

Matt Cosgrove

Author/Illustrator



PUBLICATIONS

Macca the Alpaca Series:

Macca the Alpaca

Alpacas With Maracas

Macca's Christmas Crackers

A Stack of Alpacas

Macca's Makeover

Macca and AI, Super Pals

Macca the Backpacker

Alpaca Picnic Panic

Dharma the Llama

Llamas in Pyjamas

Worst Week Ever Series

(co-authored with Eva Amores)

WWE: MONDAY

WWE: TUESDAY

WWE: WEDNESDAY

WWE: THURSDAY

Epic Fail Tales Series:

Snow Man and the Seven Ninjas

Attack of the Giant Robot Zombie Mermaid

Little Stunt Riding Hood

My Dad is a Robot

Thanks, Mum!

Celeste the Giraffe Loves to Laugh

(illustrator, written by Celeste Barber)

Matt Cosgrove was born and grew up in the Western Suburbs of Sydney, Australia. As a child, his love for literature was sparked by the brilliance, and naughtiness, of Roald Dahl and Raymond Briggs. And if he didn't have a book in his hand, he had a pencil, practicing drawing. While other kids played with their Masters of the Universe figurines, Matt posed them in scenes and then sketched them.

Matt later went on and studied a Bachelor of Design in Visual Communication at university and majored in illustration. His passion for the interplay between prose and pictures has seen some slight detours in his career path—including Creative Director at Australia's number one fashion magazine *marie claire*, Lecturer in Comic Art at the University of Western Sydney, and a tragically short-lived stint as one of the guys who drew the animations for the television show, *Burgo's CatchPhrase!*

Over the course of 30 years in publishing Matt has collaborated on, illustrated and written many books including his million-plus best-selling picture book series, *Macca the Alpaca*, *Dharma the Llama* and the *Epic Fail Tales* series. In 2019, *Alpacas With Maracas* was chosen as the official book for National Simultaneous Storytime, with over 1 million children across Australia and New Zealand reading together at the same time. Matt is currently a proud ambassador for the MS Readathon.

Matt keeps a notebook and pen handy at all times so he can jot down anything that pops into his head. It might be words or a book title or a storyline or a character. Sometimes it ends up being nothing and sometimes it blossoms into a whole book. Matt lives in Sydney with his two children and his wife, Eva Amores, who is also the co-author of his new hit book series *Worst Week Ever*, which is set to be translated and released in over 25 territories around the world!

REVIEWS

Review for *Macca the Alpaca*:

"The illustrations in this picture book are comical but endearing, especially the cover, and the rhyming text is ideal for reading aloud."

Lynne Babbage, Reading Time, CBCA

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