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## The Were-Nana

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Target Age 4+

There's nothing Simon enjoys more than scaring his little sister, Stella Rosa. And now that the mysterious Nana Lupin is coming to stay, Simon is having great fun. Stella Rosa is afraid. Is her nana really a monster?



Melinda Szymanik was born in Howick, Auckland in 1963. From the time she could read and write, Melinda had an overwhelming, unstoppable desire to write stories. *The Were-Nana* was the result of a comment made by a TV presenter. Seeing someone else enjoy something she has written is what Melinda enjoys most about writing.



Sarah Nelisiwe Anderson was born in London, England in 1983 and moved to New Zealand when she was young. Her mum always encouraged Sarah to draw. With no television or colouring-in books allowed she was always drawing her own pictures - which she found so much more fun.

What Sarah most enjoys about illustrating is the feeling of creating something that didn't exist before - bringing imaginary characters and places to life.

### Great Activity and Event Ideas...

1. Simon is very mean to his younger sister Stella Rosa. What kind of tricks have you played on your brothers and sisters?
2. Nana Lupin shares her last name with a famous character from Harry Potter. What is his secret?
3. When was the last time you were very scared? What made you feel better?
4. Pretend you are one of Nana Lupin's witch friends, what kind of noises and movements would they/you make?
5. In the book Nan Lupin is compared to a werewolf. If you had to compare someone in your family to an animal, which animal would it be and why?



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## Activity

Draw a picture of what you would look like if you were turned into a were-nana or were-grandad.

