



***Violet Mackerel's formal occasion* by Anna Branford illustrated by Sarah Davis**

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This latest publication in the Violet Mackerel series will please readers who enjoy Violet's view of life. She is always working out theories about all sorts of things.

When best friends Violet and Rose find a silver locket while digging in the park, they immediately take turns at wearing the heart-shaped locket. However, Violet is worried that the person who lost it was very sad. So the girls and Rose's grandparents make a sign that says, "Did you lose something here? If so call Max." (Rose's grandfather)

Later, Violet's mother loses her basket of small knitted things that she makes for sale. Violet makes a *theory of losing small things* about maybe when something you love gets lost it ends up with someone who loves it even more. Perhaps it's the same case with her mother's basket of things and the person who lost the silver locket.

Violet and Rose go to a boat house for tea with Rose's grandparents which makes the girls feel very happy. Violet has an idea that if she and Rose organise a formal occasion for Violet's mother it will help her to feel better.

Sarah Davis' black and white illustrations reflect everyone's emotions and thoughts. The sketches paired together with the words are on point. It's a successful partnership between author and artist.

The award-winning series is published in hardback, perfect for re-reading many times.

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