

2012 STORYTIME SESSIONS & WORKSHOPS

with Aleesah Darlison



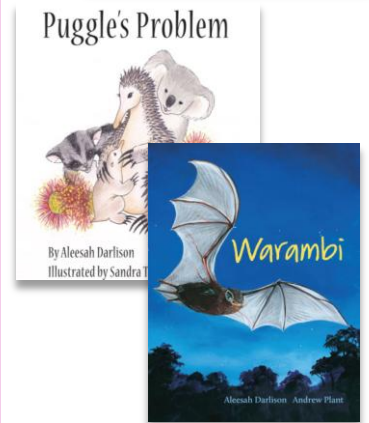
STORYTIME & CRAFT

AUSSIE ANIMALS

Do you know what a puggle is? Or what bats eat? Find out the answers to these questions and more. Reading from her best-selling picture books, *Puggle's Problem* and *Warambi*, Aleesah provides loads of interesting information and uses toys, puppets and crowd involvement to bring her stories to life. Finish the session with a fun colouring-in/craft session. For ages 2 – 6 years. Duration: 45 mins.

UNICORNS & FAIRIES

Come dressed as your favourite fairytale character and join Aleesah for a celebration of unicorns, fairies and magic! Includes readings from her series, *Unicorn Riders*, games, craft activities, prizes and much more. For ages 4 – 10 years. Duration 1 hour.



WRITING WORKSHOPS

Aleesah's workshops focus on creativity and sharing of ideas. They are always popular, highly successful and sell out fast. Participants come away feeling confident and inspired. All workshops are for ages 8 – 12 years and run for 2 hours.

CREATING DIARIES AND MEMORY BOOKS

Based on Aleesah's immensely popular *Totally Twins* diary series, this session shows children how to create their very own diaries and memory books. A range of writing techniques are used to prompt memories and record them. Includes a writing and craft component. Participants should bring 3 photos. All other materials are supplied.

MAKING PICTURE BOOKS

Making picture books is fun! Here, Aleesah provides an introduction to this exciting genre and leads children through exercises to create their very own picture book.

FANTASY FUN

In this wonderfully creative session, Aleesah shows children how she developed her characters and built the world of Avamay in her exciting fantasy series, *Unicorn Riders*. She then leads participants through exercises to create and draw mythical creatures, build brave new worlds, draw maps and start their own stories.

THE ART OF STORY

Aleesah teaches participants the basic concepts of story/narrative writing. She leads them through a series of brainstorming exercises to develop ideas for new stories. Participants are given time to write these stories and read them out to the group.

FAST & FURIOUS WRITING EXERCISES

Fire up your imagination with Aleesah's awesome, entertaining and exhilarating writing exercises. This session is designed to get the creative juices flowing and develop participants' writing skills.



Aleesah Darlison writes picture books and novels for children. She also reviews books for *The Sun Herald*. Aleesah's publications include *Puggle's Problem* and *Warambi* (picture books) and her junior series *Totally Twins: The Fabulous Diary of Persephone Pinchgut* and the *Unicorn Riders*. Aleesah is a founding member and director of *Literature Live!* a dynamic group presenting creative writing workshops to schools via videoconference.

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