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George’s grandmother is called Nonna Maria. She is soft and cuddly and loves to cook. She makes yummy pasta and sauce for George’s dinner and always wears a flowery apron.

She loves George and George loves her.
Lilly has two nannas who she calls Big Nanna and Little Nanna. Big Nanna works at the library and loves to read Lilly books. Little Nanna loves to sew and knit and made Lilly her favourite jumper.

They love Lilly and Lilly loves them.
Bobby’s Grandma June has grey curly hair and a big smile. The do jigsaw puzzles and colouring in together. She keeps all her colouring pencils in a big old biscuit tin.

She loves Bobby and Bobby loves her.
Hanna doesn’t have a grandmother, but she calls the lady next door Granny Thompson. Hanna takes her eggs from her chickens and Granny Thompson gives her biscuits and milk for afternoon tea.

She loves Hanna and Hanna loves her.
Alexander’s nanna lives with him and his family. He calls her Yia Yia. She plays the guitar and sings beautiful songs with him in their special spot in the garden.

She loves Alexander and Alexander loves her.
Sophie has a Nanna Lou who does yoga, wears colourful clothes and has long purple hair. She also has a Grandma Patty who works in an office, has bright pink fingernails and drives a little red car.

They love Sophie and Sophie loves them.
Jayson calls his grandma Lola. She is always happy and laughing, and has beautiful long, black hair. She was born in another country and tells him stories about her life there.

She loves Jayson and Jayson loves her.
Maddie has two nanas — one Nan and an Old Nan. She doesn’t see them all the time because they don’t live close to her. Sometimes they send her letters or talk to her on the phone. When she does see them, they give her huge hugs and lots of kisses.

They love Maddie and Maddie loves them.
Asahi and his Obaasan live together in a flat in the city. They look after each other and love to go walking in the park to feed the ducks. Sometimes they even buy ice cream.

She loves Asahi and Asahi loves her.
Zoe’s grandma is called Gami. She is an elder in their community. She tells Zoe about her culture, teaches her traditional songs and tells her stories from the Dreamtime.

She loves Zoe and Zoe loves her.
Lenny’s Nanny is very fit. They go running together, skip rope and play basketball. He is teaching her how to ride a skateboard and she is teaching him karate.

She loves Lenny and Lenny loves her.
Pip has a Granny with short spikey hair, big dangly earrings and green glasses. They love to turn the radio up really loud and dance to all their favourite songs.

She loves Pip and Pip loves her.
My grandmothers are called Oma and Memaw. Oma has a beautiful garden full of flowers and vegetables. She is teaching me how to grow them. Memaw walks with a cane and can’t hear very well. She lives with Papaw in a retirement village. They hold hands a lot.

They love me and I love them.

Very much.
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About the author
Sue lives in Rockhampton, Queensland, with her husband Shane. She is also known as Love, Dig, Mumma or Nanny Sue, depending on who you talk to. She has loved books and reading for as long as she can remember. She wanted to pass this love on to her two children, Rhianne and Jackson, and to read to them all the time. They are grown-ups now and still love stories. Sue's husband has three grown-up children and they share six grandchildren. Now she loves to enjoy books and stories with them, too.
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