

MEET THE AUTHORS

Nat Amore

is passionate about encouraging kids to read, write and explore their imaginations without boundaries. She is the author of the children's book *Secrets of a Schoolyard Millionaire*, writer and director of the international award-winning short film *Elemenopee* and has a feature film screenplay and a kids' TV series in development.

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Lee Constable

is a TV presenter, author, science communicator and environmentalist. As the host of *Scope*, Network Ten's science and tech show for kids, Lee covers topics across the STEM spectrum to entertain and inform her young audience on everything from sustainability to robotics to sport. *How to Save the Whole Stinkin' Planet* is Lee's first book for children.

Andrew Daddo

has managed to have a crack at just about every aspect of the entertainment industry. He's appeared on TV and stage, presented radio programs and podcasts, and even made movies. Best of all, Andrew is an accomplished author and has written 25 books including picture books, chapter books, short story collections and novels.

andrewdaddo.com

Catherine Doyle

grew up beside the Atlantic Ocean in the west of Ireland. Her love of reading began with great Irish myths and legends which fostered in her an ambition to one day write her own. The multi-award winning *The Storm Keeper's Island* is her debut middle-grade novel, inspired by her real-life ancestral home of Arranmore Island.

catherinedoylebooks.com

Stephen Michael King

is renowned worldwide for picture books like *The Pocket Dogs* and *Where Does Thursday Go?*. Stephen has both written and illustrated titles including *The Man Who Loved Boxes*, *Henry and Amy*, and *Mutt Dog*. Several of his books have been shortlisted for CBCA Awards.

stephenmichaelking.com

Raina Telgemeier

is the author and illustrator of the graphic novels *Smile*, *Drama*, *Sisters*, *Ghosts* and *Guts*, all #1 *New York Times* bestsellers. She has also adapted and illustrated four *Baby-Sitters Club* graphic novels. Raina's accolades include three Eisner Awards, a Boston Globe-Horn Book Honor, a Stonewall Honor, and many best-of and notables lists. Raina lives in San Francisco.

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BOOKING

The Primary School Days program goes on sale on 17 October 2019.

Booking forms are included in this mail pack.

You can also find an online booking form at swf.org.au

For more information or if you have any questions, please contact:

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4-7 May 2020

WELCOME TO PRIMARY SCHOOL DAYS

The Primary School Days program is a fantastic opportunity for students to meet their favourite authors and illustrators, discover exciting new storytellers, have a book autographed, and be inspired by the world of imagination and ideas.

These hugely popular sessions bring together prominent children's authors and young readers for a fun, interactive and educational day designed to grow students' enjoyment of books and reading. During the day, writers and illustrators perform from their work, talk about their craft and take questions from the students.

The Primary Schools Days program is suitable for all school children in grades 3 to 6.

DATES AND VENUES

- Monday 4 May** **Sydney Town Hall**, 483 George Street, Sydney, **A FREE EVENT for NSW schools with a FOEI score of 120 and over*
- Tuesday 5 May** **Sydney Town Hall**, 483 George Street, Sydney, **A FREE EVENT for NSW schools with a FOEI score of 120 and over*
- Wednesday 6 May** **Riverside Theatres**, corner of Church and Market Streets, Parramatta
- Thursday 7 May** **Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre**, 597 High Street, Penrith

*Please note: Capacity is limited for the free events at Sydney Town Hall. We recommend you book early.

PROGRAM

Magic, Memory and Mystery

Discover the spellbinding world of Ireland's myths and legends with fantasy favourite **Catherine Doyle**. Inspired by her real-life ancestral home of Arranmore Island and her many sea-faring ancestors, Catherine's books *The Storm Keeper's Island* and its sequel *The Lost Tide Warriors* whisk you away to a world of adventure and bravery on the high seas. Join Catherine to explore how real life and fiction can be combined with a touch of magic to create truly fantastic stories.

Share Your Smile

Have you ever thought about telling your own story, true or imagined? Are you interested in writing, drawing, or both? If the answers are yes, then this fun and interactive session with award-winning comics creator **Raina Telgemeier** (*Guts, Smile*) is for you! Learn how to brainstorm ideas, make lists, incorporate your own photos and drawings, and use your imagination like never before to tell your own unique story.

The Primary Schools Days program is hosted by Nat Amooore.

Adventure Ahoy!

Join author **Andrew Daddo** and illustrator **Stephen Michael King** for a swashbuckling session on their new pirate series, Atticus Van Tasticus. Together, they'll reveal the fascinating (and true) history of pirates, talk the highs and lows of working as a creative duo, and take you behind the scenes on making fabulously funny stories with amazing drawings to match!

Garbology 101

Scientist, author and TV presenter **Lee Constable** (*How to Save the Whole Stinkin' Planet*) is ready to take you on a stinky, sticky and kind of gross journey through the riveting world of rubbish! Learn all about garbology (also known as waste science) and do your bit to help the environment as Lee – and her alter ego Captain Garbology – teaches you everything you need to know about standing up for the future of our planet.

TIMETABLE

- 9.30am** Arrive at venue
- 10am** Morning sessions
- 11.30am** Book signings and lunch break
- 12.30pm** Afternoon sessions
- 2pm** Book signings and finish

All sessions run for 45 minutes. We recommend students bring their own lunch.

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