



All Stars 2: Bree, Centre

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black dog books

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Readership: Upper Primary to Lower Secondary

When her father marries again, Bree must learn to be part of a family with her new step mother, Helen and her two children, Sammy and Mel. Bree and her friends are still trying to set up their new netball team and are having trouble getting the last player.

Some rivalry exists between the All Stars and one of the other teams, and when strange phone calls occur at night in their home, Bree suspects the G.I.G. girls, a group of girls in her school. Stella, the leader of this group seems to go out of her way to make nasty comments to Bree, and when she confronts the girl with the phone calls and the remarks, the two girls must make some amends.

1 Netball Rivalry.

One of the biggest rivalries in sport is that between Australia and New Zealand with Netball. Reread the section (Chapter 5) which talks about the rivalry between the two countries. Find out more about this rivalry. Has there been anything in the newspapers? Is there anything on the Netball website (www.netball.asn.au) What is the New Zealand uniform? And the Australian uniform?

You may like to watch a video/DVD of the match talked about in chapter 5. It was a fast, furious and exciting match, one seen as a classic netball game. Check whether it is available in your library. Ask your PE teacher.

2 Debate.

Set up a debate within the class. Topics could be:

Netball is a girls' sport.

Netball is too dangerous.

Australia is better than New Zealand at Netball.

3 Mel.

Bree finds it difficult to become friendly with her new stepsister. She would like to know more about her, but has trouble communicating. What does Bree know about the Mel? What does she find out about Mel when the mystery of the phone calls is revealed? Some information about Mel is given on page 31.