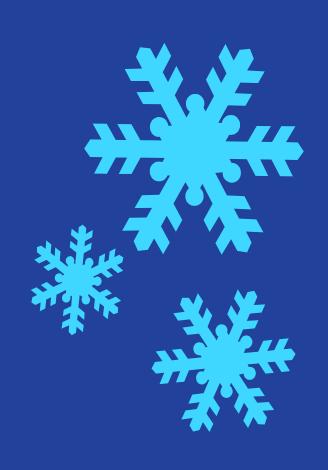


When an autumn leaf lands on Lily's nose her mother tells her that winter is creeping in.

Does winter creep about like a ghost?

Does it roar like a monster?



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When his family left the farm they moved to the mid north of South Australia to a railway town called Peterborough. His older brothers worked on the steam trains. The windows in his house would rattle constantly as the trains rumbled through the rail yards. When Phil left school he worked in



a local garage, in the abattoirs and played sport constantly until he left to attend teachers' college. Phil's interest in writing began with poetry and writing songs. With the beginning of teacher training, Phil was exposed to a great deal of children's literature, particularly picture books. Phil decided to sit down and write one! He mistakenly believed it would not be difficult at all! His work was rejected time and time again but, having the writing bug, he kept on going. He soon learnt that writing for children was a lot harder than he ever imagined. Six or seven years after his first attempts, Phil had a book published.

Goodness Gracious!- illustrated by Craig Smith - was published by Omnibus Books in 1989.

Picture Books

All Together Now (ill Cassandra Allen)

Boom Bah! (ill Nina Rycroft)
Little Twitching (ill Richard Cooper)
Wang Wang and Funi

(ill Shane Devries)

Winter's Blanket (ill Donna Gynell)

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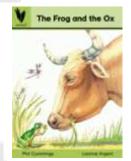
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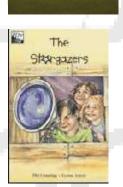
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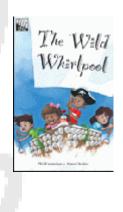
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