

PICTURE BOOK SHOWCASE



October 8 2020
4.00pm to 5.30pm
ONLINE

Join us as we celebrate the work of Australian Picture book creators.

Program

4.00pm

Welcome

4 15pm

Kristin Gill, publisher Penguin Random House, in conversation with Anna Walker, Jess Mc Geachin and Graeme Base

4 45pm

Alyson O'Brien, publisher Hardie Grant in conversation with Patrick Guest

5 10pm

The Wilderness Society Environment Award for Children's Literature

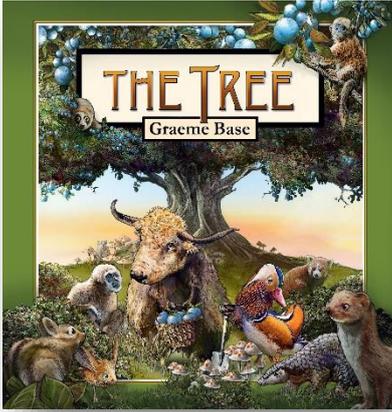
5 30pm

Close

Best Read Aloud

We will be conducting a Padlet where we are asking participants to share suggestions of their best read aloud picture book. This resource will later be shared with all participants and the wider community.

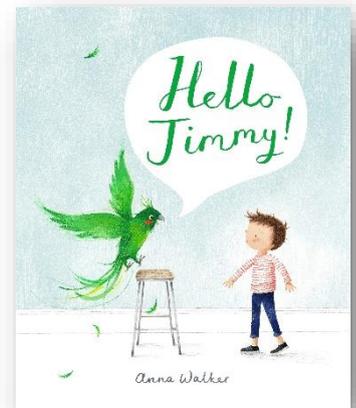
SPEAKERS



Graeme Base is one of the world's leading creators of picture books. *Animalia* received international acclaim when it was first published in 1986 and has achieved classic status with worldwide sales of over three million copies. His new book published in November 2020 is *The Tree*.

Other favourites by Graeme Base include *The Eleventh Hour*, *The Waterhole*, *Jungle Drums*, *Uno's Garden*, *Enigma*, *The Legend of the Golden Snail*, *The Jewel Fish of Karnak*, *Little Elephants*, *The Last King of Angkor Wat*, *The Little Bug Books*, *Eye to Eye*, *Moonfish* and *The Amazing Monster Dectectoscope*. Graeme lives in Melbourne with his artist wife, Robyn.

Anna Walker writes and illustrates children's books and is based in Melbourne. Crafted with pencil, ink and collage, Anna's illustrations are inspired by the everyday details of life and the amusing antics of her menagerie. Anna's picture book, *Mr Huff*, which she wrote and illustrated, won the 2016 CBCA Book of the Year for Early Childhood and was shortlisted in the 2016 Prime Minister's Literary Awards. Together with Jane Godwin, Anna has also created many beautiful picture books, including *All through the Year*, *Starting School* and *Go Go and the Silver Shoes*. Anna's picture books as author-illustrator include the highly acclaimed *Florette* and the delightful *Lottie and Walter* and in September 2020, *Hello Jimmy!* will be released.



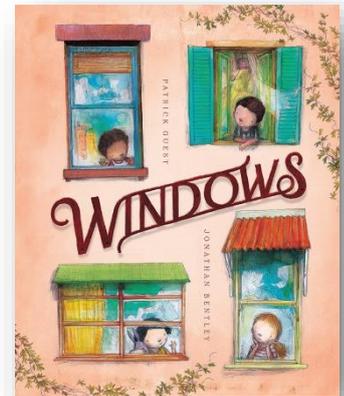
Jess Mc Geachin is a writer/illustrator/designer based in Melbourne. He loves telling stories about hidden worlds just outside our own and hiding clues in them for small eyes to find. Drawing on a love of natural history (and a day job at Melbourne Museum), Jess hopes that his stories inspire the reader to explore both real and imaginary places and meet characters that live in them. In August 2019, Jess released his debut picture book, *Fly*, to much acclaim (including a shortlisting for the CBCA New Illustrator Award and Queensland Premier's Literary Award) and his second picture book, *The Lost Library*, will be released in September 2020.

Kristin Gill Publishing Manager - Young Readers, at Penguin Random House, working with the publishing, sales and marketing teams to maximise opportunities for their books and authors. She has worked in the publishing industry - across Trade and Educational publishing- for more than 30 years.

Patrick Guest was raised in the Melbourne beachside suburb of Seaford. He works as a Physiotherapist by day and a best-selling children's author by night. Patrick received huge acclaim for his story *The Second Sky*, which is illustrated by Jonathan Bentley. It was shortlisted for the 2018 CBCA Picture Book of the Year Award, and also selected by the Victorian State Government for their 'Books for Preps' initiative.

Patrick's fourth title, *The Dress-Up Box*, illustrated by Nathaniel Eckstrom, has also established itself as a much-loved Australian classic. It was shortlisted for the 2019 CBCA Picture Book of the Year Award and also selected for the 'Books for Preps' bundle. His latest title is *Windows*.

Patrick has also found success overseas, with his books selling into seven different countries.

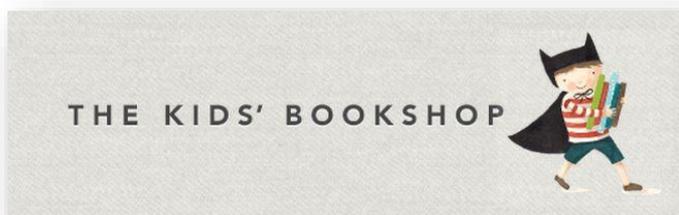


Alyson O'Brien is commissioning editor at Hardie Grant Egmont's award-winning picture-book imprint Little Hare. She works with some of the best authors and illustrators in the business, including Andrew Joyner, Davina Bell, Carol Thompson, Freya Blackwood and David Mackintosh. Alyson previously worked as a senior editor, editor and publishing assistant, and from 2003 until 2007 was the children's book buyer at Waterstones in Edinburgh, Scotland.

If Alyson isn't reading or gazing at illustrations, she's likely to be wrangling children, at the cinema or planning a trip to the Adelaide Hills.

Environment Award for Children's Literature—2020's Best Nature Books

The Wilderness Society believes that the stories we read and enjoy as kids impact the adventures we take, the way we see and experience our landscapes, and sometimes our outlook on life. For 25 years, the Wilderness Society has celebrated nature books through the Environment Award for Children's Literature. A representative from the Wilderness Society will join us to outline the 2020 shortlist.



Will be in attendance

Registration

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