

Writing Masterclass for Kids

By Children's Author, Deborah Abela.

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Join Deborah Abela, author of 20 novels for kids, as she takes you through a series of challenging and exciting activities where you will explore the writing process from finding ideas, to planning stories and creating characters and plots your readers will love.

Deb will address the 3 main interrelated strands of the National Curriculum: *language, literature and literacy*. In her presentations, students will gain a better understanding of how writers use language to create exciting plots and characters, all while playing with their own ideas and stories. We'll look at:

- Getting to know your characters so that they feel real
- Writing convincing dialogue
- Developing original, captivating stories that have a strong beginning, a logical sequence of events in the middle that lead to a satisfying end
- Making your language fresh and unique
- Writing richer locations that make the reader feel as if they are there
- Finding out why editing is not only fun but is your best friend!

Deborah Abela Bio

Deborah trained as a teacher before completing a BA (Comms) at UTS in film and writing. She was the producer/writer of a children's TV show at Network TEN for 7 years before leaving to write novels, including the *Max Remy Superspy* series, *Grimsdon* and the *Ghost Club* series. Deb's won awards for her books, her latest being an Outstanding International Book Award in the USA and the NSW Maurice Saxby Award for services to children's literature. www.deborahabela.com