



# Liarbird

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## Synopsis

Liarbirds learn to lie from the day they hatch.

They are the best in the bush at fibbing, faking, fabricating and fake-news creating.

Until one lyrebird decides to go straight, and discovers that sometimes even the truth hurts



## Author Bio

I am the author of *Koalas Eat Gum Leaves*, and *Kookaburras Love to Laugh*, and *Another Book About Bears*.

I am lucky enough to work alongside my talented husband, Philip Bunting, who brings my characters to life with his incredible illustrations.

Along with making books together, we are busy raising three children in sunny Queensland, and are big believers that reading to your kids is hands-down one of the best things you can do with them in their early years (and beyond).

So pick up a book and get reading!

<https://laurabunting.com.au/>

## Illustrator Bio

Philip Bunting is an author and illustrator, with a soft spot for creating picture books for sleep-deprived, time-poor, raisin-encrusted parents (and their children).

Philip's work deliberately encourages playful interaction between the reader and child, allowing his books to create a platform for genuine intergenerational engagement, and fun.

He believes that the more fun the child has during their early reading experiences, the more likely they will be to return to books, improve their emergent literacy skills, and later find joy in reading and learning.

Philip's books have been translated into multiple languages, and published in over 25 countries around the world. Since his first book was published in 2017, Philip has received multiple accolades, including Honours from the Children's Book Council of Australia, and making the list for the Kate Greenaway Medal in 2018.

Philip grew up in the Lake District (England), and moved to Australia in his early 20s (for a girl). He now lives with his young family in the hills behind Noosa (Queensland, Australia).



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## Curriculum Links

English: Foundation - Year 2  
 -Literature and Context  
 -Responding to Literature  
 -Examining Literature

Science: Foundation - Year 2  
 - Biological Science  
 -Science as Human Endeavour

Health and Physical Education: Foundation - Year 2  
 Communicating and interacting for health and wellbeing

## Themes

- Honesty
- Integrity
- Truth
- Lying

## Pre Reading

Look at the front cover of the book.

Read the title together.

- Look at the other names on the book. What are they there for.
- Identify the author and the illustrator.
- What do the author and illustrator do.

What do you think the story will be about?

- Read the blurb at the back of the book.
- What do you feel about it?
- What kind of things are you now expecting to see inside the book?
- What questions do you have?

## Discussion Questions

The book is called Liarbird.

There is a real bird with that name but it's spelled Lyrebird.

Why do you think they chose to spell it the way they did?

Talk about how the bird in the book told lies and that it gets him into trouble.

Talk about telling lies, and being honest.

Is it ever OK to tell a lie?

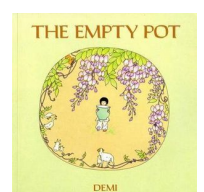
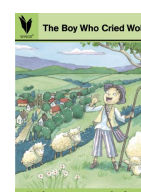
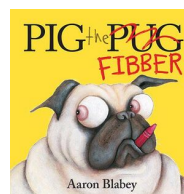
For example:

**When the Lyrebird tells Numbat that everyone is hiding to surprise him for his birthday...and telling him ruined the surprise.**

- Should he have told Numbat what was happening? What else could he have said?
- Or telling Kookaburra his muffin tasted awful.
- Is there a nicer way to tell people to you don't like something, so that they don't feel bad?

*Other books about Honesty*

*Pig the Fibber*  
*The Boy Who Cried Wolf*  
*The Empty Pot*



## Lyrebirds

The Lyrebird is a very interesting Australian bird.

What can you find out about the lyrebird?

<https://www.kidcyber.com.au/lyrebirds>

### Lyrebird sounds

<https://www.abc.net.au/kidslisten/noisy-by-nature/11462014>

### Lyrebird from Adelaide Zoo - imitating construction sounds

<https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/lyrebird-mimic/10538102>

## Other Australian Birds

List some other Australian birds.

Give small groups the name of one bird, and see what they can find out about it.

Present what they find to the class.

<https://australianmuseum.net.au/learn/animals/birds/>

### Find Out:

- What they eat
- Where they live
- What they look like
- Identify body parts
- Look at the lifecycle of the bird.

