



Derek Dool Supercool #1: Bust a Move

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Synopsis

Life's tough when your name's Derek. You're destined to be uncool. But Derek is determined to find something - anything - that will change that. He's sick of being picked last in PE, of not being invited to parties, and of all the cool kids using his freckles as dot-to-dot challenges. Derek is going to find something that will make him SUPERCOOL and nothing is going to stop him.

Author Bio

Adrian Beck writes funny, action-packed stories for kids. Adrian produces the TV show, Kids' WB, and has also worked on The Logie Awards, Carols by Candlelight, Prank Patrol and Who Wants To Be A Millionaire. Adrian is the author of the Champion Charlies series and Stuff Happens: Dale plus he co-wrote the Kick it to Nick series with AFL legend Shane Crawford. Adrian is the co-editor of Total Quack Up, along with Sally Rippin.

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Illustrator Bio

After a childhood steeped in role playing games, comic books and getting in trouble for drawing lizard warriors in the margins of exam papers, Scott has gone on to a career in the creative arts which has taken him through theatre, music, comedy, games, radio and television. But he always finds his way back to his first love of drawing lizard warriors in the margins of exam papers.

Scott studied Design at Monash University before running off to join the circus (aka a Theatre Production degree at the Victorian College of the Arts). Scott works in the comics, games and children's book space. And he is also a writer for games and animation, for studios such as the Cartoon Network and Ubisoft games.

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Curriculum Links

English Year 3

ACELT1594 Discuss texts in which characters, events and settings are portrayed in different ways, and speculate on the authors' reasons

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

ACELT1598 Develop criteria for establishing personal preferences for literature

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

English Year 4

ACELT1602 Make connections between the ways different authors may represent similar storylines, ideas and relationships

ACELT1603 Discuss literary experiences with others, sharing responses and expressing a point of view

ACELT1604 Use metalanguage to describe the effects of ideas, text structures and language features of literary texts

Themes Humour-Identity-Individuality

Format

Derek Dool Supercool is an illustrated novel.

How do you think the illustrations help with conveying the type of character Derek is?

What other books can you think of that have a similar format?

Examples:

- Bad Guys - Aaron Blabey
- Ella Diaries - Meredith Costain
- Eric Vale: Epic Fail
- Hot Dog - Anh Do
- Real Pigeons - Andrew McDonald
- Tiny Timmy - Tim Cahill
- WeirDo - Anh Do

Why do you think these books so popular?

What is it you like or dislike about this book, Derek Dool Supercool: Bust a Move?

List:

- Reasons for liking.
- Reasons for not liking
- What is the overall opinion in your class?

Character development

The character of Derek is quite over the top, and his enthusiasm does get him into trouble. How did you feel about him at the start of the book?

What are some positive attributes about Derek's personality?

Confident - Risk Taker - Individual

What are some of his less desirable character traits? **Selfish - Self Centred**

How did you feel about him at the end of the book?

Did your opinion of him change?

What about Big Denise and Booger. Did your opinion/view of those characters change from the start of the book, to the end?

Perspective

Why is the perspective/point of view important in a story.

Choose a scene in the book and write it from a different characters perspective.

- Eg: Sonny the Bunny's version of events when Derek tried to rescue him

Chapter 16 - Your Inner Awesomeness (And How To Find It)

In chapter 16, Derek does something extraordinary/brave/dangerous to save Sonny the bunny. He finds his Inner Awesomeness!

Think of a time you have had to do something that might have scared you, but you did it anyway.

Or, is there something you would like to do, but have not had the courage to try?

My Inner AWESOMENESS



Derek Dool Find-A-Word



s c h o o l b r r o n i b p t e s y
d w a r c h e n e m y d w l v y g z
i c b n n s i u a w e s o m e o p q
s q o o w u f u n n y h h o x r z v
c d w o d p k o u j d a n c i n g w
o e g h l e i q v o y b o o g e r p
m n y r f r b p w b d q y d v y w u
f i j j z s c g r l x o v u g r f k
y s b e g t v y z t e a c h e r s x
t e q n c a f g h a n d s o m e f q
d h p o r r z r k z q d e r e k t f
w c s i j c l d e t e n t i o n o o

Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

archenemy
awesome
booger
cool
dancing

denise
derek
detention
disco
funny

handsome
school
superstar
teachers

