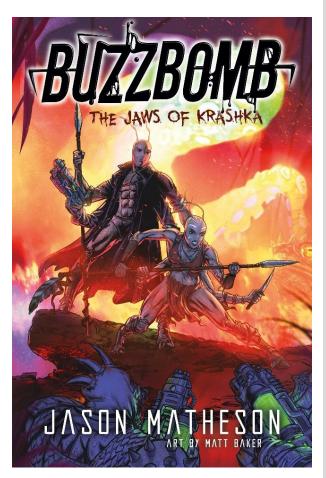


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AFTER A NIGHT OF STORMY, HIGH-SEA BETRAYAL AND ADVENTURE BUZZBOMB, THE COCKROACH FROM SYDNEY AUSTRALIA, AWAKES ON A DESOLATE STRIP OF BEACH.

Little does Buzz know he was not the only survivor of the prawn pirate attack on the cargo ship.

A creature so crazed and ravenous that it dreams of nothing but chaos and destruction, has washed up along the same beach and been captured by a power hungry General.

With its green glowing blood pulsing through the cane toad canons and Stinkbug goo guns, the coastal farming villages are doomed.

Hungry and half mad from drinking salt water, Buzzbomb is surrounded by serpents and creepy crawlies that want to eat him. Then he stumbles upon Dust, the hidden villages warrior princess.

Can Buzzbomb and Dust save the day before the monsoon hits and floods the grasslands, or has the ravenous horror whose glowing green blood is weaponizing the Stinkbugs already won?

One thing is for sure...
When the monsoon comes, this terrifying beast will feed...

#### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**



As a child, Jason spent most of his time riding BMX, going to the beach, sitting in the local cinema and staying at his aunt's toyshop in Newcastle. Writing was always a part of his life, but it wasn't until adolescence knocked and led him to his parent's vinyl— Rolling Stones, Chuck Berry, Credence—that writing really kicked in. On a summer day, his neighbour gave him a cassette called Face to Face by The Angels and it became the light at the end of the tunnel. Inevitably Jason joined a few friends and started a band — The Afterthoughts — and this was

his first taste at public writing. Things really picked up from there with his English Teacher, Mrs Naisby, allowing him to read his stories to the class which led to getting short stories published in University Mags — thank you Mrs Naisby. Many lifetimes have past and today Jason is a senior educator, working with both primary and secondary students for the last 20 years. He is a husband to a super supportive wife and father to three amazing boys. With a debut novel on the way, a dog, cat, chickens and a duck called Brian, Jason promotes self-empowerment through words and the importance of language everywhere he goes.

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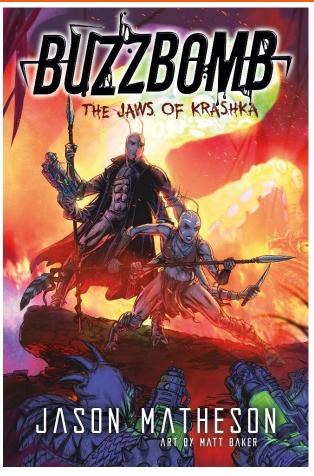
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#### A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

#### WHEN DID YOU FIRST REALISE YOU WANTED TO WRITE?

I loved writing at school and had some wonderful English teachers who made me read my stories in class. There was one and she would then ask the class to comment on the stories which was great (thank you Mrs Naisby).

# DO YOU HIDE ANY SECRETS IN YOUR BOOKS THAT ONLY A FEW PEOPLE WILL FIND?

Absolutely. There are easter eggs in the novel that I've purposefully put in. I'm hoping that readers would be curious enough to dip deep and discover them. Even the name of the cargo ship has meaning to the story if you're willing to dig.

#### **HOW MANY HOURS A DAY DO YOU WRITE?**

I teach and study Monday to Friday and try to write a couple of sentences at lunch or a time when I'm not in class if possible. The thing with writing and giving it a lot of sit down time is that life still continues and no one cares if you're writing an epic battle scene between a mutant stinkbug army and a bunch of beetles at the gates of Bombadier city if dinner is on the table or there is paperwork due.



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