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## ***Pandora* by Victoria Turnbull**

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Pandora the fox lives alone amidst a mountain of broken things she collects and mends to use in her home. The poignant opening illustration shows Pandora amidst a pile of discarded objects with a battered teddy bear held in her arms. Tenderly, she carries the bear over the barren hills to her home made of recycled materials.

One day an injured bird falls from the sky. Instinctively, Pandora cares for the little creature. An evocative illustration shows the sleeping bird nestled in a box, with Pandora lying beside it and her bushy tail curled protectively around the bird.

Pandora's world comes to life with the presence of her small companion. The bird returns to good health and begins to fly further afield each day. It always returns with small gifts of plants, nuts, or feathers for Pandora, which she adds to the nest in the box. Inevitably, the day arrives when the bird flies away and doesn't come back.

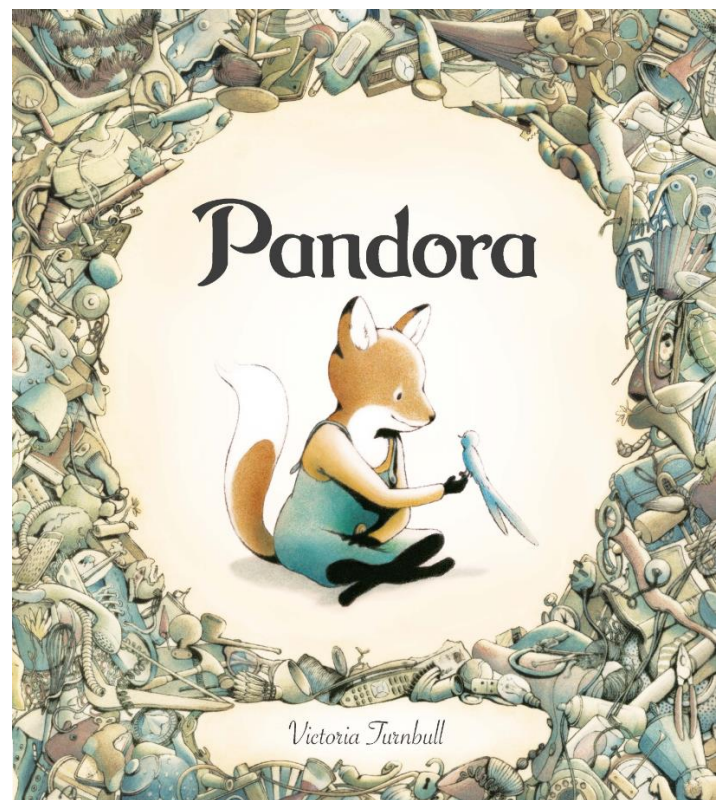
Once more Pandora is alone. That is, until the bird's gifts begin to grow and fill the little fox's home and adorn the surrounding landscape. The timeless story unfolds with the certainty of spring following winter and is enriched by the softly-coloured pencil illustrations that glow with warmth. Each page is a work of art.

The sateen fabric cover seems to shimmer and feels silky to hold. It's a gorgeous hardback picture book that will enchant readers of all ages.

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