

Frané Lessac

Author/Illustrator

presents

Art of the Story Pathways to Visual Literacy



"All of your books have walked off the shelves and the children are buzzing about history." - Melinda Ross, St Columba's Primary

"I cannot tell you the level of enthusiasm here at Moriah as a result of your visit! The children SO enjoyed meeting you and hearing your saga of being an author and illustrator, and living in and traveling to faraway places to do your research. My first two classes this morning begged for your books." - Shelly Feit, Librarian, Moriah School of Englewood, New Jersey, USA

THE PERFORMANCE

Find out the true stories of legendary bushrangers, Ned Kelly and Moondyne Joe. Learn about the heroic story of one man and a donkey and a strange twist of fate that brought two boyhood friends together one last time on the battlefields of Gallipoli. A book safari where students will ride on an elephant, swim with great sea turtles, travel to the islands of the Caribbean and to the deserts of the Sahara. Frané is a dynamic presenter and shares with students of all ages the process of writing and illustrating picture books. Her optimism, humour and eye for detail in the wealth of stories she has to tell, is sure to hold any audience captive. She will discuss the origins and inspirations for the idea, the research and the balancing of creative interpretation with historical and cultural authenticity in creating books. Frané will share the process of blending words and art into books that celebrate our past and cultures from around the world. Your students will gain insight into the crafting of narrative through words and images.

THE PERFORMER

Frané Lessac is an author/illustrator of international renown having over 40 award winning children's books. She has a passion to inspire and instill pride in children about their own unique heritage and their ability to capture it in pictures and words. Frané has contributed her distinctive paintings to many picture books including, "Simpson and His Donkey", named an Honour Book for the Children's Book Council's Book of the Year Awards, Kirkus Review's Best Books, and a USBY Outstanding International Book. Her contribution to Amnesty International's 'We Are All Born Free' celebrating the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, has been translated into more than 30 languages and sold over 300,000 copies. Frané's latest book is "Under the Southern Cross" published by Walker Books. Frané's exciting presentations have been enjoyed by schools and libraries throughout Australia and the world. For more information refer to Frané's website: www.franelessac.com

Themes and subjects linked to Frané's books:

- Australia: A is for Australia, A is for Australian Animals, Under the Southern Cross, Outback Adventure, Magic Boomerang, Our Big Island
- Australian History/Bushrangers/Outlaws: The Legend of Moondyne Joe, Ned Kelly and the Green Sash,
- Animal War Heroes/ ANZAC's: Simpson and His Donkey, Midnight: The Story of the Light Horse
- Alphabet: A is for Australia, Caribbean Alphabet, New York New York: Big Apple A-Z, Capital! Washington DC from A-Z, Heart of Texas
- Folktales: The Fire Children, The Turtle and the Island, Maui and the Big Fish
- Science: On the Same Day in March, Clouds, Nine O'Clock Lullaby, The Day of The Elephant
- Poetry: Good Rhymes Good Times, The Distant Talking Drum, Not A Copper Penny, Caribbean Canvas
- Numeracy: Island Counting 123
- Music: Caribbean Carnival, Camp Granada
- Personal Narratives: The Chalk Doll, My Little Island



Curriculum links: *English* – explores texts from a range of perspectives, investigates text structures and language; *HSIE* – importance of past and present people; *Drama* – watch and listen as an active participant; *Visual Arts* – look at and imagine patterns and forms.

Performance Requirements: A table, data projector, (microphone, white board or easel if available) and a glass of water

DURATION: 50 minutes with Q & A **SUITABILITY:** Prep – 6

PERFORMANCE COST \$6.00 per student +GST (MINIMUM 120 students)



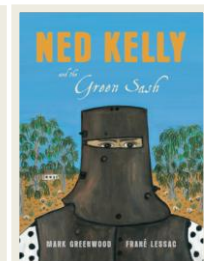
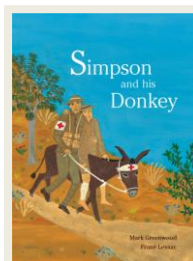
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Feedback for Frané Lessac

“Frané's approach to the children and the workshop content was well developed and age appropriate. The teachers found it a rare opportunity to work with a professional author, develop their own skills and repertoire of strategies to teaching the writing/illustrating process.”

Paraburdoo District High School, WA

“Fabulous – kids in the palm of her hand, the teachers admired her too! Students enchanted by her stories – fascinated, interested and engaged.”

Toni Henry, Claremont College, Randwick NSW

"It was fabulous! I have had kids and staff constantly singing your praises and asking for your books today!"

Sue Mirow, Maroubra Junction Primary, NSW

"Thanks so much! She was wonderful to deal with, warm and accommodating. The children ranging in age from 5 to 13 were captivated by her stories and loved listening to a real live illustrator! If Frane ever comes over this way again we would love to have her visit again."

Jane Kibble, Timbumburi Public School, NSW