

Philip Bunting

Author/Illustrator



PUBLICATIONS

Another Book About Bears (written by Laura Bunting), 2018

How Did I Get Here?, 2018

Excuse Me, Santa! (written by Dave Hughes & Holly Ife), 2018

Kookaburras Love to Laugh (written by Laura Bunting), 2018

Errol (written by Zanni Louise), 2018

Excuse Me! (written by Dave Hughes & Holly Ife), 2018

THE MIGHTY MITCH SERIES, 2017-2018

Koalas Eat Gum Leaves (written by Laura Bunting), 2017

Mopoke, 2017

Philip grew up just around the corner from Mr McGregor's garden, a mile or so down the valley from Mrs Tiggywinkle's place, and only a short row from Owl Island. A childhood spent growing up in the English Lake District means that children's literature is in his blood.

Having spent his adult life in Australia, Philip is now at the very beginning of a personal journey to get more parents – especially dads – reading aloud with their children.

Philip's picture books very intentionally ask the reader to bring their own personal interpretation and expression to the book reading. The deliberate sparsity of words and pictures in his work requires the reader to increase intonation, experiment with volume, play with pauses, and all of those other good things that ultimately enhance the book reading experience, for both reader and child.

Through this method, Philip hopes to encourage more playful interaction between the reader and child, and thereby allowing his books to become a platform for deep engagement, and fun. He believes that the more fun the child has during their early reading experiences, the more likely they will be to return to books; love reading; improve emergent literacy skills; and later find comfort in reading and learning.

Philip lives in Queensland, Australia with his wife Laura, their two children Leo and Flo, and their rescue cat, Mowgli. He loves anthropomorphism (obviously) and drinks way too much Yorkshire Tea.

REVIEWS

"Its sparse format, gentle wit and skilful illustrations make Mopoke a funny and charming book that will be enjoyed by both young readers in the four plus age group and the adults who will read the text with them..."

— John Nolan, Reading Time review, 2017

LINKS

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