

## ***Bluey's Magical Adventure***

### **Book Review by Don Defenderfer**

Tasmania's answer to New Zealand's Hobbits has arrived in a stunning new book called *Bluey's Magical Adventure* by Ken Mackay. Stunning illustrations by Sue Briginshaw highlight the story set in Tasmania and Transylvania where dragons, snarks and magicians fight epic battles for survival.

In this book one enters the fantasy world of Tasmania's Tolkien, of innocent dragons, an evil Count Dragu, shapeshifting goblins, Snark pies and Gooberberry slices, of secret castles and ancient caves and seas. It is a world that once one enters, one will never want to leave; a story to keep reading over and over about the adventures of the intrepid young dragons and elder magicians.

A delightful children's book that will appeal to readers of all ages – to anyone who has made up stories for children and watched their eyes light up as they dream off with fantastical characters, strange foods and exotic locations.

The illustrations bring Ken's story to life, revealing a fifth dimension world of strange and beautiful creatures that must battle the forces of evil to maintain their lives on the Blue Tier in Tasmania.

The story moves from Tasmania to Transylvania and back, revolving around a daring rescue and the forces of good and evil trying to outwit each other.

If you like the world of high fantasy, of books about sorcery and mysticism, then this is the book for you. Read or simply gaze at the pictures and you will enter a lost world that will take you back to your childhood, a world found that you will never forget.

This book makes a fine contribution to Australia and New Zealand's world leading contribution to children's fantasy books.