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### ELLA KAZOO WILL NOT BRUSH HER HAIR

Lee Fox

Illustrated by Cathy Wilcox  
Lothian Books, 30pp, \$27.95

With flame-red curls and a fiery disposition, Ella Kazoo is a lively character to say the least. She and her mum represent the universal struggle that is parents needing to exert some kind of control over their offspring's hair and kids preferring to let it roam free.

Ella puts up one helluva fight whenever mother and brush approach. Her unmanageable mane manages to evade capture and eventually takes on a life of its own – a curly problem that leaves Ella desperately seeking a solution.

She goes to the hairdresser and pleads: "Give me hair I won't have to untangle, hair that won't wander and hair that won't strangle."

Her wish is granted, her mop-top is lopped and it's no longer a chore to do the 'do.

Fox's rhyming text sings sweetly and succinctly, and the storyline will strike a chord with any child old enough to have hair.

I love this book, so does my little miss, 2, who can relate. Big-time.

– Gina Cranson



### SOCK IT TO 'EM BABY, FORWARD AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER VIETNAM

Garry Cooper and Robert Hillier, Allen & Unwin, 318pp, \$29.95

Despite its unfortunate title, this book is a thoroughly enjoyable and informative read about Garry Cooper's war service in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969.

He was a former RAAF pilot who also had a long and distinguished career in commercial aviation.

This story details why Cooper came to be regarded as a hero during his service. His flying assignment as a forward air controller involved flying at low level in a small and slow, unmarked plane above enemy lines to direct American artillery and aircraft to assist the ground forces. Such flying was dangerous and there were many casualties.

The book does not focus entirely on Cooper's war service, but looks at his career in flying as a whole. Cooper deserves to be held in honoured remembrance for his brave and selfless service. This is a most enjoyable book and I recommend it highly.

– Paul Kraus