



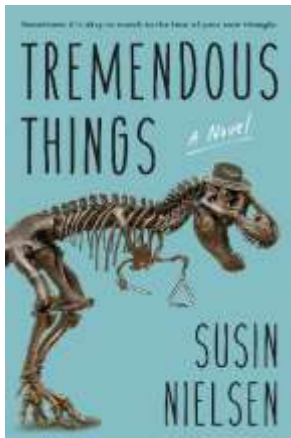
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TREMENDOUS THINGS

Winner of the 2022 IODE Violet Downey Book Award
for children literature

Written by Susin Nielsen

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A funny and heartfelt story about learning how to rise above your most embarrassing moment while staying true to yourself—with the help of old friends, new friends, and some cheesy poetry.

At the start of ninth grade, Wilbur Nuñez-Knopf is hoping for a fresh start. But he just can't live down a deeply humiliating moment from two years ago that's followed him to high school. His good friend Alex has stuck by him, but Alex has started dating Fabrizio and he doesn't have much time to hang out. Luckily, Wil can still confide in his elderly neighbor, Sal. But he longs to have a special someone of his own.

When the school band does an exchange with students from Paris, a girl named Charlie captures Wilbur's heart. But his feelings aren't reciprocated. So Alex, Fabrizio, and Sal join forces to build Wil's confidence in the hope that he can impress Charlie when they go to Paris. Maybe, just maybe, Wilbur will find a new defining moment in the City of Love.

Susin Nielsen began her writing career with the *Degrassi* franchise, writing scripts for the television shows as well as books for the series. Ms. Nielsen also played Louella Hawkins the Janitor in *Degrassi Junior High*. Following her work with *Degrassi*, Susin wrote for many other Canadian television series such as *Heartland*, *What about Mimi?* and *Braceface*. While working on these shows she produced three children's picture books: *Hank and Fergus*, *Mormor Moves In*, and *The Magic Beads*.

Her first independent novel, *Word Nerd*, deals with bullying, a theme she returns to in *The Reluctant Journal of Henry K. Larsen*. Her books often describe the effect of broken families on children.

No Fixed Address came out in September, 2018 and won the 2019 IODE Violet Downey Book Award.

Her books have been translated into many languages. She lives in Vancouver, BC with her family and two naughty cats.



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