

# George Ivanoff

## Author and Speaker

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George is a children's author with over 100 titles, including the *You Choose* interactive books, the non-fiction *Survival Guides*, the *OTHERWORLDS* series, the *RFDS Adventures*, the *Gamers* trilogy and many educational titles. His latest middle grade novel is *Monster Island*.

Need an energetic, passionate speaker for your festival or conference? George can deliver anything from a keynote address to a writing workshop, from a solo presentation to participation in a panel discussion.

George is an experienced speaker who has conducted presentations and workshops for a range of age groups, from primary and secondary school to university level, as well as general sessions for adults. Over the course of the pandemic, George has honed his skills in virtual delivery across numerous platforms.

In 2023 he conducted over 100 individual sessions across 40 schools, 5 libraries and 3 festivals/conferences.

Over the last decade he has presented at festivals big and small, urban and rural, including the Melbourne Writers Festival, the Somerset Celebration of Literature, the Tamar Valley Writers Festival, the Newcastle Writer's Festival and Adelaide's Once Upon A Festival.

"He had everyone captivated during his address ... nothing better than to see the students laughing raucously and fully transfixed as he read some of the hilarious episodes from his books. Even better when you overhear students say spontaneously 'I can't wait to read that book', or when so many hands go up to ask him questions."

*Teacher feedback, Rossbourne School*

"George spoke candidly, professionally and with insight. He is an excellent judge of how to pitch a talk to an audience and seems to be a natural teacher."

*Course coordinator feedback, University of Melbourne*

"George makes the situations and experiences of the school yard ammunition for his writing. He helps students see their world as potential stories."

*Teacher feedback, Mentone Grammar School*

"Excellent! Engaging! Fun! Thank you George for igniting the children's enthusiasm for writing!!"

*Teacher feedback, Newcastle Writer's Festival*

"Thank you again for your creative and age-appropriate sessions. Clearly the students had a great time hearing your stories and ideas."

*Teacher feedback, Queenscliffe Literary Festival*

"George was an enthusiastic speaker, whose level of excitement inspired the children. They hung on his words when he read parts of some of his books, and he left them hanging, wanting to pick up the books to keep reading!"

*Teacher feedback, Montrose Primary School*

"It was delightful watching him engaging the students with questions, anecdotes, and examples from his own books."

*Teacher feedback, Ilim College of Australia*

