



Tamar The Thief - By Lyndon Riggall and Grace Roberts

Creative Writing Tasks

Choose **one** of the following:

- 1) Write about a day in the life of Tamar the Magpie as a younger bird, perhaps when she was still at school? What would life have looked like for a Magpie attending school in the Tamar Valley in Tasmania? Look up some new locations to set her family home and school?
- 2) Write a story about the people who are affected by Tamar's actions and stealing (from the perspective of one or more of the people who have things that are going missing)
- 3) Write a story from the perspective of Luka before he met Tamar – what was his life like as a Kookaburra living in the Tamar Valley? Does he have any friends, threats? dreams? a little home himself?
- 4) When Tamar and Luka meet for the first time, he saves her life. Imagine you are Luka this time; describe what he thought about first meeting Tamar the Magpie, write in the form of a diary entry, the night after he met her.
- 5) Imagine, like Tamar the Magpie, you live on the Tamar River. Give yourself a name and write about your experiences and what treasure you might discover and where?

NB: Use the Picture Book as a reference point to help generate ideas.

