



## I Love Footy

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*I Love Footy!* is a wild, fun romp that shows kids that a world of fantasy and adventure can be real, if they just want to get involved. And that world is as close as their back yard! *I Love Footy!* shows that sport is not just about winning, it's about enjoyment, friendship and having a go!

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### The Author

**Matt Zurbo** loves footy. He has spent his whole life working in the bush, playing Aussie Rules, city and country, in three separate States, and writing stories. He coached mostly juniors for nine years and is, at time of printing, about to play his 31st year of Senior and Reserve football. His children's and Young Adult books have won awards and his footy work includes writing for the Footy Almanac and numerous short stories and books for his self-published Zurbo Inc. He loves a good, solid grab, but is a terrible kick. He blames his hamstrings!

### AUTHOR/ ILLUSTRATOR'S NOTE:

*I love footy!* My aim with this book was to show, simply, how much fun it is. Not just to win, but to play. To try, to do, to have FUN! No matter how good or how hopeless a boy or girl is, they can still enjoy it, because it's about participation. And the tackles and bumps and mud are a part of the enjoyment.

I firmly believe in sport as a form of communication, participation and personal challenge. These are great lessons for kids as they grow — physical lessons only the effort of trying can reward you with — and moral lessons as well. Footy, and sport in general, is the biggest, most enjoyable, most beneficial, readily accessible activity for kids there is! And all the computer screens and comic books in the world won't change that.

*I Love Footy!* joins the dots between dreaming of adventure and doing; it aims to capture the fun of being young and the freedom that sport provides you!

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### Selling Points

- ◆ A celebration of the sheer fun of footy (and all sport) for children
- ◆ Imaginative exploration of the physical, social and psychological benefits of team sports for children
- ◆ Funny, lively cartoon illustrations with instant appeal to children
- ◆ Teacher's notes available

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