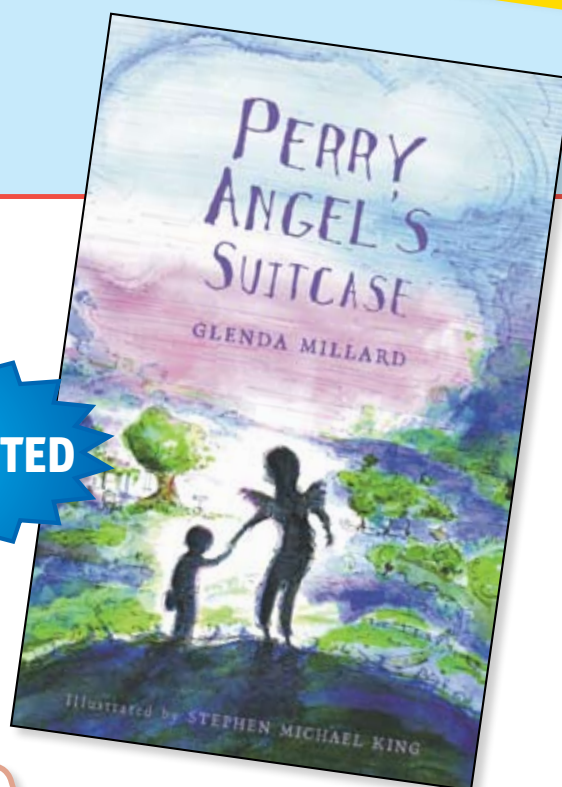




Perry Angel arrives in the Kingdom of Silk carrying a small, shabby suitcase embossed with five golden letters. What do these letters mean? And why won't Perry let go of the suitcase? Following on from *The Naming of Tishkin Silk* and *Layla Queen of Hearts*, this is a beautiful story about finding your place in the world.

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Interesting Facts about Glenda Millard

- Glenda was born in Castlemaine, in the goldfield region of central Victoria.
- She used to jump off her Nana's shed and try to fly, and was the second-fastest runner in Grade Six.
- She loves reading and storytelling.
- She also loves hot-air ballooning, riding her bike, rainbows and balloons.
- When deciding what to write, she looks at photographs, magazines, newspapers and paintings for inspiration. She also listens to music.

Teaching Tips

Class Discussion

- Before reading the book, discuss what could be in Perry Angel's suitcase.
- Encourage students to predict what the five letters on the suitcase—P, M, G, D and A—might mean.

What's in a Name?

- According to Nell's book of names, 'Perry' is derived from 'Peregrine', meaning traveller or pilgrim. Ask students how Perry Angel is like a traveller or pilgrim.
- Have students research their own names.

Family Life

- There are ten members in the Silk family and each member contributes something different to the dynamics of the family. As a class, discuss what they are.
- Ask each student to write about their own family dynamics, highlighting ways in which they are different or similar to the Silk family.

Belonging

- With the arrival of Perry Angel, Layla feels she will be excluded from the Silk family. Ask students why she might think this.
- Have students suggest why Perry Angel runs away and what the Silk family does that makes Perry Angel feel at home.

Belonging

- The Kingdom of Silk has a Day of Cake and Thankfulness to celebrate Perry Angel's arrival into the family. Why not have a Class Day of Cake and Thankfulness on which each student contributes a small treat and speaks of something they are thankful for relating to being in that class.