

# STORY BOX

RESOURCES DESIGNED BY EDUCATORS FOR EDUCATORS



## Australia's most celebrated digital literacy platform

Discover the  
Magic of  
Storytelling

High-quality,  
FUN, Digital  
Content



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# Welcome to StoryBox Hub

StoryBox Hub is the digital platform for the widely-celebrated resources, StoryBox Library and Story Tools. We're all about the transformative power of storytelling. By blending timeless tales with innovative video tutorials, we make learning fun, engaging, and accessible.



Connect  
with kids

Champion  
Diversity

Inspire  
Creativity  
and Fun

## Our Values Celebrate Storytelling

Lead with  
Authenticity  
and Integrity

Collaborate  
with  
Communities

Foster  
Trust and  
Respect

We're seriously passionate  
about showing kids how  
stories can connect,  
engage, inspire,  
and educate.



Since 2013, StoryBox has transformed children's storytelling experiences by featuring diverse storytellers on an interactive platform that fosters language and literacy development. In 2023, we introduced Story Tools, a series of video tutorials by Australia's top authors and creators. This addition empowers children to unlock their creativity and develop their storytelling potential. Let StoryBox Hub be the gateway to creativity, imagination, and a world where stories come to life!





“Our transition to StoryBox Hub represents a significant milestone in our journey to support literacy and education globally. By bringing together StoryBox Library and Story Tools, we are reinforcing our commitment to delivering high-quality digital resources that inspire learning and ignite imaginations.”

**CEO and founder, Nicole Brownlee**



“StoryBox puts such a huge range of quality Australian Literature at the fingertips of students, teachers, parents and librarians all around the country.”

**Chenelle Leatt-Hayter, Classroom Teacher, Santa Maria College WA**

“Thank you for all your hard work in making StoryBox the very best Literature platform in the world!”

**Gillian Maugle, Teacher Librarian, Wiley Park Public School**

## Reasons to StoryBox Hub



**Inspire reading in kids of all ages**



**Improve Language and Literacy skills with high-quality resources**



**Trusted, ad-free Platform with LMS Integration capabilities**



**Exclusive access to Australia's BEST Literature experts**



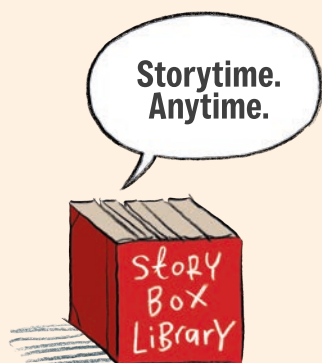
**Promote Wellbeing with diverse and inclusive content**



**Download our App to enjoy Storytime, Anytime!**

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## Discover our resources, designed by Educators for Educators

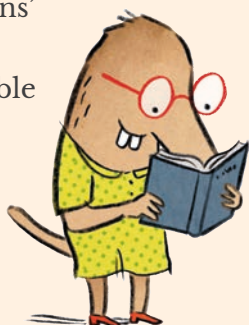


### Favourite stories read by our best storytellers

A digital library designed to help inspire reading in kids of all ages.

#### What's on offer:

- 550+ celebrated stories read by engaging storytellers
- Australia's largest collection of authentic First Nations' stories
- 48 Auslan stories available
- Curriculum-linked resources and a downloadable app!

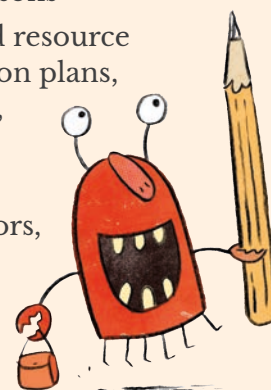


### Create storytelling magic in your learning space

An innovative creative writing resource designed to support literacy programs.

#### What you'll get:

- Educational video tutorials with expert-designed lessons
- Curriculum-aligned resource packs featuring lesson plans, worksheets, posters, and games
- Exclusive access to Australia's top authors, illustrators, and creators



## Our Industry partners believe in the power of stories





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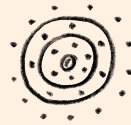
# Champion Inclusivity and Celebrate Diversity

Celebrating diversity is essential for fostering an inclusive culture, but finding the right resources to support this can be challenging! At StoryBox, our commitment to these values informs all of our content production and accessibility features.



