

# TARKiNE THE TASMANIAN TiGER

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## TARKiNE TAKES OFF

# TEACHiNG NOTES

Author and illustrator  
David Daniel

Forty South Publishing

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Target Audience	Preschool to 12 years of ages, with environmental messages for teenagers and adults.
Genre	Fiction/modern parable
Content and Text Structure	The plight of endangered animals and the threats posed against them. Core principals of biodiversity, ecosystems and habitat are explored through exposing problems and proposing solutions. Problems and their causal factors are addressed while solutions are highlighted. Intended for contrast and comparison.
Themes and ideas	Emotion, values, action, education, threats, consequences, power of facial expressions, demonstration and rhyme.
Language and literary features	The power of rhyme for learning and memory
Vocabulary	Uniqueness, balance, harmony, relationships, interactions, fragility, endangered, extinction.
Illustrations	Cartoon-style (highlighting facial expressions) illustrations Hand-painted acrylics
End papers	Compare then, now and the future and discuss strategies.



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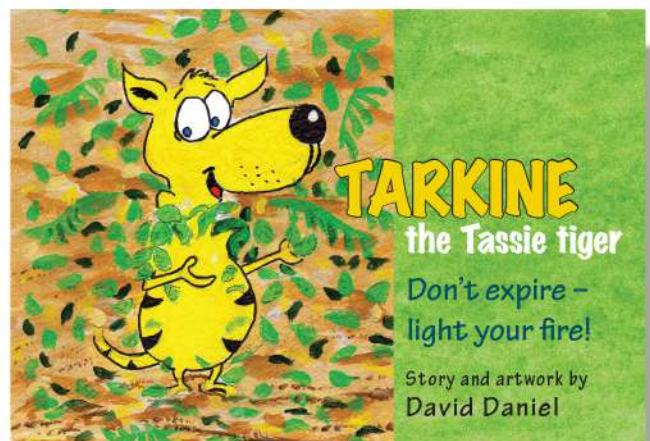
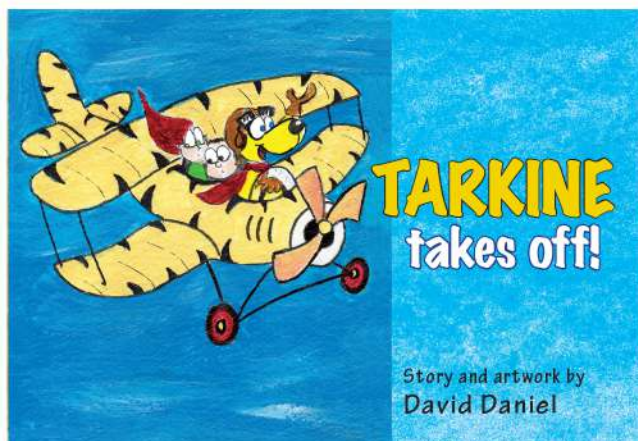
David Daniel was raised in North East Tasmania at Scottsdale and later, Launceston. He was enjoying life, footy and thoughts of the coming 'swinging seventies' when fate abruptly intervened by way of the notorious National Service Ballot. He served in Australia and Vietnam.

Following the Army David studied at the University at the Queensland University (Gatton Agricultural Campus) and joined the Queensland Department of Primary Industries. He rose to become a Principal Extension Officer serving from the wilds of Cape York and the Torres Strait to other posts in the more 'genteel Inside Country'. His work included: animal health, animal husbandry and nutrition, rural extension and development in rural areas and third world countries. Ever the student he signed up for Post Graduate studies at the University of Canterbury NZ (Lincoln Agricultural Campus) studying: Animal Science, Ecology and Rural Extension, Development and Sociology.

Since retiring David has followed his dreams to sail to exotic places, write, illustrate and farm. He has produced some 25 books of fiction, and non-fiction including novels, many illustrations for magazines and newspapers and his favourite genre, illustrated children's books like Tarkine and his Recycle Michael series.

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### IN THE SERIES



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### Exercises

Draw a plot of bush and fill it with animals and plants.

Add speech bubble to each animal. What might they say to a bulldozer?

Explain how the following work: solar, wind and water power.

Name the ten most endangered species in Australia. Name the ten most endangered species in the world.

What species were introduced to Australia? Why? What damage did they cause?

What things are destroying the Great Barrier Reef?

How can we protect our endangered species?

Create a slogan for Tarkine to help save the world's endangered species.



### Talking points

How do animals and plants work together?

What does a healthy habitat look like?

What is a Catchment Area?

What happens in the micro-environment under the ground?

### Ideas for discussion

What happened to the Tasmanian Tiger?

Do you know of any areas that are degraded?

What threats do you see to the environment?

What do you think are the best solutions to preserve habitat and save species?

### Follow up ideas

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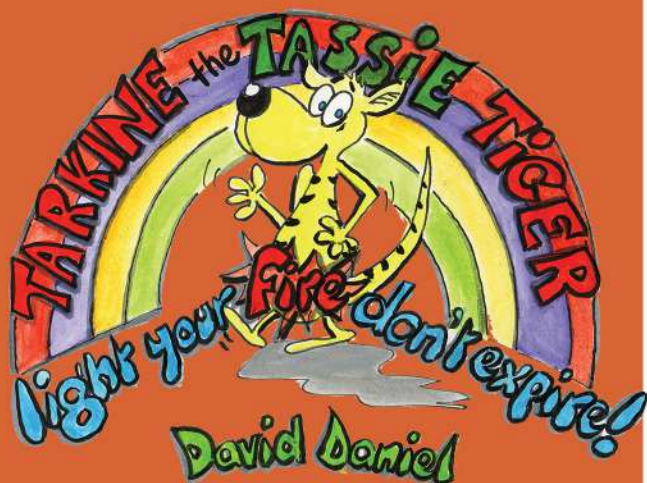
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Plant a garden with companion plants to demonstrate increased fertility and pest resistance.

Watch the plants that attract bees in your school or backyard. Why are bees important to plant life? Why don't bees work well in monocultures?

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