

I CAN BE...

**MEG
LANNING**

*From city kid to
Aussie legend*



CHAPTER TWO

A little different





JiLL: Meg,
where were you
born?



Meg: I was born in
Singapore. My parents
were working there.

JiLL: Wow, that's exciting! Do you
remember much about Singapore?

Meg: I was only a month old when
my family left there. So, no, I don't
remember anything about Singapore.

JiLL: Where did you live after your
family left Singapore?

Meg: We moved to Sydney.

JiLL: Sydney is a very big place. It's a
bit different to Mistake Creek!





Meg: We lived in the suburb of Warrawee, and I went to Warrawee Public School.

JiLL: Warrawee? That's an interesting name.

Meg: Warrawee is believed to have come from an Aboriginal word meaning 'rest awhile', 'stop here' or 'to stand'.

JiLL: So, you stayed in Warrawee for a while, then, like its name told you to?

Meg: We stayed in Warrawee until I finished primary school. Then we moved to Melbourne, in Victoria.

JiLL: Before we talk about moving to Melbourne, let's talk about your life in Warrawee.



Meg: I lived in a normal house, with my really normal family. Mum and Dad, and four brothers and sisters.

JiLL: You have four brothers and sisters?! Wow, that is one big family. What number child are you?

Meg: I'm the middle child.

JiLL: Is your family a sporting family?

Meg: We sure are! It's hard not to be a sporting family when there are so many of you.

JiLL: I guess, with so many of you, the first thing you would learn to do is compete.

Meg: That's true. It was a competition to get to the bathroom first in the morning. If you were late to the dinner table, then there was a chance someone else would have eaten your dinner!

JiLL: I'm an only child, but I do think that having a lot of brothers and sisters would be great.

Meg: I can't imagine growing up any other way. We had so much fun. There was always a game to play or an adventure to be had.

JiLL: So, I'm guessing you must have played a lot of backyard cricket.



Meg: Backyard cricket was a game we played – as well as every other sport you can think of.

JiLL: Which kid in your family would win most of the games you played?

Meg: I'd like to say that it was me. But if you asked each of my brothers and my sister, they would probably tell you that they were the usual winner.

JiLL: So, do you think being competitive in your family's games helped you in your professional sport?



Meg: I've heard that said before, and I believe it's true. I think that backyard games of sport teach you more about playing than anything else can.



JiLL: Playing backyard cricket has definitely helped me. If I didn't have Jack living next door, and if the two of us didn't play cricket every spare moment we have, I would not be as good as I am.

Meg: How good are you?



Jill: I'm not sure, but I think I'm pretty good. Maybe we can go to the nets and I can bowl to you?

Meg: I can do better than that! Why don't you come to the Australian team training? You can bowl and bat against the best.

Jill: Gee, I'd love to do that! If I do well, do you think there might be a place for me in the team?

Meg: We are always looking for great players. Maybe you can fill in if there's an injury!

