



School visits with author Nicole Godwin

Nicole Godwin is available to visit your school and talk about the picture book *Billie* and ocean conservation.

About the picture book, *Billie*

In her search for the biggest wave in the ocean, Billie the dolphin saves new friends in dire circumstances as she encounters problems such as huge driftnets, ocean pollution and dolphins in captivity.

This eye-opening story draws attention to the human-made perils for dolphins and other marine wildlife. It highlights the urgent need for us to act now to protect and conserve our oceans.

Presentations

Nicole has developed a number of presentations, which are tailored to different age groups. The two main presentations are:

'Billie and ocean life': for children up to Year 1

These sessions typically run for 30 minutes

As part of this presentation, Nicole will read *Billie*, involving students in the story telling. Nicole will talk about her motivation for writing *Billie* and share insights into issues facing dolphins and other marine wildlife, including ocean junk, pollution, huge driftnets and even whaling.

Nicole's presentation style is very interactive, with lots of questions for the children as she shares information on dolphin habits, characteristics and issues.

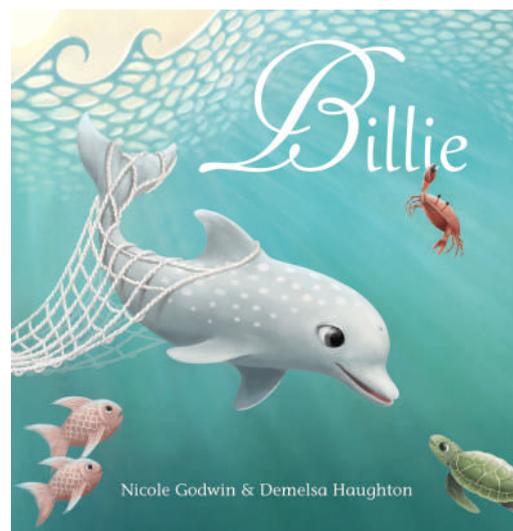
'Billie – helping dolphins through story': for children in Year 2 – 6

These sessions typically run for 45 minutes.

This presentation includes an interactive reading of *Billie* followed by a discussion about dolphin and ocean wildlife conservation and issues. Nicole will talk about her motivation for writing *Billie* and talk about how books can influence behavior. She will share insights into issues facing dolphins and other marine wildlife, including ocean junk, pollution, huge driftnets and even whaling.

Nicole will also provide students with an overview of the book production process from the planning and drafting stage through to creation of a final book. As part of this discussion Nicole will share some early concept drafts from the book and talk about how the illustrator and author work together.

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Curriculum links

In addition to linking to the learning area of English (focus on literature) F – 6 within the Australian Curriculum, *Billie* also directly links to the cross-curriculum priority of sustainability and the general capability of ethical understanding.

Session timing and group sizes

Sessions generally run for 30 to 45 minutes (see presentation overviews above), including a short Q&A at the end. All presentations can be shortened or lengthened to suit. Nicole is flexible with the length of sessions and group size.

Nicole's sessions work equally well with a single class or up to three classes combined.

Presentation Type

Each session will include an interactive book reading and Powerpoint presentation.

Age groups

The presentations are suitable for kindergarten to grade six. Nicole can also adapt the presentations for high school students.

Technical requirements

Nicole will require a smart-board or projector setup with Power Point

Working with vulnerable people

Nicole has an Australian Capital Territory 'Working With Vulnerable People' card.

Payment rates

Full day, half day and individual session rates are based on the Australian Society of Authors pay recommendations:

- Whole school day – \$700 (including three signed copies of *Billie*)
- Half school day (2 sessions) – \$450 (including two signed copies of *Billie*)
- Per school session (max. 1 session) – \$250 (including two signed copies of *Billie*)

Testimonial

During Book Week this year our school was privileged to host a little Canberra Treasure, Nicole Godwin. She is a local and has recently launched her most recent book, Billie. We have had ELC – Year 6 meet with her and she has captivated all age groups. She is absolutely wonderful. Nicole's books send such a wonderful and relevant message, and with spectacular imagery.

Nicole discusses and brings awareness to the ocean environmental conservation, waste and the effect on animals. Billie is a great literature link with the curriculum and sustainability. She also talks and shows students how the writing and illustration process works. Nicole is passionate, relevant, knowledgeable, engaging and experienced in her presentation. I cannot recommend her enough – we have loved having her here.

Kathy Talbot, Teacher Librarian, Holy Spirit School

More information

Nicole can be contacted at Nicole@tuskbooks.com and you can access further information on www.tuskbooks.com.

Thank you for your interest.
Sample pages from the book are included on the next page.

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