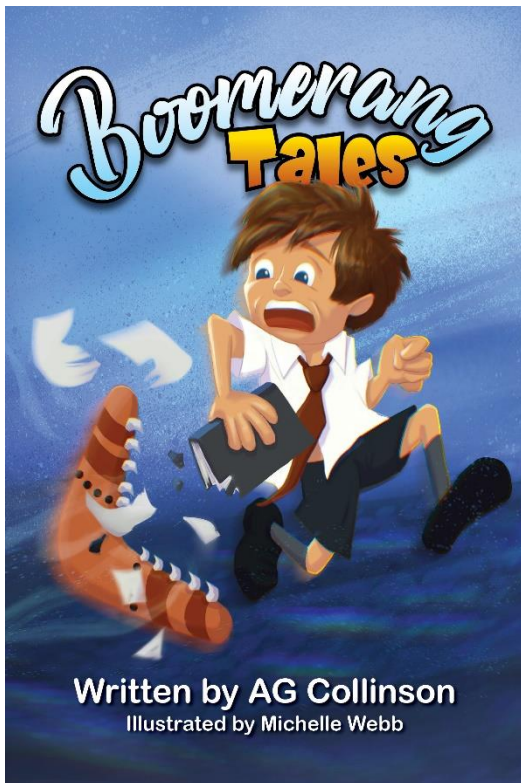


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## HAVE YOU EVER HAD A CHALLENGE YOU JUST HAD TO TAKE?

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## AUTHOR BIO

Alvena Collinson is a retired Early Childhood Teacher, who is pretty sure that she has read thousands of books to hundreds of children throughout her teaching career, and still loves to read to her grandchildren!

Alvena spent an idyllic childhood growing up in a small fishing village [and consequently spent lots of time outside exploring] in New Zealand and moved to the Gold Coast at twenty-one. She has lived in Brisbane, Sydney, and Perth with her husband and four children.

Alvena still loves to explore and reading is her favourite pastime.

She now works with her husband, helping him run their earthmoving business and of course writing!

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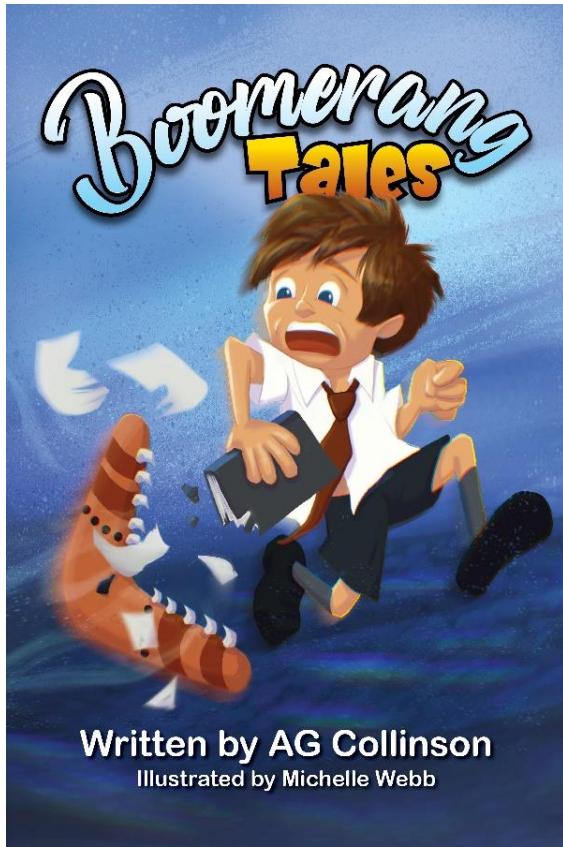
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## A CONVERSATION WITH THE AUTHOR

### WHY DID YOU WRITE 'BOOMERANG TALES'? WHAT WERE YOUR INSPIRATIONS?

*Coming from a teaching background, I wanted to write stories that appealed to the middle school age child as this can be the time that turns some children off reading. Reading every day is so important to a child's academic development and success, and I felt compelled to write short stories that not only stretched the readers imagination but excited them through to the ending.*

*My ambition was to write short stories for children who are not only good readers but for those that struggle with reading or cannot find anything that interests them. I aimed for these stories to be challenging, mystifying, and enjoyable but also excite the reader in that they could not wait to discover the ending.*

*I am passionate about reading and believe reading to be the most important element of language and language development. If my stories can encourage and excite my readers, then I am happy to have achieved my purpose and that's my inspiration!*

### WHAT DREW YOU TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE 'BOOMERANG TALES' AND ALSO OF THE CHARACTERS WITHIN?

*The subject matter developed over the years as a variety of 'incidences' that occurred to friends and family. Each incident presented itself as a story in the making and so I began to create these stories in my head. My characters come from nature and were developed after many hours watching them as they go about their daily business.*

### WHAT WAS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE WHEN WRITING THE BOOK?

*Creating the ending to reveal the true characters without giving it away during the story. This required lots of thinking about the language I was using and how I was going to tell each story without spoiling the end.*

### WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR YOUR FUTURE BOOKS?

*My next book is going to be based on the true story of my grandmother's life as a young single mother in an occupied country during WW2 and how she made her way to Australia. She was so brave and courageous and as a result I feel that this is a story that should be told. It's a story close to my heart and I'm excited to write it!*

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