

Just like JK Rowling, there's a mistake in this new book



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Mackay Author Amanda Grobbelaar has released a new book and just like JK Rowling, it has an error; a missing chapter and she is trying to find her readers to replace the books. Photo Contributed

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MACKAY author Amanda Grobbelaar is used to finding the positive in any situation.

When diagnosed with MS she took up running and three and a half years later ran her first marathon.

And on the release of her first book, *Anchored by the Storm*, she is seeing the bright side of a missing chapter.

Mrs Grobbelaar's joy at being a first time author and receiving an advance shipment of her book, turned to dismay last week when she received a phone call from her son based in Brisbane. Her son asked why his recently received copy of the book; *The Amanda Grobbelaar Story - Anchored by the Storm* - was missing chapter 10.

"I know there are approximately 80 people in Mackay, Adelaide, Brisbane, Busselton, Bunbury and Perth currently reading my book and I was horrified when I found out yesterday that chapter 10 in a number of books was missing," she said.

"I had received orders from South Africa, Sweden, Lebanon and England, but these were intercepted before leaving Australian soil."

As always she can see the silver lining in her unusual first publishing experience.

"If one typo could cause JK Rowling's book to fetch \$25,000+ on an auction, imagine what the faulty version of *Anchored in the Storm* with 5000 words missing, could be worth in 10 years' time," she said.

Just two weeks earlier Mrs Grobbelaar received the first of her 2000 book delivery from the book printer in Adelaide.

Not realising a small percentage of the books delivered were in fact missing chapter 10, and had duplicates of chapter 11 and 12, she proudly launched her book in Mackay.

"The Adelaide printer, OpenBook Howden is currently tracing how this error occurred and assures me there will only be a small quantity of irregular books, but am determined to replace every irregular book, no matter where in the world as soon as possible," she said.



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"I would love to swap the faulty book for a new book so that the reader gets to read all about my life changing journey and be inspired to live their best lives now, despite their circumstances," she said.

Mrs Grobbelaar's book is a journey of faith, hope and love from a woman who refuses to give up. Five years ago, Mrs Grobbelaar was a qualified financial adviser who loved to implement financial strategies for her clients, but that quickly changed with a devastating medical diagnosis.

Instead of being defeated by her diagnosis and in the spirit of 'I can do all things,' Mrs Grobbelaar fought back with everything she had and now uses her story to encourage others to never give up. *Anchored in the Storm* is about her courageous everyday living.

"So the hunt is on ! If you purchased a copy of the Amanda Grobbelaar Story - *Anchored by the Storm* and discover your book is missing Chapter 10, please get in contact at amanda@amanda-g.net," she said.

And just to be on the safe side Mrs Grobbelaar is having the balance of the 2000 books checked individually, one by one before she begins her national book tour later this month.

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