“Not only did StoryBox Hub have so many different First Nations books, they were also read by diverse First Nations storytellers varying in age, appearance, career, mob, location and gender. I thought it was so wonderful that children would see so many different First Nations people — in all of our shades of deadly! Now, I look through the library and see so many new First Nations books and storytellers — and that these storytellers read books beyond the First Nations book category too!”

**Jordyn Green, Aboriginal Educator**



## First Nations' Stories

Immerse young learners in rich narratives from talented Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander creators, fostering a deeper and more authentic understanding of First Nations' cultures.



## Auslan Translations

Enhance accessibility with key titles translated into Auslan, ensuring that children who are deaf or hard of hearing can fully engage with and enjoy these stories.



## Accessibility Features

Benefit from closed captions and adjustable playback speed, supporting language learning and ensuring that every child can experience and enjoy celebrated stories.



## Inclusive and Diverse Stories

Introduce children to high-quality literature that reflects the family and cultural diversity within Australian society.



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# StoryBox Library

Our stories and resources have been developed specifically to support teachers to keep their students engaged and curious. We have all of your favourite stories, read aloud by an all-star cast, conveniently in one place! We're here to support your mission to ignite a love of reading, language, and storytelling.



## How can StoryBox benefit you?

### Support Language and Literacy Skills

Empower kids to develop essential language, literacy and reading skills through engaging stories and interactive content. Our high-quality stories showcase rich vocabulary, captivating narratives, broad text structures, and effective language devices.

### Multimodal Literacy Tool

By blending images, text, sound effects, audio, and video, our story reads engage multiple senses and caters to diverse learning needs. Incorporating a variety of dynamic literacy strategies and experiences is key to effective learning!

### Promote Creativity and Critical Thinking

High-quality storytelling and picture books sparks creativity and critical thinking in children, which educators can further develop and scaffold in the classroom using our classroom ideas and teacher resources.

### Personalised Playlists

Tailor the learning experience by creating playlists that cater to your young learners' unique needs and interests.



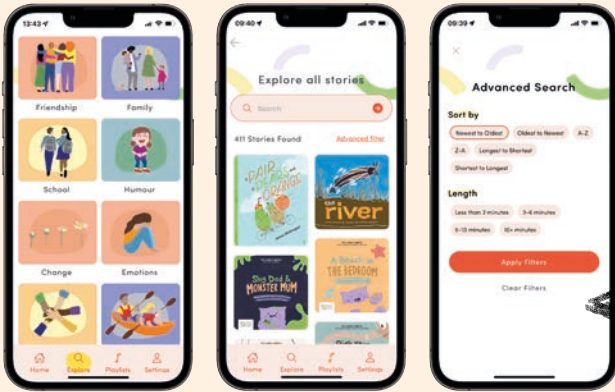
“Having access to such a wide range of quality Australian children’s literature being read aloud by a diverse range of storytellers, is so valuable! The storytellers and high standard of production, really help to hook children into the stories.

And the Activity Time resources provide inspiration for exploring and connecting with the themes within the books further.”



Nina Perkinson, Educator and Resource Developer for StoryBox

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## Digital Learning Accessible Anytime, Anywhere:

Educators and families can enjoy stories on tablets, laptops, or interactive whiteboards, and share them via our app.

### Connect with Diverse Storytellers

Our diverse storytellers ensure every child finds a representation they can connect with, fostering inclusivity and understanding.

### Curriculum-Linked Resources

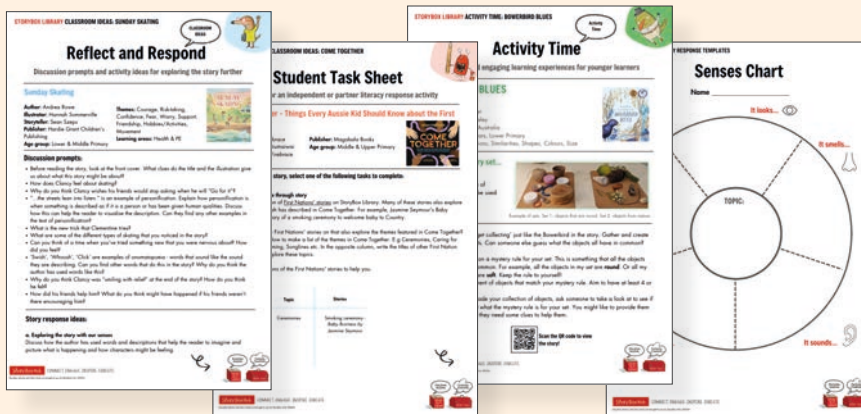
Explore creative, Australian Curriculum-linked resources that engage young children and support their educational journey.

