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Brain freeze

Do you ever eat an ice-cream on a hot day and get a headache from the cold? Some people call this a 'brain freeze'.

The ice-cream makes your mouth very cold, very quickly. Your body sends messages from your mouth to your brain. Blood then rushes in to warm up your mouth. It hurts!

But there is something you can do to make the pain go away. You need to warm the roof (or top part) of your mouth. You can do this with your tongue. If you can, roll your tongue, then press it on the roof of your mouth. It's better to use the underneath of your tongue because it's warmer than the top. You could also use your thumb. But be sure it's clean.

A brain freeze should only ever last for about 30–60 seconds.





Bamboo scaffolding



Bamboo bicycles



Bamboo boats



Bamboo chairs



Bamboozled!

Bamboo is an amazing plant. Did you know it is actually a grass? In fact giant bamboo is the largest member of the grass family. Some types can grow an incredible 90 centimetres in just one day. Some bamboo plants can grow to over 30 metres tall, which is as tall as a gum tree.

You probably know that bamboo is the favourite food of pandas, but chimpanzees, gorillas and elephants eat it too.

Bamboo is also extremely useful to people. It is a very valuable construction material because it is so strong. In fact, whole houses can be built from bamboo. In some parts of the world bamboo is used as scaffolding (the frame used to support building work).

The range of things that can be made from bamboo is huge. Furniture, cooking utensils, and musical instruments can all be made from bamboo. Bamboo fibres can be used to produce a soft, cotton-like material for T-shirts and underwear. Bamboo fibres are also used to make paper. Bamboo can even be used to make bicycle frames and boats.



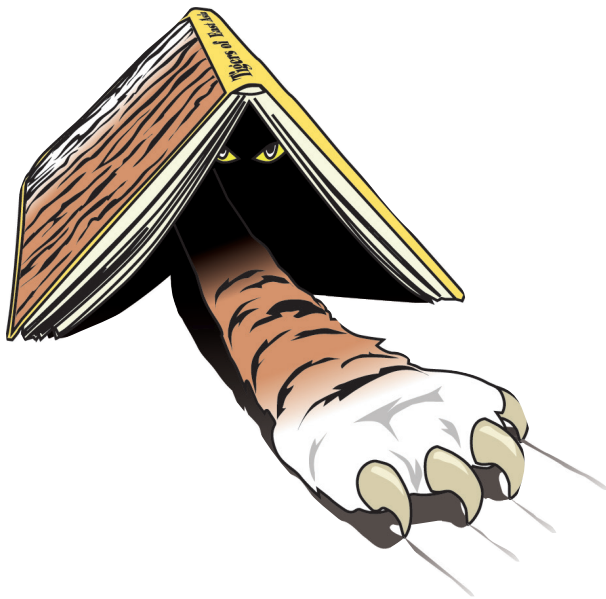
Library magician

On Saturday afternoons, I go to the library for story time with my little sister, Tess. The children's librarian, Mr Frank, has been leading story time ever since my mum was a little girl! Today he was wearing a funny white beard and a lumpy, brown coat.



When we sat down with the other kids, Mr Frank winked and said, 'Did you know that every book is alive?'

He picked up a book that had a picture of a bird on the inside and flapped the covers as if they were wings. Mr Frank had a great big smile. He brushed his coat sleeve over the book, and, *whoosh*, a white bird flew up to the ceiling! We all laughed and wondered where it came from. But Mr Frank whispered, 'Shhhh! This is a library!' and gave us an even bigger smile.



Next he picked up a book titled *How to Make a Puppet*. As soon as he showed it to us, a little cowboy popped up from between the pages! The little cowboy was moving and talking! I covered my mouth to keep from laughing.

Then Mr Frank picked up a book with orange and black stripes on the cover. The title was *Tigers of East Asia*. I glanced at Tess. My heart was thumping. Mr Frank placed the book behind his back then whisked it out again! Now it had claws! 'RAWWRRR!'

Tess was a little scared and ready to go home. As we waited to have our books scanned, Mr Frank handed me a book with a worn red cover. 'Your mum used to borrow this one,' he said. His eyes twinkled.

