

The Australian Women's Register

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Gibbs, Cecilia May

(1877 - 1969)

Born 17 January, 1877, Sydenham Kent United Kingdom

Died 27 November, 1969, Sydney New South Wales Australia

Occupation Author, Illustrator

Summary

May Gibbs emigrated with her family to South Australia in 1881. She studied art in London, but returned to live in Perth, where she worked for the *Western Mail*. She moved to Sydney in 1913. Gibbs became known for her witty illustrations and her work was in demand. The first in her famous bush babies series, *Gumnut Babies*, was published in 1916. *Snugglepot and Cuddlepie* followed in 1918. Her cartoon strip, 'Bib and Bub', appeared in the Sydney *Sunday News* from 1925, while a second strip, 'Tiggy Touchwood', was published in the *Sunday Sun* under the pseudonym of Stan Cottman. May Gibbs was appointed MBE in 1955.

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