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# DAVE the Deckie: a shark in the net

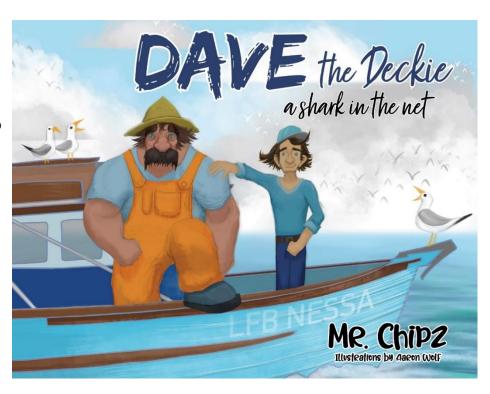
### Mr. Chipz

## Dave the Deckhand loves his job!

He travels the oceans with his large, boisterous, Skipper on board a wooden prawn trawler and gets into all kinds of crazy adventures!

They sail through storms and across calm waters, to discover amazing creatures beneath the vast oceans around the globe.

Join Dave the Deckie and his Skipper, as they sail from adventure to adventure with laughs abound...!



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#### A Conversation with Mr Chipz

#### What inspires you?

There were many things that inspired me to write this book.

- Being a Dad and now a Granddad
- Working in schools with many different Children, with many different personalities
- Wanting to inspire an interest in children

#### When did you first realize you wanted to be a writer?

From a young age I was thinking of writing a story about the experiences in my life then one day, due to a local tragedy, I thought maybe it was time to start. Then I started and ended up writing a kid's story with the vision of it becoming a picture book. I then realized that I was able to interest people with sharing stories of the adventures in my life.

### What was one of the most surprising things you learned in creating your books?

I was able to share a story in children's language, by using the literacy skills learnt working in schools.

#### What drew you to the subject matter or the characters?

I was drawn to the story of Dave the Deckie as I had some amazing and interesting adventures when I worked as a deck hand.

#### How long does it take you to write a book?

It was an ongoing process over a few weeks writing a short story, showing people and getting feedback. Then improving and changing, taking on board people's feedback but not changing the foundation of

my story. The feedback from my daughter helped me heaps in getting my story across simply.

#### What is your work schedule like when you're writing?

Sitting at my computer, typing up a rough draft. Walking away for a while until the story is fresher in my mind, retyping and editing out any rough parts. Then sending to my daughter to read. Once I receive the email back from her, I'd add any modifications from her suggestions that I felt will improve the story.

### What would you say is your interesting writing quirk?

Being able to connect with children and having training working in schools with children of all ages.

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### Do you have any suggestions to help others become a better writer? If so, what are they?

Believe in yourself, have faith in your abilities. Relax and enjoy the process as stress won't improve anything.

### Why did you write this book? What were your inspirations?

The reasons I wrote this book was because I was entering a different stage in my life and after working in schools with children of all ages, I had seen the positive aspects I could achieve by sharing some of the adventures in my life.

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