On the way home I read the title, trying to imagine what was inside. I didn't dare open it. But as we walked, a small thrill was rising inside me like a bird taking off.



Please do not feed native animals

The native animals in this park have enough natural food to survive and thrive.

You might think that you are being kind to the native birds and animals by giving them your food scraps, but feeding them or leaving rubbish around that they might eat is cruel, not kind!



Remember:

- Feeding animals can make them sick because sometimes our food contains ingredients that native animals cannot easily digest. They can become weak and more likely to catch a disease.
- The animals become used to being fed by people or finding food in rubbish. When this happens they can lose the ability to hunt and forage for themselves when they need to.
- Animals that rely on being fed by humans may become aggressive. They gather near areas of high human activity such as campsites and walking tracks. Animals have been known to fight over food and bother people in the area.
- Feeding animals can encourage them to look for food in residential areas or nearby farms. This is dangerous for both the animals and residents.

Please be a friend to our native birds and animals.

Take your food scraps and rubbish with you.

Feeding animals is an offence under By-law 457 and may attract a \$250 fine.

Buck, a sled dog that has been treated badly by humans in the past, is drawn to life in the wild. One night he hears the call of a timber wolf and goes to investigate.

The stranger

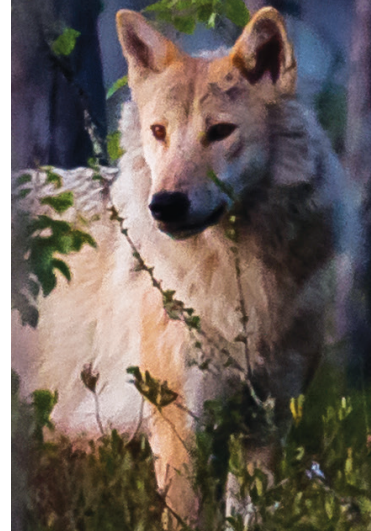
As he drew closer to the cry he went more slowly, with caution in every movement, till he came to an open place among the trees, and looking out saw, erect on haunches, with nose pointed to the sky, a long, lean, timber wolf.

He had made no noise, yet it ceased from its howling and tried to sense his presence. Buck stalked into the open, half crouching, body gathered compactly together, tail straight and stiff, feet falling with unwonted care¹. Every movement advertised both a threat and an overture of friendliness. It was the menacing truce that marks the meeting of wild beasts that prey. But the wolf fled at the sight of him. He followed, with wild leaping, in a frenzy to overtake. He ran him into a blind channel, in the bed of the creek where a timber jam barred the way.

