

## Rocky Lobstar #1 Rocky to the Rescue

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## Synopsis

Hi! I'm Rocky Lobstar. I'm part-boy, part lobster!

Rocky is the star of Felidi's Fabulous Sideshow Carnival. But the show can't go on without a crowd!

Can Rocky and his friends come up with a plan to save the show? Or is he destined to live in some aquarium's grotty touch pool?

## Author Bio

Rove McManus started his entertainment career as a stand up comedian but has gone on to become Australia's most successful talk show host and one of its biggest producers of entertainment television.

Rove's eponymous television show launched on Nine in 1999 and then re-emerged a year later, kicking off the new millennium on Ten playing host to some of the planet's biggest names with the likes of Cameron Diaz, John Travolta, Drew Barrymore, Matt Damon, The Duchess of York and U2 taking time out to chat with Rove.

Rove Live made Rove a three-time recipient of Australia's most prestigious television award, the oddly named Gold Logie, for Most Popular Personality.

Rove's production company Roving Enterprises has produced several scripted and sports comedy series as well as the ARIA Awards which Rove has hosted three times. Roving is the company behind the iconic daily news program, The Project, which celebrated ten years on air in 2019, In 2018 (and 2019) Rove hosted the film culture quiz, Show Me The Movie for Network Ten as well as piloting his own return to the talk show format with Bring Back Saturday Night which is scheduled to return as a series in 2019. Rove has also managed to squeeze in time to create and host Whovians a talk show for fans of Doctor Who (ABC). In 2019 Rove is returning to his roots as an illustrator creating two new books for kids with Scholastic, a picture book, Disgusting McGrossface, and a series of books for older readers – Rocky Lobstar.



## Curriculum Links

### Science - Biological Sciences: Year One

**ACSSU017** Living things have a variety of external features

### English - Literature: Year One and Year Two

**ACELT1581** Discuss how authors create characters using language and images

**ACELT1582** Discuss characters and events in a range of literary texts and share personal responses to these texts, making connections with students' own experiences

**ACELT1584** Discuss features of plot, character and setting in different types of literature and explore some features of characters in different texts

**ACELT1589** Compare opinions about characters, events and settings in and between texts

**ACELT1591** Discuss the characters and settings of different texts and explore how language is used to present these features in different ways  
describing plots including beginnings (orientation), how the problem (complication) is introduced and solved (resolution), and considering how these features construct meanings

## Themes

Friendship  
Humour  
Teamwork

## Pets/Animals

Ask who in the class has a pet.

List the kinds of animals they have as pets.

Rocky has an unusual pet.

He has a Sea Pig. As he says, this is a real animal.

Have a look at the links below to find out more about sea pigs

<https://www.australiangeographic.com.au/blogs/creatura-blog/2017/10/sea-pigs-are-the-aliens-of-the-sea/>

<https://www.wired.com/2014/06/the-creature-feature-10-fun-facts-about-sea-pigs/>

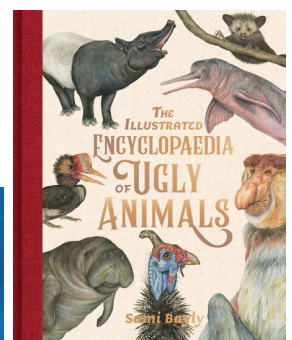
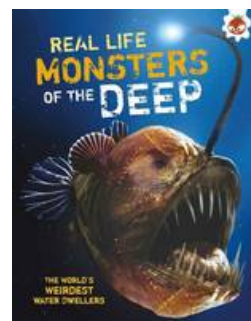
### Sea Pig



(Image Credit: Oregon State University)

There are lots of weird and wonderful creatures in the world.

- Research weird and wonderful creatures and find one you would like to have as a pet.
- Use the Fact File template to draw your creature, labelling body parts, and list three interesting facts to share with the class.





## Discussion Questions - English

Rocky Lobstar is part Boy part Lobster

If you could choose to be part human/ part animal, what animal would you choose and why?

Draw your creation with labels just like Rocky on page 1 (Activity sheet attached)

## Preferences/Opinions

Rocky Lobstar is a highly illustrated novel.

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

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

Examples:

- Bad Guys - Aaron Blabey
- Ella Diaries - Meredith Costain
- 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 story?

List:

Reasons for liking.

Reasons for not liking

What is the overall opinion in your class?

## Plot development

Identify the following aspects of the plot in relation to this book

- Beginning (orientation)

Main character introduced.

Setting is described.

Other characters are introduced.

- How the problem (complication) is introduced

Rocky performs to an audience of one.

The carnival is struggling to make ends meet, if they don't get more money in they will have to close

- How the problem is solved (resolution)

All of the friends get together to work on a plan.

They try many business saving plans, that don't quite work.

Eventually they decide to create excitement with a funny video they'll publish online...to encourage visitors to the show.

## Your turn

Using the character you created above, write your own story.

Using the plot outline (at the end of these notes) to get you started.

Make notes on the :

- Orientation
- Complication
- Resolution

Then use these notes to write a more detailed story.



# FACT FILE

## 3 FACTS

1.

2.

3.



**My name is:**

**I am part human and part:**

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# Plot Outline



Beginning - Orientation

Introduce a problem - Complication

At the end - Resolution