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Crew first trained as a design draftsman and he worked in this field for ten years. When he decided to become a teacher, his family responsibilities prevented him from accepting an art scholarship and he trained as an English teacher instead. While teaching he also gained a Master of Arts in Literature from Queensland University.

Crew was prompted to begin writing in order to provide relevant reading material for his school students. In 1985 he published his first novel, *The Inner Circle*, and by 1989 he had left teaching to write full time. Since then he has written numerous books and won many awards. He has specialised in the areas of Teenage Fiction, Young Adult Fiction and Children's Picture Books.

The Kraken is able to metamorphose into any form to suit the human imagination, especially if the imagination is informed by doubt. Christopher is blind, though the doctors cannot discover a physiological reason. His sister, Antonia, is a cynic who is blind to the imaginative and creative possibilities of her brother. A short novel for young adults. Illustrated by Marc McBride.

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