



Title: I want to be a Movie Star

Author: Mary Anastasiou

Illustrator: Anil Tortop

Publisher: Larrikin House

Target Age Group: 3-8 years

Key Curriculum Areas: English, The Arts, Drama.

SYNOPSIS

So you want to be a Movie Star?

What kind will you be? Pirate Captain? Noble Queen? Superhero? Maybe a Comedian or a star on Broadway? Anything is possible with a little fun and a whole lot of creativity.

Join Evie (and Oscar) as they imagine their way through the magic of movies, theatre and play time.

THEMES

Fame, facing challenges, dreams, goal setting, theatre, acting, imagination, rhyme, movies, becoming a star, dressing up and costumes.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Mary Anastasiou has been telling stories her whole life. From the outlandish and silly tales she told as a child growing up in Melbourne, Australia, to the response-driven marketing campaigns she delivers in her role as Creative Director at Imagine Creative. The arrival of her son Luke in 2008 inspired Mary to fulfil her lifelong dream of writing fun, inspiring, and motivating stories that made him “giggle ‘til his belly hurt.” She hopes her books inspire your little ones to do the same. Mary was recently appointed as Creative Director for publishing company Larrikin House. She is now responsible for the design and production of all their new titles. With an extensive knowledge in the publishing and marketing industry, Mary is now able to fulfil another lifelong dream: to help other aspiring authors realise their own publishing dream.





ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Anil Tortop was born and raised in Turkey. She moved to Australia in early 2011 and has been trying to get used to the local eight-legged house intruders and slithering visitors to her garden ever since. Anil also works as an animator and character/concept designer, but has been called away from this affair as her relationship with children's books becomes more serious. Nowadays, she lives with her husband in Brisbane. In their small home studio together, they call themselves "Children's Booksmiths."

ACTIVITIES

BEFORE READING

Questions to ask:

1. What do you think this story might be about?
2. Can you point out the following features of the book? (Spine, title, illustrations, front page, back page, blurb, author)

- Suggested curriculum links: (ACELT1590) (ACELA1435) (ACELA1434) (ACELA1786) (ACELA1439) (ACELT1575)

DURING READING

1. Recognising rhyming words - Ask students to gasp dramatically when they notice the rhyming words on a selected page.
2. Recognising alliteration - Ask students to 'Arrrgh' like a pirate when they notice any alliteration used in the story. (eg. Seven seas).
3. Clap the rhythm - On a selected page, students clap their hands along to the beat of the words.

- Suggested curriculum links: (ACELT1592) (ACELA1448)

Questions to ask:

1. What do you think will happen next?
2. What do you notice about the characters?
3. What do you enjoy about the illustrations?
4. How do you think Evie will solve her problem?
5. Do you think Evie will ever become a Movie Star? Why or why not?
6. Can you make any connections to the story so far?
7. Have you ever dressed up in a costume?
8. Have you ever been to the theatre? What did you see? What would you like to see?

- Suggested curriculum links: (ACAMAM054) (ACELY1666) (ACELY1665) (ACELT1593) (ACELT1591) (ACELT1590) (ACELT1589) (ACELY1666) (ACELT1593) (ACELA1786) (ACELA1439)



AFTER READING

Questions to ask:

1. What did you enjoy most about the story?
2. What is your favourite costume, why?

Link to community - Organise a visit to the theatre or have a performer visit.

- Suggested curriculum links: (ACELT1589)

ACTIVITY TEMPLATES:

Colour in your Movie Star

Suggested curriculum links: (ACTDEK004) (ACAVAM108)

Who am I?

Suggested curriculum links: (ACELT1593) (ACELT1591) (ACAMAM054)

Matching activity - Movies

Suggested curriculum links: (ACAMAM056) (ACAMAM054)

Draw and Write - Movies

Suggested curriculum links: (ACELY1673) (ACAMAM056) (ACELY1662)

Word search

Suggested curriculum links: (ACELT1593) (ACAMAM054)

Tracing activity - Movies

Suggested curriculum links: (ACAVAM108) (ACAMAM054)

Let's Play - 'imagine you are'...

Suggested curriculum links: (ACADRM027) (ACADRM028) (ACADRM029)

Connect the dots - Pirate & Princess

Suggested curriculum links: (ACAVAM107) (ACAMAM054) (ACMNA001) (ACMNA002)



FURTHER INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

Books:

I want to be a Rock Star written by Mary Anastasiou, illustrated by Anil Tortop

Thelma the Unicorn written and illustrated by Aaron Blabey

Fancy Nancy written by Jane O'Connor, illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser

Further exploration of genres of theatre, fame and dressing up:

Thelma the Unicorn reading: <https://youtu.be/hkL5O17z52U>

The Wiggles - Dressing Up In Style: <https://youtu.be/2UxjzZiQp8>

The Wiggles - Dressing Up: <https://youtu.be/mOdMHI-TGNM>

Let's Dress Up - Justine Clarke: <https://youtu.be/4EcMsKaSrLM>

Further Activities:

Link to CBCA book week dressing up activities

Thelma the Unicorn Movie: Netflix (release date TBC)

Websites:

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