### Engage with CBCA Book Week Resources

Celebrate CBCA Book Week with stories that bring this beloved event to life, with accompanying fun activities, encouraging a deeper connection to reading and Australian literature.

“StoryBox Hub is an integral part of our daily Library lesson routine. It provides access to a diverse range of high quality stories to our students from Preschool to Year 6. We love to discuss the stories we view and are always interested in the storytellers themselves, who open up a world of entertainers, actors, artists, TV personalities, musicians, singers and sports stars.”

Rachael Hind, Teacher Librarian,  
St Thomas Aquinas Primary School



Teaching Resources include:  
Activity Time, Reflect and Respond,  
Student Task Sheets and Student  
Response Templates

Children who were exposed to more storybooks showed a greater inclination to read for pleasure and in turn, had more advanced literacy skills as adolescents<sup>1</sup>.



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# Create with Story Tools

Welcome to your essential creative writing toolkit, Story Tools! This is a fun and innovative creative writing resource used by teachers, librarians and educators to support literacy programs. With our high-quality video tutorials and educator-designed resources, creativity has never been so much fun!



Your  
Story Tools Host,  
Tamala Shelton



“Our students aren’t big writers... [they] loved it. It was absolutely brilliant. They wrote more than what we’ve ever seen them write in the classroom.”

**Kristin, Year 4 Classroom Educator**

“The children got a lot out of it, I’m very positive towards the whole Story Tools program. The authors are fantastic, the content is great, the resources are out of this world... everything flowed really well.”

**Emily, Teacher-librarian**

## Fun Video Tutorials from Creators

Story Tools offers video tutorials featuring Australia’s dynamic children’s book creators, providing authentic advice and behind-the-scenes insights to inspire young writers.

## Comprehensive Curriculum-Aligned Resources

Lessons include a suite of resources, saving planning time while ensuring student engagement. Resources feature lesson plans, curriculum links, discussion prompts, worksheets, games, and examples to support story writing skills.

## Unique Content with Real-World Connections

Expertly designed content showcases videos filmed at exciting locations, like Shaun Tan’s studio! Lessons connect to StoryBox Library content, highlighting relevant stories to inspire students without the “boring stuff”.



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## Creative Writing Support to Build Confidence

Story Tools offers creative writing tips from Australia's beloved authors and illustrators, helping boost students' confidence and encouraging exploration of their own storytelling and creative talents.



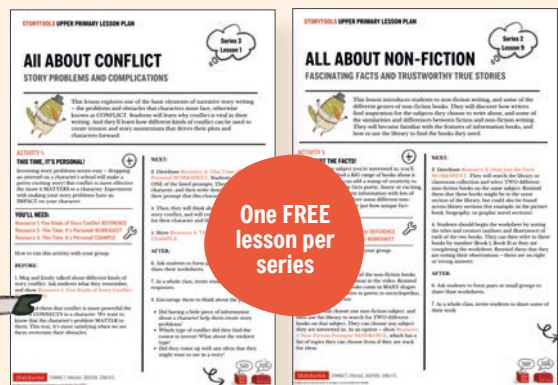
Shaun Tan

## Flexible Application in the Classroom

Educators can easily incorporate Story Tools into their classrooms, as each lesson operates as a standalone unit with targeted learning outcomes.

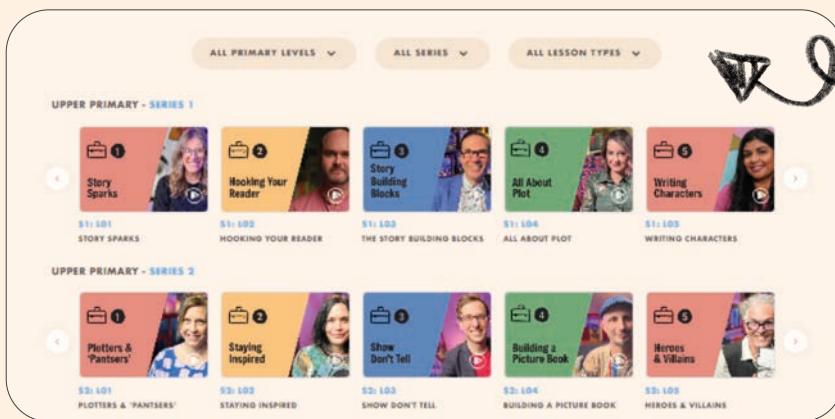
## Supports Educators and Students

Story Tools provides ready-to-use content that saves educators time, boosts student creativity, broadens reading preferences, and inspires lifelong learning - an essential toolkit for both educators and students.



