

# The History Hunter

## Breathing Life into Legends

### with Author Mark Greenwood



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- **Fay Prideaux, Yarrawarrah Public School, NSW**

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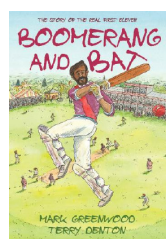
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#### THE PRESENTATION

- Take giant leaps and dream astronaut dreams
- Discover the secrets to happiness hidden in a wartime book
- Relive the story of the real First Eleven.
- Unravel the clues to one of the world's greatest lost treasures.
- Find Jandamarra in the cave of bats.
- Walk in the footsteps of an ANZAC legend.
- Meet the greatest escape artist of the convict era.
- Uncover the story of Ned Kelly's green sash.
- Sail back in time on a ghostly Dutch East India ship.
- Be entertained by the most remarkable story a man ever lived to tell.

Our past is full of adventures and curious, larger-than-life characters. It is a rich vein of material for writers and storytellers.

Mark enjoys presenting to students of all ages and backgrounds, inspiring them to develop their natural curiosity about books, writing and history. From simple text, through to the extensive research involved in creating historical fiction, the 'History Hunter' presentation provides ideas and strategies to enhance creative writing. Students become involved in the process of writing books, from initial idea and development of story line, through to the stages involved for publication.

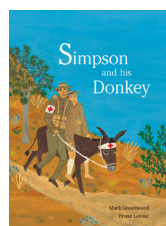
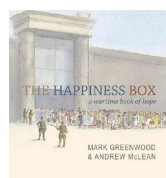


#### THE PERFORMER

Mark Greenwood is an author with a passion for history. His award winning books have been honoured internationally. He has twice received the West Australian Premier's Award for **The Legend of Lasseter's Reef** and **The Legend of Moondyne Joe**. Other titles include **Ned Kelly and the Green Sash**, **Midnight - the story of a light horse** and **Simpson and His Donkey**, a CBCA Honour Book and USBY Outstanding International Book. **The Greatest Liar on Earth** was followed up by **The Mayflower** and **Jandamarra**, illustrated by Terry Denton, shortlisted for the CBCA Eve Pownall Award, the NSW Premier's Literary Award for Children's Literature and the *West Australian* Young Readers' Book Award. Mark's other books with Terry include **Boomerang and Bat**, a CBCA Notable Book and their new collaboration, **Moonwalkers** which celebrates the Apollo 11 moon landing – and Australia's role in one of humanity's greatest achievements.

Mark and his wife, illustrator Frané Lessac, make books focusing on Australian history and understanding diversity, such as **Drummer Boy of John John**, **Magic Boomerang**, **Outback Adventure** and **Our Big Island**.

Mark's chapter book series delves into Australia's most baffling **History Mysteries**. His recent picture book, **The Happiness Box**, is a tribute to the power of books to transcend circumstances and offer hope and happiness, and is shortlisted for the 2019 CBCA Eve Pownall Award. Mark's exciting presentations have been enjoyed by schools and libraries throughout the world. For more information refer to Mark's website: [www.markgreenwood.com.au](http://www.markgreenwood.com.au)



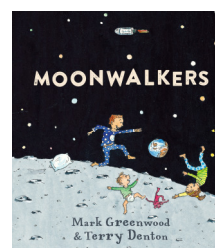
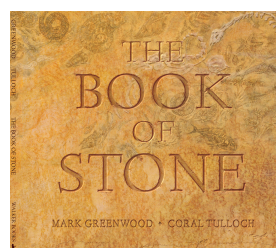
**Curriculum links:** **English** – explores country, place, identity; **History** – explores the role of significant people; **HSIE** – importance of past and present people; **Drama** – watch and listen as an active participant.

**DURATION:** 50 minutes with Q&A **SUITABILITY:** Years 3-12 **COST:** \$5.00 per student +GST (MINIMUM 120 students)

**Performance Requirements:** A table, data projector or smartboard, and a cleared area to set up for all sessions



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# Feedback for Mark Greenwood

“Mark has an absolute gift for engaging audiences of a wide age range. He has a unique way of evoking the students’ senses, imaginations and emotions. Mark is able to provoke students into higher level thinking, outside the box. He is warm, amusing, approachable, entertaining and able to teach and evoke interest in a most unusual way. He instils in his listeners a desire to know more about our history; he presents history in an engaging way, creating a thirst for knowledge.”

***Anneliese Lucido, home school parent from an after school workshop at Literature Centre***

“Mark was a fabulous presenter – Year 3-6 is quite a large age range and he presented on a Friday afternoon after a very busy day (and week) of Book Week activities, so not an easy session! I was so impressed at how he captured and held the students’ attention, and have received feedback from several teachers on how engaging his session was and what a fabulous storyteller he is. In fact, we had some students follow me down to the Junior School Library so they could immediately borrow Mark’s ‘History Mystery’ books and find the clues he referred to in his presentation.”

***Gill Gratton, Trinity Grammar School, Summer Hill NSW***

“The children (were) sitting spellbound on the edges of their seats. The Years3 & 4 teachers confirmed it was ‘the best literary performer’ they had encountered in many years. No small feat, indeed!”

***Kate Anderson, St Columba’s School, Kedron QLD***

“Fantastic show, he was really great with the kids, they just loved him. The whole school is just buzzing after Mark’s show.”

***Lynne West, Crestwood Public School, NSW***

“Staff and students alike were very impressed. A very engaging talk and the students were very interested.”

***Josephine Simpson, Clayfield College, QLD***