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My Place ABOUT THE SHOW

Mischief and adventure abound in My Place, the story of 13 children, all with a talent for some kind of trouble. They live in the one place, over 120 years, 1888 to 2008. Each hiding up the very same fig tree, each with a story to tell.

1968 Sofia

Sofia is a spy for the yayas and she's determined to get rid of her brother Michaelis' anglo girlfriend, Janice, before he leaves for Vietnam. She tries everything to derail the budding romance – from mistranslating a conversation between her mother and Janice, to putting lipstick kisses on all Michaelis' collars, to sending Janice an angry letter from Michaelis' non-existent Greek girlfriend. And she succeeds. When the moment of Michaelis' departure for war arrives, Sofia realises there's something far worse than her brother having a girlfriend.

Who Lives Here

Sofia and her big sister Maroula live with their parents, Mama and Baba, and grandmother Yaya. Sofia's big brother Michaelis usually lives here as well but he's getting ready to go join the war in Vietnam.

My Place Book

Nadia Wheatley - Author of My Place

People often ask: 'How did you get the idea for the book My Place?'

Well, I usually get my idea for stories from place. Back in about 1980, when I was living in Sydney's inner-west, I had an energetic young dog who was not at all street-wise. Every afternoon I used to take him to an old cemetery where he could roam safely behind a high wall, and on Sunday mornings we used to go to the waste land beside a nearby canal. While my dog was running, I used to amuse myself by exploring and imagining. In the cemetery, there was huge old fig tree, and I used to think about generations of children climbing up into its branches. Although the canal was dirty, I knew that it would once have had fresh water running into it, and so I started thinking about Aboriginal people living there and caring for the land for thousands and thousands of years. Some time went by in my own life. Then one night, as I sat doodling little maps just for fun, I found myself drawing a rough version of the map that you can find on the first page of the book. Half an hour or so later, I was writing the words that are on the last page of the book.

Of course, a book isn't made in a night. The research, writing, illustration and design of My Place took many months of hard work by both the illustrator, Donna Rawlins, and myself. Since its first publication, in 1987, My Place has been read in countless Australian homes and schools, and it is now being enjoyed by a second generation of young readers.

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ny and I love being with people and making friends.

My character's personality is a devious, cheeky little girl who is determined to break up her brother from his Australian girlfriend. She wants to break them up for 2 reasons.

- she has been brought up to believe that Australian girls are not as nice as Greek girls, and so her brother should have a Greek girlfriend

- she wants her brother to spend more time with her before he leaves for the Vietnam War, and not his girlfriend.

Sofia is a good person, not bad, just feels desperate to protect her brother from what she believes is danger - to be with an Australeza - and to keep him close to her.

How do you see the future....

Tell me about your dreams

I see my future as lovely, I realise I will work harder and have more responsibilities, but I still see it s a happy place. I would like to be a nice person, a mum, be in a hollywood movie and of course own my own limo and be shauffer dri-



ven everywhere.

TV Week Logies are of course about the fashion designer dresses to make us girls look even more glamorous while we walk down that long

red carpet. But I'm still looking for that magic dress for me and my mum of course. . . if there is any creative designers that could help and get there name out there, get in touch with us.

