



A PODCAST FOR KIDS
who love BOOKS

Welcome to Mini Taco! A podcast that connects kids to their favourite authors and illustrators.

We chat to awesome kids book creators who share their stories and creative tips.

This podcast is an excellent resource for educators to get kids excited about books and reading.

There will be competitions, giveaways, and most importantly... Heaps and heaps of FUN!



Mini Taco is a podcast for kids that feature published kids book authors and illustrators.

We chat to creators about their journeys and ask them big questions like 'How did you get such a cool job?' And 'What were you like when you were a kid?'

Each episode aims to inspire little people to use their big imaginations to read, write, draw and create!

MEET THE HOSTS



Ken

Ken is the enthusiastic creator and host of *Reading with a chance of Tacos*. A podcast with a growing community and now over 100 episodes.

He is dedicated to children's literature and loves talking about kids books.



Elodie

Elodie is 11 years old and loves reading, gymnastics, music, dancing, and playing with her dog.

A bright personality who knows just the right questions to ask.



Liv

Liv is 14 years old and loves reading, the outdoors, and all animals great and small.

Liv has her own book review segment on *Reading with a chance of Tacos* podcast.



About the podcast

WHAT IS THE PODCAST ABOUT?

- *Mini Taco* features published authors and illustrators of kids' books.
- We chat to creators about how and why they make books for kids.
- Creators share their tips and tricks for writing and illustrating.
- We go behind the scenes to find out who makes books? How are books made? How long does it take to make a book? What does an editor do? How does a book get in to the shops?

WHO IS THE PODCAST FOR?

- Kids who love to read, write and draw.
- Educators to help kids get excited about reading, writing and books.
- Families on long car rides or need of some rainy day entertainment.
- Anyone who wants to learn more about making books for kids.

WHY LISTEN TO THIS PODCAST?

- Short succinct episodes of 15-20 minutes.
- Each episode is broken down into segments which can be listened to separately.
- To get kids excited about reading by listening to people who actually make books.
- It's a great way to introduce kids to new authors, illustrators and their books.
- An ideal accompaniment to any library or literacy lesson.

HOW DO I LISTEN TO THE PODCAST?

From your mobile device:

You can listen and subscribe to *Mini Taco* episodes by searching for it in your favourite podcast app.

From a desktop or laptop:

Find all *Mini Taco* episodes at www.readingwithachanceoftacos.com or in iTunes.



Testimonials

WHAT DO CREATORS THINK ABOUT THE PODCAST?



Matt Cosgrove
AUTHOR

'With its tasty combination of the latest in books and insights into the publishing industry wrapped in a delicious layer of laughs, I'm definitely a fan! I look forward to each new episode of the podcast. As an interviewer, Ken is genuine and engaging with an infectious enthusiasm and great sense of humour. I always enjoy our conversations together.'

- Matt Cosgrove.



Tania McCartney
AUTHOR & ILLUSTRATOR

'What I love most about Ken's podcast is that the content appeals to listeners of all ages and backgrounds and reading preferences and quirks. Content is fun, fresh, funny, with a sprinkling of cheese. What more could your ears possibly need?'

- Tania McCartney



Hayley Gannon
TEACHER & LIBRARIAN

'I first started listening as an aspiring author looking for advice. The podcast certainly delivers this, with quality listening material and entertaining banter. I now look forward to the weekly episodes, more so for Ken's genuine enthusiasm for children's literature as well as his sincere support of the kid-lit community.'

- Hayley Gannon



Live show at your school

The Mini Taco live show is a chance for your school to be part of an episode of the podcast. Students and educators will see what is involved in making an episode of *Mini Taco* and also have the opportunity to meet published kids book creators.

Hosted by Ken Williams, the rollicking presenter of the podcast, who will interview a guest live with your school as the audience. The show will engage and involve students with participation in activities, Q&A's and special book prize giveaways.

The live show will leave students, teachers and librarians with inspiration and insight into books, reading, writing and production of a podcast.
Expect lots of laughs and good times in a slightly wacky way!



Ken Williams
HOST & AUTHOR

Ken is the creator and energetic host of podcasts *Reading With a Chance of Tacos* and *Mini Taco*. Ken is a proficient public speaker whose sense of fun, enthusiasm and humorous style is particularly popular with children.

Ken loves to talk about books, and supporting creators by offering a platform to engage with their audience.

Ken's writing has featured in various publications and his illustrated book *Annabel's Chewy Gooey Birthday Cake* was short-listed for the 2015 Speech Pathology Australia Book of the Year Award.

'Ken is such an engaging speaker. The kids loved it! We highly recommend Ken for a great author visit.'

Ros Quinn
Library Officer
Eltham Library, Vic.

'Our students are still talking about Ken's visit now – six months later!'

Kate Arnott
Rosanna
Primary School, Vic.

'Ken was fantastic. He kept grade one and two enthralled for an hour. They now write with such enthusiasm.'

Maureen McArdle
St Joseph's the Worker
Reservoir, Vic.

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