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Schoolyard tale with intriguing twist by 12-year-old author

THE SNAKE AND THE BOY is a tale of the school playground with an intriguing twist.

As children play football beneath a sea-blue sky, one boy takes to the monkey bars in the playground, only to have a surprise visit from a wild creature.

The author's vibrant illustrations using acrylic paints capture the wide-open spaces of a country schoolyard, such as those in and around his home in the remote Kimberley region.

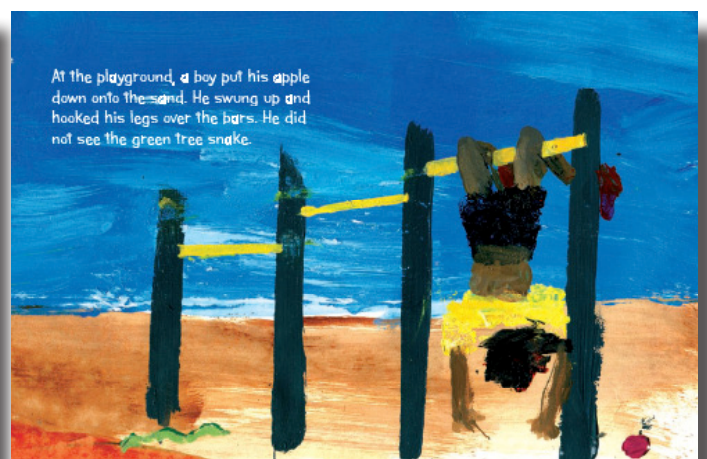
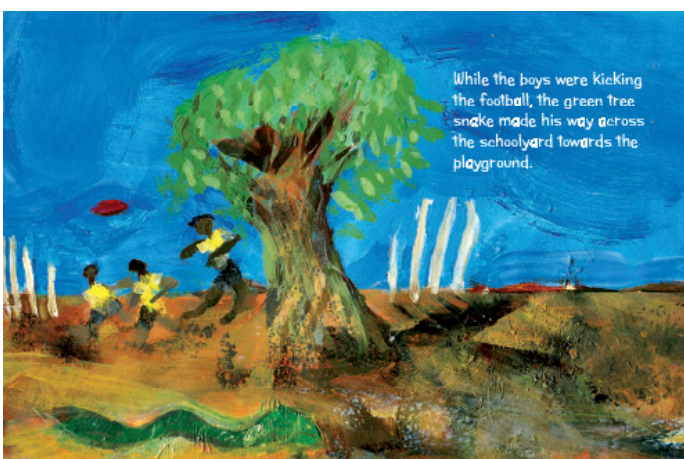
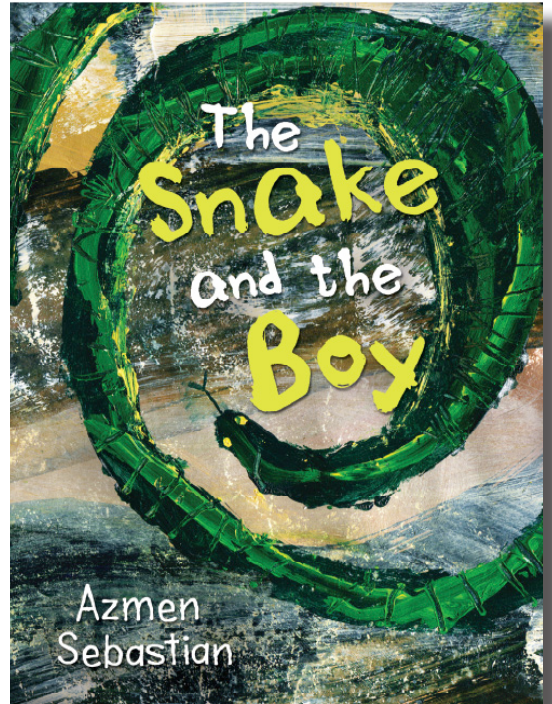
Children everywhere will relate to this endearing story.

Author and illustrator Azmen Sebastian is a 12-year-old boy living in Broome in the far north west of Western Australia. He first began work on *The Snake and the Boy* illustrations and text as an eight-year-old.

Azmen's first love is football, with art and storytelling coming a close second. A keen observer of everyday life, he enjoys spending time outdoors and is fascinated by wildlife.

The Snake and the Boy will be available from February 2011 in bookshops and online at www.magabala.com for \$12.95.

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