

Marie Valentine

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR

Marie is a Sydney based children's author and former primary school educator and leader of learning and wellbeing. Her picture books are written to help children fall in love with reading through humour, surprise and playful storytelling. She is especially passionate about reaching children who do not yet see themselves as readers and writers.

What began as treasured storytime with her own children now guides her work, as she creates books to bring joy to children and the adults who read with them.

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



author visits

As a former teacher, Marie brings the perfect blend of classroom expertise and creative fun to every author visit. She knows how to read a room, spark curiosity, and get students excited about stories.

Behind the Scenes 60 minutes

A behind-the-scenes look at the journey from messy idea to finished picture book. Students explore drafts, notebooks, character development and illustration planning, gaining insight into the creative process.

Storytime & Engagement 90 minutes

An engaging author read-aloud paired with movement and imagination based activities. This session integrates elements of the *Behind the Scenes* package, linking creative process with active participation.

Writing Workshop Half Day

A practical, hands on writing workshop that guides students through generating ideas, developing characters and building story structure. Integrates elements of *Behind the Scenes* & *Storytime & Engagement*.

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!

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