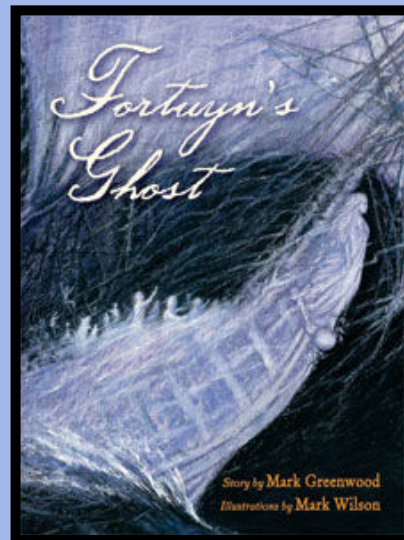
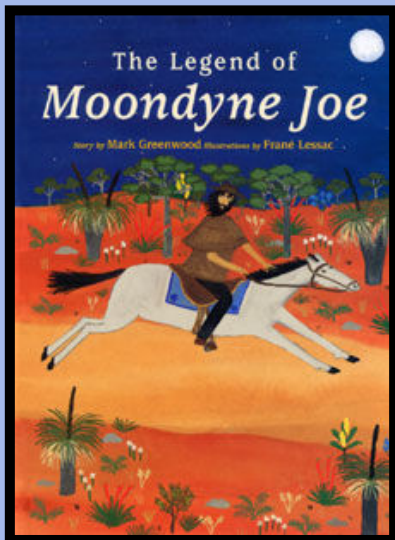


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THE PERFORMANCE

Discover the clues to one of the world's greatest lost treasures.

Find out the true story of a legendary bushranger who became the greatest escape artist of the convict era.

Sail back in time on an ill-fated Dutch East India ghost ship.

Our past is full of adventures and curious, larger-than-life characters. It is a vibrant and rich vein of material for writers and storytellers.

Mark enjoys presenting to students of all ages and backgrounds, inspiring them to develop their natural curiosity about books, writing and rhythm. From simple rhyming text through to the extensive research involved in creating historical fiction, Mark's presentation provides ideas and strategies to enhance their creative writing.

Through influential stories from our past, students become involved in the process of writing from an initial idea and the development of a story line, through to the stages involved in preparing for publication. Mark discusses the origins and inspirations for his books and shows students how their imagination is the catalyst for great writing.

As a musician, Mark spent many years recording and performing with the world's foremost record producers and musicians. He incorporates percussion and rhythm into this literature based performance to stimulate student's imaginations and creativity.

PERFORMER

Mark is an author, musician and storyteller with a passion for Australian history and folklore. His children's books, ***Magic Boomerang***, ***Outback Adventure*** and ***Our Big Island***, were prompted by an interest in multicultural literature and the unique way illustrated books can assist children to develop an understanding of other cultures and perspectives.

The Legend of Moondyne Joe and ***The Legend of Lasseter's Reef*** aim to encourage an appreciation of Australia's unique myths and legends. Both books have won the West Australian Premier's Award for children's books.

In ***Fortuyn's Ghost***, he tells the story of an ill-fated Dutch East India ship. "I wanted to write something about the shipwreck coast," says Mark. "It's a chance to use the wonderful language of the sea and its incredibly powerful elements and explore some of our maritime history."

Mark's new picture book, ***Simpson and His Donkey*** (Walker Books - illustrated by Frané Lessac), is a well known story about the ideals of courage, sacrifice and mateship that distinguish and unite all Australians and is short listed for a Children's Book Council – Eve Pownall Award (2009).

Mark's exciting presentations have been enjoyed by schools and libraries throughout Australia. For more information refer to Mark's website: www.markgreenwood.com.au

REQUIREMENTS

A table, data projector, screen and a cleared area to set up for all sessions.

DURATION: 50 minutes with Q & A	SUITABILITY: Years 3-12
PERFORMANCE COST \$4.00 per student \$0.40 GST Total: \$4.40 (Inc. GST)	PERFORMANCE MINIMUM (120 students) \$480.00 per performance \$ 48.00 GST Total: \$528.00 (inc. GST)

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