



Episode #1

MAKING POETRY FUN

HOSTS: KEN & ELODIE **GUEST:** HARRY LAING
BOOK REVIEW: 'YOUR BIRTHDAY WAS THE BEST'
 BY MAGGIE HUTCHINGS & FELICITA SALA

WRITE

HARRY LAING'S TIPS FOR WRITING AND CREATING FUN POETRY:

- Write about what makes you laugh.
- Look at things around you and write a poem or story about them. Such as, a window, a computer speaker. What objects are around you?
- Once you have a story, see if you can make it rhyme. Or give it a fun rhythm - just like Harry did with Rapper Bee and I wish I had a really Scottish name.



Harry Laing
AUTHOR

As Harry says, write what makes you laugh, think of something funny and write about it. Or look at an object that you can see right now and ask yourself, 'What is its dreams? Where does it want to go? What does it really want to do? What does it really think it is?'

See if you can put it all together. Once you have an idea for a story, try and make it rhyme. Or give it a fun rhythm. (Just like Harry did with Rapper Bee).

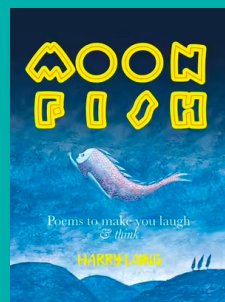
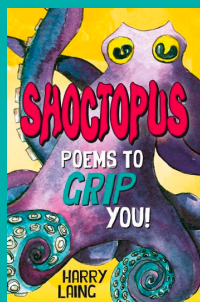
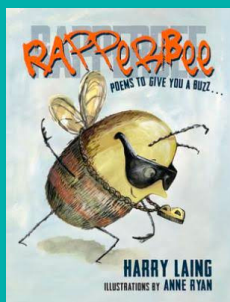
DRAW

Funny Drawings make us laugh like nothing else. Instead of writing the words to explain an objects dreams and goals, try drawing how it feels.

Take one of Harry's funny poems and see if you can draw some funny pictures that capture the story.

Draw a Taco - like the Mini Taco Design and use it as your story object. What is its dreams? Where does it want to go? What does it really want to do? What does it really think it is?

FUN BOOKS TO CHECK OUT BY TODAY'S GUEST, HARRY LAING:





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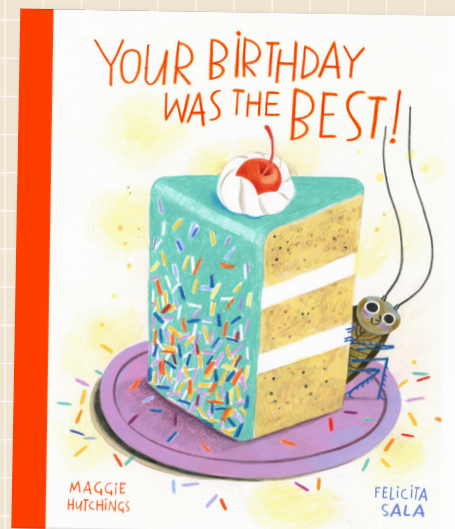
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BOOK REVIEW by Ava and Pepé

'YOUR BIRTHDAY WAS THE BEST'
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This is such a fun story, told from the perspective of a fun-loving, adorable, friendly, gate-crashing cockroach.

Of course, the birthday boy doesn't quite see it the same way. But that doesn't deter this happy cockroach from seeing it his way. And, neither will it stop the reader from laughing out loud at this very deserving CBCA Honour Book for 2021.



MEET NAT AMOORE

Nat Amore is a popular Sydney-based writer and one of Australia's most in-demand children's authors at any author event. Nat is passionate about encouraging kids to read, write and explore their imagination without boundaries.

What is Nat Amore's favourite food?

What's a Laksa?

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