One **FREE** lesson per series

Teaching Pack includes Activity Resources and Teacher Notes



## Search by lesson type

Lesson types over the three Story Tools series' include:

- Story Craft
- Creating Characters
- Visual Literacy
- Story Forms
- Becoming a Reading



## Story Tools Creators Include:

- Anna Walker
- Davina Bell
- George Ivanoff
- Nicki Greenberg
- David Booth
- Nova Weetman
- Lili Wilkinson
- Mat Larkin
- Melissa Keil
- Ben McKenzie
- Karys McEwen
- Jane Godwin
- Adam Wallace
- Jess Racklyeft
- Bernard Caleo
- Mandy Ord
- Susannah Chambers
- Sasha Beekman
- Scott Edgar
- Claire Saxby
- Jess McGeachin
- Valanga Khoza
- Ailsa Wild
- Heidi McKinnon
- Andrew McDonald
- Shirley Marr
- Anna McGregor
- Campbell Whyte
- Elise Hurst
- Kirli Saunders
- James Foley
- Emily Gale
- Leanne Hall
- Tamala Shelton
- Shaun Tan
- Aška
- Meg McKinlay



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## What's in a Story Tools lesson plan?

Click on a lesson to access the full suite of materials.

STORY TOOLS / SERIES 1 / UPPER PRIMARY - LESSON 02

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▶ PLAY  
**Hooking your reader**

CREATORS  
Liz Wilkinson  
Mat Larkin

RESOURCES  
Teacher Pack  
Activity 1  
Activity 2  
Additional Activities  
Reference Materials  
FOR LIBRARIANS  
Library Resource Pack

UPPER PRIMARY  
**Hooking Your Reader**  
SERIES 1 | LESSON 02

Great story openings that keep readers turning the page  
Want to know how to begin your story with a BANG? Learn all about the dos and don'ts when you're starting, and some tips for writing engaging story openings that will hook your reader from the very first line!

Video Chapters:  
00:00 Introduction  
00:27 Meet the creators  
01:15 How to hook readers from the first page  
02:28 Tips for writing first lines  
04:00 What to avoid when starting a story  
05:14 Final words of advice  
05:40 Here's what we've learned

LEARNING INTENTIONS  
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS  
CURRICULUM LINKS

Related Lessons  
Story Building Blocks  
All About Plot  
Plotters and 'Painters'  
Staying Inspired  
Show Don't Tell

Related Stories  
The Boy on the Boat  
Polly's Bad Hair Day  
I Just Use My Friend  
My Dead Best Friend  
The Boy on the Page



View the lesson description



Read about the featured creators



Access all resources including teacher pack, activities, supplementary material and additional activities



Access learning intentions, discussion questions and curriculum links



Select related lessons



This will take you to our StoryBox Library content

"I use StoryBox Hub on almost a daily basis in my work as a primary school teacher librarian. The Story Tools resources provide a peek behind the scenes of how authors create their work and offer practical hints and tips for students to develop their writing skills."

Megan Daley, Educator and Author

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# Nurturing Resilience through Storytelling

With 1 in 7 primary school-aged children experiencing mental health challenges<sup>2</sup>, it's more important than ever to support their well-being from an early age.



By sharing stories, connecting through discussion, and fostering empathy, parents, educators, and librarians can use our digital collection to explore themes of resilience. We want to help children feel understood, validated, and secure in their emotions.

You can nurture emotional growth and resilience through our careful selection of stories that open doors to meaningful conversations.

Dive into our advanced search filters under the 'Social and Emotional Wellbeing' category to uncover content that addresses crucial topics like anxiety and resilience, worries and fears, self-esteem and confidence, inclusion and exclusion, acceptance and belonging, mindset, identity and values, change and transition, and more.



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# We are StoryBox!

We're excited for you to explore StoryBox! Dive into our platform and see how our high-quality content and resources ignite curiosity and joy for your learners. We can't wait for you to experience the magic together!



1. Australia Reads: <https://australiareads.org.au/research-review/>
2. Foundation for Learning and Literacy (2024) Foundation for Learning and Literacy Touchstones <https://australiareads.org.au/news/early-years-literacy-principles/>

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Anytime.

Curiosity.  
Creativity.



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