



## Ozzie Goes to School

By Jocelyn Crabb & Danny Snell

### Book Summary

Ozzie lives with his dad in a shipping container by the sea in the Top End of Australia. Ozzie isn't afraid of much. Not the cool dark of the container when the door is closed at night. Not snakes. Not even of the crocodiles that he and his dad watch out for on the beach during the day. But Ozzie is afraid of something. He's afraid of school!

In this delightful story about a boy starting school, Ozzie faces up to his fears of being without his dad in a strange place with new people - and comes up trumps!

*Ozzie Goes to School* is a book that will resonate with and reassure many young children going to school for the first time.

### Themes

starting school, emotions, feelings, family life

**Recommended Ages: 5+**

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## ACTIVITY 1: EMOTIONS

Find or create some feelings emoticons that you attach to magnets. Then ask your child to select and put a magnet on the fridge to express how they are feeling before talking about it. Being able to express emotions and give a verbal explanation is important.



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- Calm
- Happy
- Silly
- Relaxed
- Nervous
- Annoyed
- Sad
- Shy
- Surprised
- Angry
- Confused
- Sleepy

**ACTIVITY 2: FAMILY LIFE**

- Where do Ozzie and his dad live?
- How do the illustrations show where Ozzie lives?
- What does Ozzie like to do with his dad each morning?

**ACTIVITY 3: FEAR**

- Why do you think that Ozzie is not afraid of anything at the beach?
- List other things that Ozzie is not afraid of.
- There is one thing that Ozzie is afraid of, Ozzie is afraid of.....

**ACTIVITY 4: SCHOOL**

- What activities does Ozzie like to do at school?
- What activities do you like to do at school?
- Draw a picture of you and your best friend.

**ACTIVITY 5: ALL ABOUT ME**

List 5 things about you:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Jocelyn Crabb was born and raised in British Columbia, Canada, and graduated from the University of Calgary with a Masters in Education. Since graduating she has taught in Canada, South America, Mexico and China, Malaysia and the Middle East. In 2008 she moved to Australia where she worked as a teacher trainer in a variety of Aboriginal Communities, before returning to the classroom as a primary school teacher and a teaching principal.

She now lives permanently in the Northern Territory and is the author of several self-published travel books and a blog entitled 'Work and Travel'. As a parent, grandparent and teacher, she loves reading picture books to anyone who will listen. *Ozzie Goes to School* is her first attempt at writing one of her own.

### ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Danny Snell grew up in Adelaide, and trained at the Central School of Art and the University of South Australia and graduated with a Bachelor of Design (Illustration) in 1992. His first major picture book, *Whose Tail Is That?* written by Christine Nicholls, was shortlisted the 2000 Victorian Children's Book Council's Crichton Award for first time children's book illustrators. His second book, the best-selling *Bilby Moon* written by Margaret Spurling, was nominated as a Notable Book for 2001 and shortlisted for the 2001 Kids Own Australian Literature Award (KOALA). Since then he has illustrated *The Long Way Home* by Emily Rodda, *Scary Bear* by Tania Cox and *Seadragon Sea*, also by Margaret Spurling, *Crocodile River* by Diana Lawrenson, *You are My Special Baby* by Carol Chataway, and *Jeremy*, written by Chris Faille, winner of the 2014 CBCA Eve Pownall Award for Information Books.

Danny is also the author and illustrator of *Seagull*, joint winner of the Wilderness Society's 2016 Environment Award for Children's Literature in the Picture Book Category.