Helping children and adults enjoy books, and encouraging all to read, write and be creative....

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Peter Taylor works as a fulltime writer and illustrator.

He is passionate about all aspects of books and their creation, and loves giving talks and workshops to children of all ages and to adults - parents, teachers, writers and book lovers. He will be delighted to tailor sessions to cover whatever organisers wish.

Peter's first book, 'The Australian Manual of Calligraphy', was published in 1987 by Allen & Unwin. 'Kangaroo's Visitor gets a Surprise' is his latest picture book for children aged 3-7.

He is a respected contributor to international forums and conferences on writing, bookarts and publishing, and is Coordinator of the Queensland Chapter of SCBWI - the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and a former Secretary of the Children's Book Council of Australia (Qld.).

A handmade book designed and written by Peter was part of World Expo88's gift to The Queen. His calligraphy, paper creations and bookbinding have been exhibited in the Queensland State Library and in Museum and galleries in several countries.



Peter trained as an ecologist, a science teacher, at art colleges, and as a Professional Children's Writer. In previous lives, jobs have included a museum curator, nature reserve warden, and biology and art teacher. He is still a 'Registered Teacher'.

"Peter's talks and workshops are different from those of other authors...

Talks and workshops are adapted to suit any age.

...attendees can handle original documents from 2000BC, a Roman stylus, 13th century illuminated manuscripts, scrolls, 18th century children's books and more to excite the senses. Wow!"

Possible topics :

- Writing and books through the ages A 'hands on' excursion through the centuries.
- Enjoying words Word pictures and the visual interpretation of poems and texts.
- Encouraging reading, writing and creativity – Similar to the 'Videos-Creativity' on the website – for children or adults.
- All about writing Ideas, characters, editing and more.
- Getting a book published Traditional books or self publishing either the process explained (for children and adults), or helpful tips and techniques for writers.
- Create your own artist's books Creating small books is not only fun, it can also stimulate ideas and writing pleasure ...and help win competitions for holidays and products.
- Book cover design
- Writing picture books
- Visual Literacy
 - Illustration skills Celtic style drawing Using gold-leaf Medieval illumination Embossing Traditional calligraphy Lettering fun



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