



Title: I want to be a Rock Star

Author: Mary Anastasiou

Illustrator: Anil Tortop

Publisher: Larrikin House

Target Age Group: 3-8 years

Key Curriculum Areas: English, The Arts, Technologies.

SYNOPSIS

So you want to be a Rock Star?

What kind will you be? A Country Star? A Singer? The leader of a Jazz Band?

Join Luke (and Ralphie) as they imagine their way through the magic of music. From country, rap and punk to disco, jazz and rock you'll discover that all Rock Stars' dreams begin with just a little imagination.

THEMES

Music genres, fame, facing challenges, dreams, goal setting, imagination, musical adventure, rhyme, becoming a star, dressing up.

ENDORSEMENTS

"For kids with stars in their eyes and a music ambition." Dannii Minogue

"Rock 'n' Roll dreams really can come true. I just LOVE this book!" Glenn A. Baker

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 play the air guitar when they notice the rhyming words on a selected page.
 2. Recognising alliteration - Ask students to play the air drums when they notice any alliteration used in the story.
 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 Luke will solve his problem?
 5. Do you think Luke will ever become a Rock Star? Why?
 6. Can you make any connections to the story so far?
 7. Have you ever played an instrument?
 8. Have you ever seen a real life Rock Star?
- 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 instrument, why?
3. Link to community - Organise a visit from a local musician or musical parent. Suggested curriculum links: (ACELT1589)

ACTIVITY TEMPLATES:

Colour in your Rock Star

Suggested curriculum links: (ACTDEK004) (ACAVAM108)

What am I?

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

Matching activity - Musical instruments

Suggested curriculum links: (ACAMAM056) (ACAMAM054)

Draw and Write - Song

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

Word search

Suggested curriculum links: (ACELT1593) (ACAMAM054)

Tracing activity - Musical instruments

Suggested curriculum links: (ACAVAM108) (ACAMAM054)

Make your own instruments

Suggested curriculum links: (ACAMUM081) (ACTDEK004) (ACADRM028) (ACTDEP007) (ACADRM028) (ACAMUM081) (ACAMUM080)

Connect the dots - Guitar & Maracas

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

Rock Star guitar template & activity

Suggested curriculum links: (ACADRM027) (ACTDEK004) (ACTDEP007) (ACAVAM107)



FURTHER INFORMATION & RESOURCES:

Books:

I want to be a Movie Star written by Mary Anastasiou, illustrated by Anil Tortop
My Band written by Elizabeth Lea, illustrated by Chantal Stewart

Further exploration of musical genres and instruments:

Trolls World Tour: <https://youtu.be/Jh3X7IcAUt0>

I Am A - Justine Clarke: https://youtu.be/S_gcXE5EpH0

I Am A Fine Musician (Dick Van Dyke Show): <https://youtu.be/sOnjmYAHNqA>

The Wiggles - I Am A Fine Musician: <https://youtu.be/euoOJMudKpo>

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