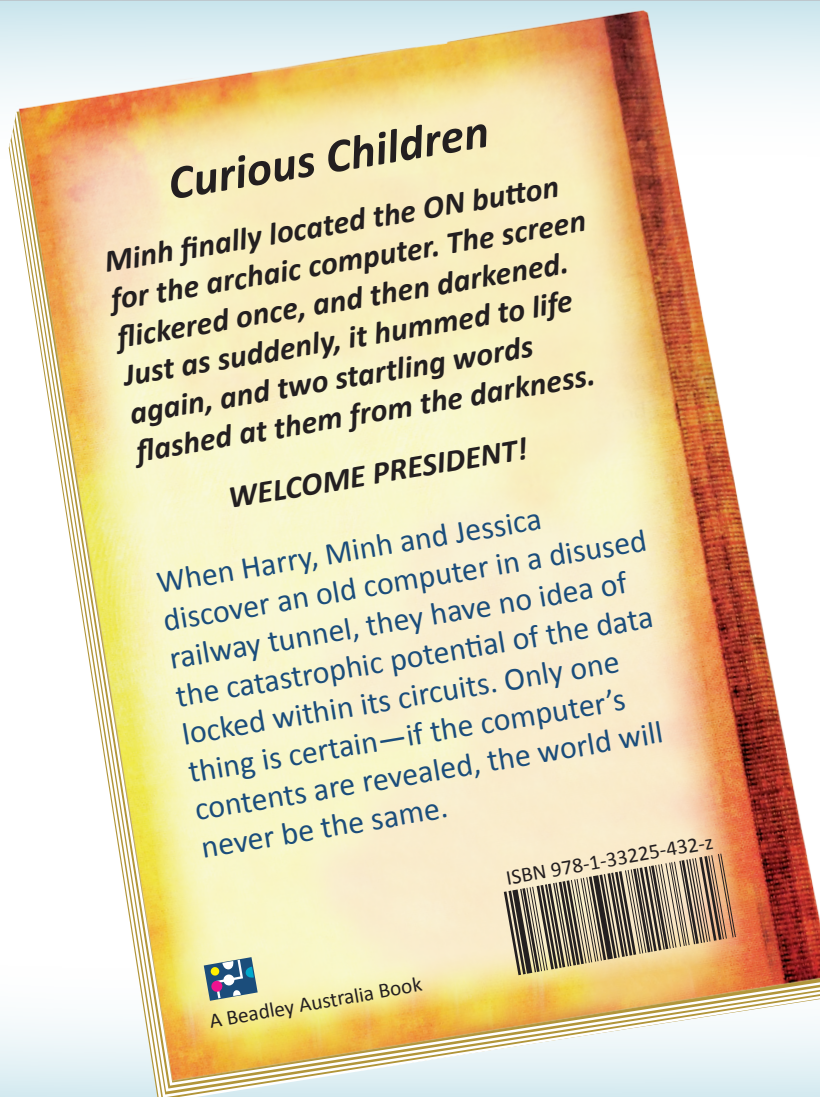
Buck did not attack, but circled him about and hedged him in with friendly advances. The wolf was suspicious and afraid; for Buck made three of him in weight, while his head barely reached Buck's shoulder. Watching his chance, he darted away, and the chase was resumed. Time and again he was cornered, and the thing repeated, though he was in poor condition, or Buck could not so easily have overtaken him. He would run till Buck's head was even with his flank, when he would whirl around at bay, only to dash away again at the first opportunity.

But in the end Buck's persistence was rewarded; for the wolf, finding that no harm was intended, finally sniffed noses with him. Then they became friendly, and played about in the nervous, half-coy way with which fierce beasts belie their fierceness. After some time of this the wolf started off at an easy lope in a manner that plainly showed he was going somewhere. He made it clear to Buck that he was to come, and they ran side by side through the sombre twilight, straight up the creek bed, into the gorge from which it issued, and across the bleak divide where it took its rise.

¹ feet falling with unusual care



Reviewing *Curious Children*



Curious Children

Or should I say, 'curious book'? Sattler's latest offering seems to blur the line between action thriller and science fiction. The author's lack of commitment to the conventions of either genre makes the book feel unsatisfying and incomplete. His previous books had no such identity crisis; readers knew exactly what they were in for—adventure with ingeniously dramatic plot twists. Perhaps praise for these works prompted Sattler to take himself a bit too seriously, resulting in a clever plot that is constantly slowed by philosophy and detail when it should just be whipping along.

Will Forsyth ★★☆☆☆

Curious Children

D L Sattler's new book had me hooked from the first page. Once again, Sattler displays his skill in creating an intricate plot peopled by strongly drawn characters. This time he has added depth by setting the events in a global context, which gives the book a significance that is lacking in other action-heavy adolescent stories. When the curious children of the title find an abandoned computer, they are unaware of the danger inherent in their discovery. As it becomes obvious how explosive the information in the computer is, they find they have no idea who they can trust with it. *Curious Children* is a perfect bridging book for keen readers who are moving towards adult spy novels and thrillers. It can be recommended with confidence to any teenager who enjoys a read that entertains, challenges, and moves at a cracking pace.

Geraldine Saxby ★★★★★

Sara's early morning

On Saturday morning, Sara got up early to play football.

She put on her football shirt and black shorts. Then, she pulled on some long socks. Next, she carried her football boots to the door and put them on.

'I thought you played football on Sunday, not Saturday!' said Sara's dad.

'Oh, yeah!' said Sara, and she went back to bed.



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Extract from *The Call of the Wild* by Jack London (1876–1916), first published in 1903.

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