



MICK ELLIOTT is an author, illustrator, TV producer, scriptwriter, animator, reading ambassador, public speaker and mischief maker.

For two decades he was the Head of the Creative Department at **Nickelodeon Australia**, producing hundreds of hours of programming for pre-schoolers through to teenagers.

His credits as producer include *SlimeFest*, *Camp Orange*, *Slime Cup* and the *Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards*.

Mick collaborated with **the Sesame Workshop**, writing and producing three series of *Play Along With Ollie*, an international co-production featuring the first and only Australian muppet character. Mick's work as a producer has won more than twenty local and international industry awards.

In 2016, Hachette Australia published his hugely popular series **THE TURNERS**, a comedic fantasy for middle readers about a reluctant 13 year old shape-shifter.

THE TURNERS was nominated for an *Aurealis Award for Best Children's Book*, and voted amongst Better Reading's TOP 50 Kids' Books. The series features on the *NSW Premiers' Reading Challenge* and was adapted into an interactive, educational audio experience by AudioPlay which tours festivals around Australia.

Mick is an in-demand public speaker and creative writing teacher who appears at literary festivals and schools across Australia, as well as speaking at industry events including the *Vivid Festival of Ideas*.

As an ambassador for *Australian Reading Hour* he is passionate about encouraging a love of reading in boys and promoting the importance of a dynamic Australian publishing industry.

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PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

AUTHOR TALK: STRETCHY STORIES AND PLOTS WITH PUNCH (45/60/90 minute versions available)

Enter the imagination of best-selling author, illustrator and kids' TV producer Mick Elliott as he reveals his secrets for creating comic characters and twisted tales that readers adore.

This dynamic, interactive session is a rare opportunity for kids to hear first-hand from one of Australia's funniest and most energetic storytellers as he recounts the chaotic creative processes behind his book series SQUIDGE DIBLEY and THE TURNERS.

Recommended for ages 8 - 13. Audiences of 30+ Requires AV.

KIDS' WRITING WORKSHOP: EXPLODE YOUR IMAGINATION! (60 minute format. Also available as extended 3 hour format.)

Unlock your inner storytelling skills and discover the secret steps for creating characters, comedy and action that explodes off the page.

During this workshop, kids will learn how to come up with compelling characters and let them loose in epic stories. Along the way, they'll discover tips and techniques for turning random ideas into fully formed plots and receive guidance from bestselling Australian author, Mick Elliott.

Recommended for ages 8 - 13. Class sized groups of up to 30. Requires AV.

PD SESSION: THE PROBLEM WITH BOYS AND BOOKS (30/45/60 minute versions available)

Bestselling Australian author, illustrator and kids' TV Producer Mick Elliott has made a career of entertaining boys (and girls) with his much-loved, comedic series THE TURNERS and SQUIDGE DIBLEY.

In this session, Mick reveals the secrets he learnt about engaging kids during his two decades as a kids' TV producer at Nickelodeon and addresses the quandary we face with boys and books in the age of *Minecraft* and *Fortnite*.

Recommended for teachers, librarians, parents and educators of upper primary students.

AUTHOR CREDITS

THE TURNERS (Hachette, 2016)

CAMP FREAKOUT: The Turners Book 2 (Hachette, 2016)

FULLY DOOMED: The Turners Book 3 (Hachette, 2017)

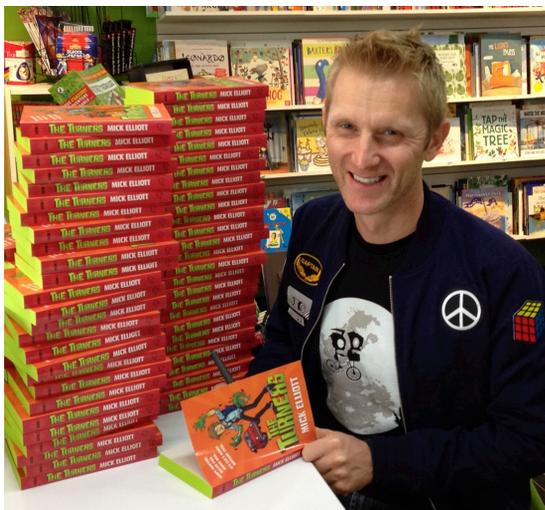
THE SCORPION PLAN: A Turners mini-adventure (e-book. Hachette 2017)

SQUIDGE DIBLEY DESTROYS THE SCHOOL (Book 1. Hachette. Author & illustrator.)

SQUIDGE DIBLEY DESTROYS HISTORY (Special mini novella for Australian Reading Hour. Hachette. Author & illustrator. Coming September 2019)

SQUIDGE DIBLEY DESTROYS THE GALAXY (Hachette. Author & illustrator. Coming November 2019)

FUNNY BONES & BUNNY PHONES (Anthology contributor – Allen & Unwin, Coming September 2019)



EXAMPLE FEEDBACK

“Mick was absolutely fantastic!! He engaged the students, was interactive with them, very funny, let the kids be silly and enjoy his talk, but had the ability to bring them back to listening intently.

His book “The Turners’ is in high demand in the library now. I would certainly not hesitate to recommend him to any school.”

Christine Andrews
Kings Langley Public School