

Eddy Popcorn's Guide to Parenting

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Synopsis

The school holidays have started and EDDY POPCORN is about to turn twelve. Then disaster strikes-Eddy is GROUNDED for not doing his homework. Parents suck! Faced with not seeing the beach, or his mates, for the WHOLE holidays, Eddy puts all of his frustration into a helpful book for kids: EDDY POPCORN'S GUIDE TO PARENT TRAINING. Chock FULL of laughs and mushrooms, this guide is sure to be a HIT!

Author Bio

Dee wanted to be a writer since she was seven-years old. She has published more than 20 books for children and young adults and many articles, short stories and poems.

She has been lucky enough to combine her loves of writing and travel into a career which takes her all over the world writing, researching and presenting workshops. She got to spend a WHOLE MONTH in Paris doing the research and writing one of her latest books, Beyond Belief. Her writing and writing workshops have taken her to Sharjah and Amsterdam and she is prepared to go almost anywhere (even do a tour of Paris sewers) to track down a good story.

Apart from skydiving and hot air ballooning, the craziest thing she ever did was travel around Australia in tents for nearly two years with her two children under three, her husband and the family dog.

She is a certified writing teacher and mentor, passionate about encouraging new writers. Her blogs Writing Classes for Kids and DeeScribe Writing are full of career and writing tips for writers of all ages.

<https://www.deescribe.com.au/>



Illustrator Bio

Benjamin Johnston works as a mild-mannered architect by daytime and a masked illustrator by night ...

and he is looking forward to the day he might actually have enough time for everything he wants to get done. Drawing and illustrating for children has always been his passion. He is the illustrator and co-creator of the successful STEM-inspired Engibear series. Benjamin's illustration abilities cover a wide range of styles and media. While, as an architect, technical drawing or digital illustration comes naturally, study at Julian Ashton Art School also encouraged a more free-flowing expression. The two sides are constantly at war!

Benjamin describes himself as a brief-driven illustrator without a set style or direction. He enjoys collaboration with authors and editors - open to the specific needs of each project, and he is keen to ensure that all illustrations work as hard as possible to get the intended message across. Benjamin lives and works in Sydney and probably always will.



Curriculum Links

Year 3 English

ACELA1478 Understand how different types of texts vary in use of language choices, depending on their purpose and context (for example, tense and types of sentences)

ACELT1596 Draw connections between personal experiences and the worlds of texts, and share responses with others.

ACELT1601 Create imaginative texts based on characters, settings and events from students' own and other cultures using visual features, for example perspective, distance and angle.

Themes Humour - School - Homework

Discussion

The author describes her first attempt at writing this book as 'fake non fiction', a self help book for kids, a parent training guide.

The next book is going to be 'Teacher Taming'.

Share with the class the story behind the book. See link below.

<https://writingclassesforkids.com/eddy-popcorns-guide-to-parent-training-almost-10-years-from-idea-to-publication/>

- What problems does Eddy have with his parents that you can relate to?

Activity

- What would be another useful self-help book for kids. Sibling Wrangling?

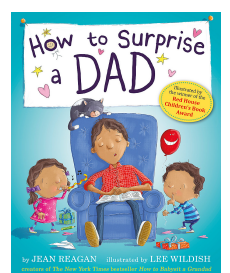
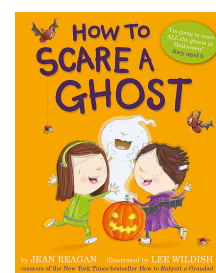
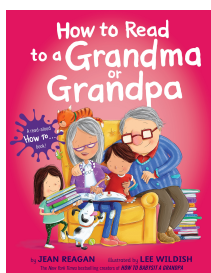
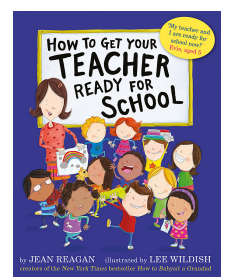
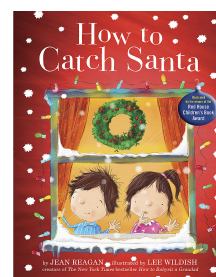
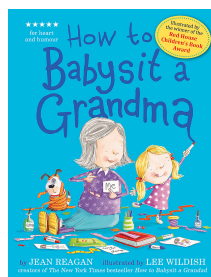
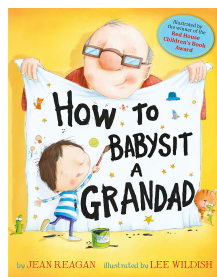
Look at this series of picture books (images below) that use a similar concept, by Jean Reagan

Look at the structure of the text and perhaps use this as a guide, to help you create your own guide.

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It could be a, Step by Step Guide to:

- Washing the dog
- Making a sandwich
- Choosing a book from the library



Drawing Eddy Popcorn:
 Youtube Clip from Benjamin Johnston and the illustrator for Eddy Popcorn



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Yez82nMtak>



guide to

Step 1:

Step 2:

Step 3:

Step 4:

Step 5:

Step 6: