

Marie Valentine

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR

Marie is a children's author and former primary school teacher and educational leader. She writes humorous stories designed to make children laugh, because when children are laughing, they are engaged, and when they are engaged, they are learning.

With 15 years' experience in education, she brings a deep understanding of how children connect with stories in the classroom and uses this insight to shape her writing.

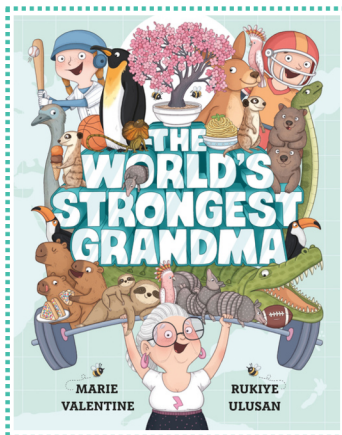
Marie is especially passionate about reaching children who do not yet see themselves as readers or writers and showing them that reading and writing can be a whole lot of fun.

In 2025, her manuscript *Indy the Inventor* was shortlisted for the Larrikin House Prize.



THE WORLD'S STRONGEST GRANDMA

Grandma Betty raises the bar in the World's Strongest Human contest. Her training goes hilariously wrong, but her unstoppable spirit carries her across continents. From kangaroos to sumo wrestlers, elephants to icebergs, she hoists the impossible with grit, giggles and granny power galore. Is there anything Grandma Betty can't lift?



This high energy story celebrates perseverance, friendship and female strength with links to English, geography, and social-emotional learning.

The World's Strongest Grandma is big-hearted, bonkers and built for storytime!

author visits

Designed primarily for k-2 students, Marie's author visits transform stories into interactive experiences with curriculum connections woven throughout.

Examples of session inclusions:

- Author read-aloud with Q&A time
- Short writing and illustrating tasks
- Story-based movement, character play and audience participation
- Story writing workshop
- Behind the scenes look into how picture books are created (from first idea to finished book)

Flexible session formats are available to suit your school, including class visits, stage group experiences or half-day workshops.

Please get in touch to discuss a tailored visit designed around your school's needs.

Students can also purchase a signed copy of Marie's book to continue the reading experience at home.

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