



## *ABOUT THE AUTHOR*

Mary Ann Napper commenced her hobby of writing at the age of sixty-five. In 2014, she published her debut novel, *Born to Fly*. Since then, several of her short stories have been published in anthologies and feature articles published in Autism Parenting magazine and News.com.au. She is regularly invited to give guest speaker talks to community groups.

Mary Ann loves elephants, books, her husband and their eleven grandchildren, although not necessarily in that order. She also enjoys travelling to exotic places and distant parts of the world like Antarctica.

In 2015 Mary Ann was invited to Japan to stay with Megumi Bennett's family in Tokyo. She visited the places where Megumi spent her childhood and early adult years. It soon became evident that Megumi had lived an extraordinary life worth writing about. The author spent many hours listening to Megumi's story told with humour and self-reflection. In doing so Mary Ann aimed to draw out Megumi's memories and find her deeper truths. *Nature's Child* became a story which finally took on a life of its own.

Mary Ann is a member of the Australian Society of Authors (ASA), the Fellowship of Australian Writers (FAW) and enjoys holding a position on the committee of the Society of Women Writers NSW Inc (SWW).

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