# **Alison Lloyd**

### **AUTHOR**





Alison Lloyd loves history and stories. Her writing and presentations contain a strong element of both.

Several of her books have been shortlisted for Children's Book Council and children's choice awards, including Wicked Warriors and Evil Emperors, and Do You Dare? The Bushranger's Boys, 1841. She also wrote the Letty books for the widely-loved Our Australian Girl series. She wrote an Upside-down History of Down-Under with Terry Denton illustrating.

#### **Talks/Presentations:**

Chinese History: Based on Wicked Warriors and Evil Emperors and Dragons, Devils and Rebels, students learn about two of China's iconic rulers – the first Emperor and the last Empress. For younger students she incorporates Chinese fables. They participate in a lively and fun re-enactment of historical events, using props and costumes. Alison speaks Mandarin and incorporates some key Chinese words and customs, as she brings to life some of the personalities, conflicts and culture of imperial China.

Australian History: Based on the Letty series, the Bushranger's Boys and the Upside-down History of Downunder, Alison takes students back to the days of colonial Australia. Through stories, slides and dress-ups, students discover what life was like then and how we became a nation.

Alison's presentations can be extended into creative classes that engage students in their own writing, including narrative, poetry and Chinese calligraphy.

Alison's own story is a real-life example of the diverse places and careers that learning a language can lead students into.

**Suitability:** Prep – Year 8

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book trailers!

For a sneak peek: https://youtu.be/gDM9qcgqeLo Check out Alison's https://youtu.be/X3wIGYC4HmY https://youtu.be/WzDAyFRIzyQ https://youtu.be/f2OpxS5NLyw

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## Feedback for Alison Lloyd

"Alison was absolutely outstanding. Amazing!"

- Leibler Yavneh Primary College

"Wonderful feedback from our students, very engaged. Alison used our 'throughline' statement to support the students' knowledge of Australia's history."

- Shane Crawford, St Bernard's PS, Coburg East

"Excellent introduction to early Australian history! Alison is a really interesting speaker and the students participated positively and responded well."

- Geoff Collins, St Joseph the Worker PS, Reservoir

"The children had a great time, it was engaging, entertaining and informative and the re-enactment was definitely the highlight."

– Wesley College

"It was great to be able to give them the experience. As Anna said, 'It was lovely to see them so engrossed and excited when learning about history and having fun in the library!"

- City of Yarra - Fitzroy Library

"Thank you for a wonderful day, Alison. The girls thoroughly enjoyed it and the Letty books are EVEN MORE popular now. Your sessions were entertaining, informative and very interesting."

– Ivanhoe Girls Grammar

"The kids absolutely loved it, especially the re-enactment."

– Elsternwick PS

#### "A lively and engaging look at history"

- Daily Telegraph review of Wicked Warriors and Evil Emperors

