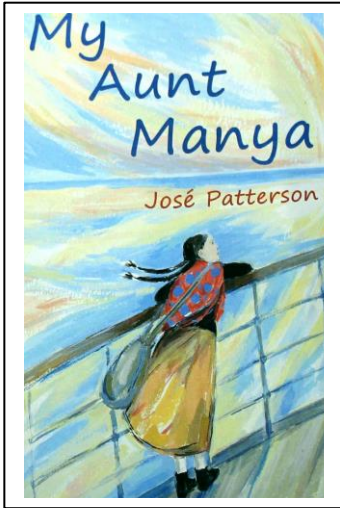


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My Aunt Manya

José Patterson's latest children's story details the journey of Sarah a ten-year old immigrant, making her way to America. (Based on a true story)

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From acclaimed children's author José Patterson comes a new story that will hit home. Set in Russia at the end of the 19th century, *My Aunt*

Manya is a period novel featuring heroine Sarah, who lives unhappily with her much-hated stepmother. Sarah's father has gone to live in New York with his sister Manya while he looks for a job. Sarah's life changes overnight when Aunt Manya writes with news that her father has been killed in an accident. She sends her a boat ticket, some money and an offer of a home.

Sarah's family and friends are poor, Yiddish-speaking Russian Jews who live in fear of the dreaded Russian soldiers – Cossacks. When Sarah's friends get word of an imminent Cossack attack, they lose no time in helping her to set out alone on the longest journey of her young life.

My Aunt Manya is a heart-warming story of Sarah's journey to America on the 'other side of the world.' She becomes an immigrant with just one goal – to live with her Aunt Manya in a free country. Sarah faces difficulties and dangers of the unknown with great courage and determination which, together with the 'hand of fate,' combine to make this an unforgettable story. Released during a time where immigration is a hotly-debated topic in the UK, *My Aunt Manya* will resonate with some child in every way and show them what it is truly like to be an immigrant.

José's first novel, *No Buts, Becky!* was a runner up in The People's Book Prize Award Competition, and was a Finalist in the Wishing Shelf Awards. It was also featured in *Jewish Book World*, *Books Monthly*, *The School Librarian*, *Jewish Renaissance* and *AJL Reviews*