



Martin Chatterton

Author/Illustrator

An engaging and comedic speaker, multimedia creative **Dr Martin Chatterton** has been writing, illustrating, designing, lecturing, producing and performing successfully around the world for the last thirty years. His books for children and adults have been published in more than a dozen languages, and have won or been shortlisted in multiple awards in the UK, US and Australia including being shortlisted for the 2018 UK Lollies Award (formerly the Roald Dahl Prize). He has illustrated books by some of the leading names in children's literature, and has co-written many of the popular **Middle School** series with global publishing phenomenon, James Patterson. As 'Ed Chatterton', he writes adult crime fiction. The picture book **Winter of the White Bear**, which emerged from Martin's

PhD, was shortlisted for both the 2020 Prime Minister's Literary Awards and the NSW Premier's Literary Awards in 2021. Martin's YA thriller, **Scorpion Falls** was a CBCA Children's Book of the Year Notable Book in 2023. Martin is a founding partner in UK-based children's media company Hungry Head, producing – among other projects – the 2023 graphic novel **Vet Cadets** for Collins and the animated TV series **Bluenoses** for broadcaster Bein Entertainment/Escapade Media, airing 2025. In 2024 Martin was signed by London production company BK Studios to write the feature film, **Dotty**.

WORKSHOPS Martin offers a range of workshops across a number of subjects from Years 1–12. He can also work with schools to deliver tailor-made programs in a particular genre or subject area. Workshops usually last one hour but can be longer if timetable allows. A double session (2 hours) is ideal for some workshops but, as always, we'll work with you to fit around a school schedule. Here is a quick overview:

LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

- **Comedic Writing** – how comedy works, why it's so hard
- **Tall Tales** – a workshop about harnessing exaggeration
- **Beginnings & Endings** – how to add 'snap'
- **Screenwriting** – many possible options
- **Story Ingredients** – why you can't write without them
- **Know What You Write, Write What You Know** – using personal experience to fuel stories
- **Poetry in Motion** – engaging reluctant readers
- **Persuasive Text** – a workshop based around advertising techniques and strategy

VISUAL & APPLIED ART

- **Draw Along** – Martin guides students step-by-step
- **Design Thinking** – a problem is set which requires the students to think outside the box
- **Character Design** – a drawing/design workshop for a proposed animation series
- **Illustration & Text** – many variations, but all emphasise the central point that illustration is always reflecting a text
- **Publishing** – a glimpse into how publishing works by asking students to consider the reader's needs
- **Comic Strip** – students are guided through the process of creating a short comic strip
- **The Brief** – introducing the concept of 'a brief'
- **Less Is More** – a graphic design workshop built around 'simplicity'

CRITICAL & CREATIVE THINKING

- **Think Like A Designer** – how design thinking helps you become a better problem solver
- **Hybrids** – a workshop encouraging students to embrace the idea of hybrid thinking and skills
- **Sell, Sell, Sell** – an advertising/storyboard workshop which challenges students to create a creative and effective selling strategy for a difficult client

Check out this video for a taste of what's in store! <https://vimeo.com/632510348>

PRESENTATIONS ALSO AVAILABLE – PLEASE ENQUIRE FOR MORE INFORMATION



Price: Please enquire – depends on number/length/size of workshops Suitability: K-12
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TESTIMONIALS for Martin Chatterton

I had amazing feedback on Martin's performance from both staff and the boys, particularly the Year 6 boys which are a hard audience. Many have said how his performance was the best of all the visiting guests as he had so much variety and they liked the mixture of stories, the movie and the illustrations. It was the perfect end to our festival. His performance was different from the others as he didn't go into the writing processes and I think that's such a positive as it sets him apart.

Scotch College, VIC

Amazing presentation. Every student and teacher who saw the show has said how fantastic it was. One teacher stated that it was the "best author visit" she had seen. We all highly recommend Martin and Annie. 10/10 (unless you're in Year 1, then it's 20/10!)

Students & teachers at Werrington County PS, NSW

Wow! What energy and enthusiasm. Engaging is an understatement, the library was literally filled with screams of delight. His most recent book "Winter of the White Bear" is thought provoking and the multi-media presentation captivated the students. His books raced off the library shelves immediately. Martin and Annie are literary guests to put on your "bucket list".

Students said, Martin's performance was amazing. It was the most fun of all the visits!

Trinity Lutheran College, Ashmore, QLD

Excellent. Absolutely loved it! He really connected with the students. They were so engrossed and went home and shared the experience with their parents. This is a slick and well put-together presentation.

Chidlow PS, WA

We were so pleased at how accommodating and adaptable Martin was in presenting to our Stage 5 (years 9 & 10) Visual Art students. Our kids really enjoyed his presentation.

St Frances De Sales, Leeton, NSW

The stories were great and the illustrations amazing. A great start to our Book Week!

Danebank School for Girls, WA

Martin did a fantastic workshop at our school during the two days. Both teachers and students like him so much!

YC International School Gubei, Shanghai, China

Martin's visit to Stonehill during Book Week was an absolute success! Martin was relevant, engaging and inspiring.

Stonehill International School, Bangalore, India

I want to thank you for sending Martin to us. I very very strongly recommend you to send him to as many schools as possible!

Bangalore International School, Bangalore, India

Thanks for a great performance. The feedback from the students was very positive and they were certainly impressed by your drawing skills and wicked sense of humour!

Goodwood Primary, SA



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What a wonderful experience we had with Martin and Annie. The walls of the school are now adorned with his wonderful illustrations. The children really took so much from the experience and are now budding authors and illustrators, thanks to Martin's inspiration. We can't wait to invite them back already.

HD Wanda School, Qingdao, China

Thank you very much for your performance today. The school has been buzzing from it all afternoon!

Fulham North Primary, SA

*What a great success. I found Martin personable and he had a great manner with our students. His presentation was engaging and he was able to accommodate some of the ideas I thought our students needed from an author visit. **Barker College Jnr School, Sydney***

The children were thrilled by the talk. The feedback has been excellent.

Burwood PS, Sydney

a breath of creative fresh air...

Ipswich Grammar, QLD

