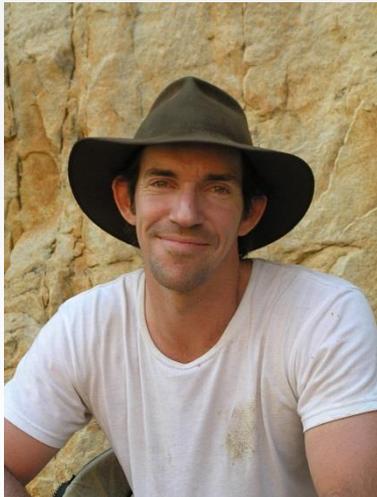


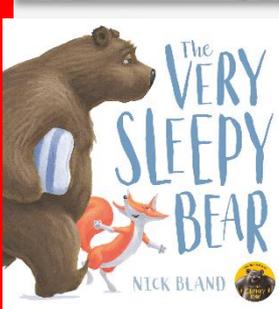
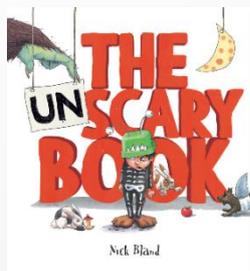
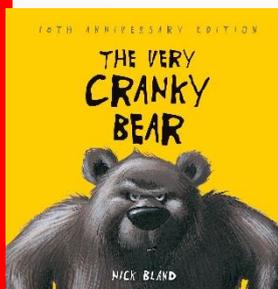
# Nick Bland

Author and Illustrator



## PUBLICATIONS

*The Unscary Book*, 2018  
*The Very Sleepy Bear*, 2017  
*The Fabulous Friend Machine*, 2016  
*The Very Noisy Bear*, 2015  
*Some Mums*, 2015  
*Monster Chef*, 2014  
*The Very Brave Bear*, 2013  
*King Pig*, 2013  
*The Very Hungry Bear*, 2012  
*The Runaway Hug*, 2011  
*The Very Itchy Bear*, 2010  
*The Aunties Three*, 2011  
*The Wrong Book*, 2009  
*The Very Cranky Bear*, 2008  
*Donald Loves Drumming*, 2008  
*When Henry Caught Imaginitis*, 2007



Nick Bland was born in the Australian Yarra Valley in 1973. He spent his early childhood climbing haystacks and making mischief in his father's painting studio. When he moved to "the bush" at the age 6, the rest of his childhood was filled with drawing, exploring and playing football.

As well as honing his drawing skills, he found a love of the English language during high school. It never occurred to him to pursue anything else as a profession. In 1996, he stumbled into a bookshop job, and rediscovered the art of the picture book. Untrained, he spent the next few years reading every picture book that hit the shelves and began honing his style as a storyteller and illustrator.

He illustrated several readers before sending *A Monster Wrote Me a Letter* to Scholastic Press in 2001. Since then, Nick has written and illustrated many titles, including the adorable bear that now features in a whole series of books that started with *The Very Cranky Bear* (which is now ten years old).

He lives in tropical Darwin and has written and illustrated 26 books, all with Scholastic Press.

## AWARDS

*The Runaway Hug* – Winner of the 2012 CBCA Book of the Year, Early Childhood

*The Wrong Book* – Shortlisted for the 2010 CBCA Book of the Year, Early Childhood and selected as an Honour Book in the 2011 Koala Awards

*The Very Hungry Bear* – Winner of the ABIA Book of the Year for Younger Children

*The Very Cranky Bear* – Winner of the Koala Awards, Picture Book, 2013