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'G'day,' from Layla, the fun and feisty seven year old who lives Down Under!

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"This chapter book is **learning made fun**...By the time they finish reading, they will receive a **confidence boost** and they might even want to try something new very soon! ...**The illustrations are amazing**... I teach little kids and I'm certainly going to keep this book for their next story session!" *Goodreads book reviewer and teacher, Saradia Chatterjee*

Trying new things can be scary!

Layla wants to join the school Singing Club. But, what will happen if she doesn't know any of the songs?  
Will she sound like a screeching cockatoo?  
Will the other kids laugh at her?

Layla is a fun and feisty seven year old girl who lives with her family in Brisbane, Australia. She finds out that it's hard to be brave when you're feeling scared.

Will Layla join Singing Club?

Can she learn to do something brave even when she is feeling scared?

This second instalment in the new **Layla Down Under** children's book series, **Layla Learns to be Brave**, is an easy reader chapter book for kids. Available in paperback and for Kindle, this children's book is one that 6-8 year old readers can easily navigate with its **large font, easy sentences, everyday relatable situations, cute illustrations, and warm family-centred themes**.

An early reader children's chapter book, **Layla Learns to be Brave**, is set in the beautiful Australian river city of Brisbane, and explores the central theme of learning to be brave. This book is a must-have for every young child learning to read, and for anyone wanting to encourage their youngster to try new things.

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## **Layla Learns to be Brave (Layla Down Under #2) Details**

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## **From Reader Review Layla Learns to be Brave (Layla Down Under #2) for online ebook**

**Diane says**

### **Bravery and beyond**

Wonderfully written and illustrated children's chapter book. Kayla learning to be brave is a great encouragement to all young children who may occasionally be anxious themselves. I highly recommend this book, inside your children will see bravery and more.

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**V Narayanan says**

Hi

The book is just a short story which explains how a little girl overcame her shyness.

The emotional dilemma is nicely captured. It could have been little lengthy and had further incidents.

Fit to be made as a cartoon for kids - Under 10 Mins Cartoon

Yours

VN

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**catlady says**

### **so boring but its good for little kids!**

Boring but good for little kids! :( it would be right for Little kids!! Good luck little kids I hope you like it

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**Pumpkin says**

Nice themes and a good idea for a series - showing kids how they can overcome difficulties or uncomfortable situations. The story itself didn't quite hold together for me.

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**C. says**

"**Layla Learns To Be Brave**", 2015, is an encouraging, powerful subject to broach. Whether nervous or in jittery anticipation, we all relate to this. Indecision about joining a club seems minor but is a good example of how the world is larger and unknown to children. We feel uneasy about things that bear no weight on others. Layla fearing not to know songs in the club seemed irrelevant because education is what classes are for. However something about her personality made this worrisome to her.

I am giving three stars, with awareness that this is for small children, because it seemed to lack a sequential story and general flow. I felt like we skipped from point to point that **Bron Whitley** wanted to illustrate and added scenes and dialogue to each, rather than these emerging in a narrative that glides from beginning to conclusion. I also think a real copy would have been superior, where the sweet drawings would come out better and appear more strikingly on a paired page. However one can't help the structure of electronic books. It was mainly flow and composition.

Along with a very good example of small, real dilemmas we face up; the warm, encouraging parent is a lasting impression I love. Layla's Mother neither forces nor cajoles but revisits her indecision, by remarking that two of her friends are in the music club. We are aware the axis lies in Layla determining she will go. I value my free time and empathize with reluctance to tie it up. Layla was relieved to know one song and opened herself to enjoying it when no one knew the other; even if I felt she would have learned anything soon enough. A special flavour is **Bron** describing uniquely Australian things, like birds and private school attire.

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### **Susan says**

This is a charming little book. The text is perfect for a first chapter book. Layla and her family are likable and realistic. And the Australian setting is an added bonus.

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### **Ellie Firestone says**

This book gets everything right. The language is clean, well-edited and easy to understand, the story is good, and the illustrations are cute.

I really liked Layla's active imagination, as well as the trivia about Australia included in the book. Did you know that cockatoos can live to be over 100 years old? I certainly didn't.

The book also delivers its message really well. There's a quote from Layla's mom that I will never forget:

"It's OK to be shy. It can be scary to do new things. But if a safe person says it's OK, you can still be brave too. Being brave is choosing to do something safe when you're feeling scared."

I like the fact that it made a distinction between doing something brave and doing something reckless -- a distinction that many children have trouble seeing.

Overall, *Layla Learns to be Brave* is brilliant. It's entertaining for children, but comes with a clear and important message: Be Brave! It's a book that I really wish I'd read as a child. I would definitely recommend this book for any child up to the age of eight.

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### **Saradia Chatterjee says**

*Layla Learns to be Brave* is a cute story about a little girl from Australia—how she learns to defeat her shyness and tries something new. It is the first book in the *Layla Down Under* series. Layla is a smart kid

who suddenly finds herself in a difficult position when her Mum tells her about a singing club. She is unsure about joining the club and imagines she might slip up while singing with the other members. But her friends Penny and Zoe have joined the club and not wishing to be alone during recess, she takes the chance.

This chapter book is learning made fun. Every child faces some challenges in school and they need to learn the tricks to make the best of each day. This book teaches children how to get ready for school, how to help Mummy bake, how to cope with different emotions and interact with friends. The story also introduces children to some birds and their extraordinary features. As a bonus, it has some rhymes and songs your kids will absolutely love! All of this is very well packaged into a story that will hold your child's attention. By the time they finish reading, they will receive a confidence boost and they might even want to try something new very soon! The author has kept it very simple and this simplicity is essential for children's books. The illustrations are amazing and every page has new illustrations. This will definitely encourage children to proceed with the story and there is no question of boredom.

Don't hesitate to gift your little ones this awesome book. I bet they will be humming new songs while waiting for Layla's new adventure! I teach little kids and I'm certainly going to keep this book for their next story session!

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### **Eileen Carter says**

#### **Outstanding**

This easy reader chapter book is just the thing for a child who needs an easy reader but wants to feel older with a chapter book. Lots of educational facts about Australia birds, customs along with some about Atlanta, Georgia as well. This book will be fun to read while also educating

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### **Barbara Ann says**

Really enjoyed reading this early chapter book about a second grader named Layla who lives in Australia. Young readers learn that while it is okay to be scared of new things, it is also a brave act to try something new.

I like the way the author introduces Australian customs, culture and habitat to her readers. For example readers learn about gum trees, kookaburras and cockatoos. Layla reveals her active imagination when she imagines being a cowgirl and sees bugs in her cupcakes. The humor and large black and white pencil drawings aid in sustaining interest for beginning or reluctant readers. Layla represents the thoughts and dreams of many of her readers.

Highly recommended chapter book for beginning and reluctant readers. Look forward to reading more books in the Layla down under series.

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### **Donna Chadwick says**

Really good book and easy to get in to and sounds like Layla had fun at sing club and I really liked reading it

and Layla sounds like a great big sister

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### **Karina says**

I really liked this book, and my daughter too (she is 8 year old).  
It is just what they need at this age, when they start to be shy getting into new things or people.  
We liked too that we learned some things about Australia!!

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### **Marti Dumas says**

#### **Excellent Beginner Reader-- Look for more Layla!**

Looking forward to more Layla stories. We especially enjoyed the touches of Australia. This chapter book for young readers is a great addition to your library to build fluency and stamina for young readers who are looking to step into chapter books. For the teachers out there, I would say that this is a guided reading level I or J , making it a good independent reading book for 2nd graders.

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