

Martin Chatterton



BIO

An engaging and comedic speaker, Martin Ed Chatterton has been writing, illustrating and performing successfully around the world for the last thirty years appearing extensively at schools, festivals, conferences, TV and radio in the UK, Australia, India, China and the USA. 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) and for an ARIA with Pat Davern in 2016. 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, screenplays for TV and film and in 2017 completed his PhD on slavery. Martin's 2019 picture book *Winter Of The White Bear*, which emerged from his doctorate, was shortlisted for the **2020 Prime Minister's Literary Awards** and the **Patricia Wrightson Prize in the 2021 NSW Premier's Literary Awards** and is currently in development as an animated movie in the UK. Martin's YA thriller *The Tell* (Penguin) was published to rave reviews in 2020.

SHOWS

Martin's performances feature large-scale interactive 'live' drawing, 'mind-reading' and plenty of audience participation. Wide-ranging and funny, the sessions include sharply targeted insights into different kinds of writing, the intricacies of the publishing industry, the telling of tall tales, story 'beginnings', and personalised dissections of what goes into a book. Martin is skilled at delivering key educational motivation contained within an entertaining external package and is particularly adept at engaging reluctant readers. Martin has appeared in front of audiences of over a thousand but is equally at home in more intimate settings.

Martin is an unusually flexible presenter in that he has written successfully across all age ranges from early childhood through to adult. His sessions are always tailored to the audience age range and Martin frequently presents across entire schools, primary and secondary.



For very young audiences, Martin's books for Oxford University Press (*Spud and Chips*, *The Monster Chase*) and Hachette (*Dragonville*), along with *Alexander the Elephant*, and successful fable, *Winter of the White Bear*, are used as a foundation for fun-filled sessions. Grades 3 – 7 will respond to Martin's long list of hilarious, action-packed and highly accessible chapter books. Secondary students benefit from his broader writing skills, as a crime fiction writer, screenwriter, academic and through exciting coming-of-age YA thriller *The Tell*. For grades 10 – 12, Martin uses *The Tell* and *Winter of the White Bear* to shift the focus to

thought-provoking subjects emerging from his PhD novel, *The Last Slave Ship*: including slavery, history, art as witness, themes of memory, and in-depth examination of differing approaches to writing. You can get an idea of what to expect by visiting Martin's website (worldofchatterton.com) and watching the short video, *The Banana Chronicles* on the 'Performing' page.

Check out his video link: <https://vimeo.com/327500858>



Price: \$5.00 +GST per student **Minimum:** 120 students **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



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