

# Charlotte Barkla

Author talks & creative writing workshops

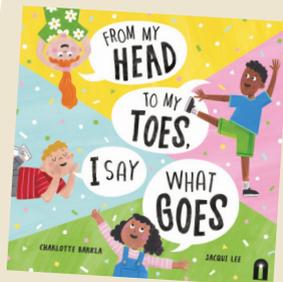
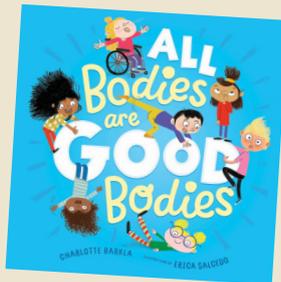
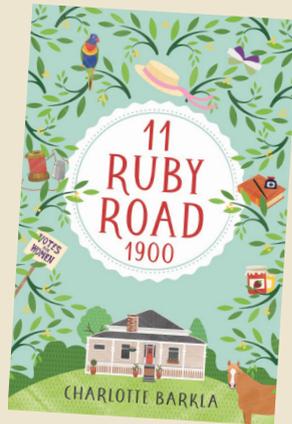


Hello!

I'm Charlotte Barkla.

I'm a children's author from beautiful Brisbane.

I write books for kids and run writing workshops at schools, libraries and festivals.



*Charlotte Barkla* worked as a civil engineer and physics teacher before rediscovering her love for children's literature. Her books include *11 Ruby Road*, *All Bodies are Good Bodies*, *Edie's Experiments* and *From My Head to My Toes, I Say What Goes*.

## Kind words

"I would recommend her to any school looking for an inspiring author visit."

*Peter Carnavas, Teacher Librarian, St Andrew's Anglican College*

"Charlotte ignited a spark in each participant, motivating them to explore their own creativity and dive headfirst into the world of writing."

*Marie Miegel, Head of Library K-12, The Glennie School*

"Charlotte's ability to seamlessly blend the disciplines of literature and science created an immersive and educational experience that left a lasting impression."

*Tracey Gurdler, Festival Manager, Whitsunday Voices Youth Literature Festival*



## Author talks

(Presentation-style, large groups)

### Prep - Yr 2 *All bodies are GREAT bodies*

What do you love about your body? Our bodies are all so different, and that's what makes them wonderful! A session where we celebrate our fantastic bodies and learn how to protect them, Charlotte will also give behind-the-scenes insight into how a picture book is created and published.

### Yr 2 - 6 *Stepping through time*

In *11 Ruby Road*, author Charlotte Barkla wrote a fictional story set Brisbane in 1900, and she's inviting you to travel back in time with her! Explore life in Australia in 1900, from the different foods, schools and transport, to the changes happening in wider society, such as the suffragist movement. Learn how authors use real stories from history to inspire their work, and delicately balance fact and fiction.

### Yr 3 - 6 *Experimenting with story*

In some ways, writing a story is just like conducting an experiment. You start with characters, with different traits, problems and goals. When you mix them together, a unique plot develops. Sometimes, the plot bubbles along nicely... and sometimes, you get an explosion!

Learn simple science experiments to try at home, and be inspired to write your own STEM-themed story.

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## Writing workshops

(Class-sized groups)

### Yr 2 - 6 *Crafting great characters*

Great characters are the backbone of great stories. In this workshop, Charlotte will guide students through a series of interactive exercises to develop their own believable, flawed, unique characters, that will propel their next story forward.

### Yr 3 - 6 *Travelling through time*

Learn how authors craft compelling stories using inspiration from history. By the end of the workshop, students will have their own idea for a historical story or time-travel novel, and the tools they need to finish it.

### Yr 2-6, 7-10 *Start your story*

Learn how to plot a story, from generating story ideas and developing believable characters, to creating conflict, working with tension, and building satisfying resolutions. Students will workshop and develop their own ideas, and learn the skills to take their story-writing to the next level.

### Yr 7 - 12 *Editing: Less is more*

Develop a narrative passage, then learn how to completely demolish (and rebuild) this through effective editing. Students will learn the editing skills to rework and refine their work to create rich, compelling narratives.

### Yr 7 - 12 *How to plan and write a novel*

Want to write a novel, but not sure where to start? Learn how authors plan, write, edit and publish their novels. Bring along all your questions about writing and publishing, and leave with the information and motivation to build a writing career.



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