



Highly Commended

Science Writing

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discovering Spriggina by Abigail Thomas

"It is 1946 and my name is Reg Sprigg. I am in the Ediacara hills in the Flinders Ranges. Today I'm looking for fossils of prehistoric animals."

"Munch munch I'm eating my lunch it's tasty and delicious!"

"What is that weird printed rock?"

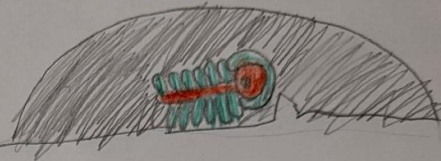
"I would love to help you find a job but I'm not sure that a rock could have a job are you fossilised jelly fish?"

"Oh! Okay! Could you be a acrobat?"

"oh a camel rider?"

"Then what can you be?"

"oh! Okay, bye Spriggina nice to meet you!"



"I am a segmented fossil from between 635 and 542 million years ago. And I'm looking for a job + don't have very much to do. I lie on rocks doing nothing."

"No! I'm Spriggina!"

"No. I couldn't I don't have legs."

"No, back then there were lots of under water animals no camels! And I lived in shallow water 10 to 15m. Plus I would be way too tiny! I was only 6cm in length way too small for a camel!"

"A mat cleaner! I was very good at sucking up algae from microbial mats and I can keep them fresh!"

My brother helped me with the idea of the job application and the mat cleaner part.

My Mum helped me with getting the information.

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