

SHOCKINGLY GOOD STORIES

PRIMARY YEARS 3–6

About the event

RA Spratt knows a thing or two about storytelling—not only is she a performer, podcast host and television writer, she’s also the prolific author of the riveting Nanny Piggins books, the Friday Barnes mysteries and the Peski Kids series.

Her latest book *Shockingly Good Stories* gathers together tales designed to spread laughs, smiles and silliness. Be prepared for high-energy, action-packed, laugh-out-loud fun as Spratt uses her latest work to lift the lid on what makes a great story.

Watch and listen

Watch the video titled ‘How to Write a Story’ on the home page of RA Spratt’s website (raspratt.com)

Read a story or listen to one of RA Spratt’s stories on her free podcast on her website. Then, explore the way the story fits within the structure described in her ‘How to Write a Story’ video.

Writing prompt: create a character/hero

The first thing you need is a hero. The hero exists in a location. The hero has an underlying problem before the story even starts. – RA Spratt

What is something that has happened to your hero that they will never forget?

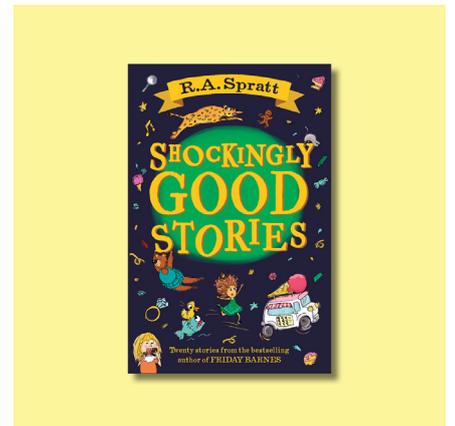
What is your hero’s big problem? This could be internal (sad, lonely, frightened) or external (want a dog, unwell, lost all their money).

Listen and write: stories as springboards

Listen to one of RA Spratt’s versions of a story on her free podcast. Re-write a traditional fairy-tale by modern standards. What is the moral of the story? Is it still relevant?



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KEY CURRICULUM AREAS

Learning areas: English

Capabilities: critical and creative thinking, ethical understanding, personal and social

About the author

RA Spratt has written the Nanny Piggins books, the Friday Barnes mysteries and the Peski Kids series. When she isn't writing stories, she tells them on her podcast *Bedtime Stories with RA Spratt*. She lives in Bowral, NSW and has three chickens, five goldfish and a desperately needy dog called Henry. She also has a husband and two daughters.