

The Wibbly Wobbly Washing Machine



About the Author



Talia Evered is a local children's picture book author who began her career as a kindergarten teacher. Though teaching gave her a lot of writing experience, she says she stumbled upon a talent for telling imaginative children's stories in a writing class with Jenny Hessel at Wintec, giving her the encouragement and motivation to self-publish her first book, *I Wonder What I Can Wonder in My Wardrobe*, in 2009. From then the stories began to flow, with the subsequent publication of *Imagine a Magic Doorway* (2011) and *The Wibbly Wobbly Washing Machine* (2013). Talia's writing is fun, quirky and a little wacky, with stories that take children on an imaginative journey through everyday items. Since becoming an author, Talia has performed a guest reading at The Hamilton Gardens Summer Festival. She also holds storytelling sessions in early childhood centres and schools throughout the Waikato, and runs creative writing workshops in schools.

"There's a wibbly wobbly washing machine of wibbly wobbly dreams, this wibbly wobbly washing machine is not what it seems. It wobbles and wobbles and washes, and wobbles and wobbles and dries, but when it wobbles and wobbles you get a funny surprise."

As you read through this wacky story you are taken on a journey through the colours of the rainbow and introduced to many funny characters.

There are animals taking a swim, punks and rockstars, a sweet old Granny and some yellow Yak Yaks. Suzie and her pal Murphy watch as the colours, characters, and other weird things spin through the machine to be cleaned like new. When the machine cycle ends, they go and sort out their clothes and discover Suzie's special teddy Pink Elly. A colourful and fun story inside a wacky washing machine.

About the Illustrator



Born in Guisborough, England he moved to New Zealand at the age of seven. Early on Scott showed an interest in art, doing doodles and comic art through primary and high school. He was always encouraged by his family, peers and teachers. Scott then completed a Bachelor of Media Arts where he did illustration and computer based graphic design. Scott did a few design jobs before meeting his wife, who had very similar interests and they started doing freelance at home. Now they have four daughters to keep them occupied along with a busy at-home business.

Bibliography

- I Wonder What I can Wonder in My Wardrobe*, published Dec. 2009 by Talia Nelson.
Imagine a Magic Doorway, published June 2011 by Talia Evered.
The Wibbly Wobbly Washing Machine, published Nov. 2013 by Talia Evered.

Classroom Activities

LANGUAGE

- Write your own story about what might be in your wibbly wobbly washing machine.
- Pick out the words that rhyme together in *The Wibbly Wobbly Washing Machine* and write them all down. E.g. dreams/seems, dries/surprise.
- Find two examples of alliteration in *The Wibbly Wobbly Washing Machine*.
- The wibbly wobbly washing machine covers many different colours from the rainbow. Can you think of any items that could match each colour? E.g. yellow/banana.

READING

- Read *The Wibbly Wobbly Washing Machine* story out loud with a group include some sound effects that might match the images and story.
- Read *The Wibbly Wobbly Washing Machine* as a group reading a page each. Use expression and different tones of your voice to make the story interesting.
- What three animals are in the washing machine that is coloured pink?

HEALTH

- What items in the story can you find that would usually get cleaned in a washing machine?
- Washing machines help clean our clothes, what products help clean our bodies?

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- What cleans what? Can you match them?
 Hair Shampoo/conditioner Cleans hair
 Hair Clothes Hands Face
 Dishes Body Floor
 Toilet Dishwasher Teeth Windows
 Car Shoes Nails

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Write down all the things you might find in your family's washing machine.
- The Wibbly Wobbly Washing Machine* is dedicated to my special Dad. Do you have someone special to you that means a lot? Draw a picture of them and write about why they are special to you.
- Name all the different types of people in *The Wibbly Wobbly Washing Machine*.

VISUAL ARTS

- What colours feature in the washing machine? List them in order of appearance.
- Design your own wibbly wobbly washing machine and decorate it with recycled materials. Get extra creative and make it 3D.
- Make your own colourful rainbow by using only primary colours. Can you mix the paint correctly to make all the colours in this book?
- Draw a washing machine and cut out pictures from magazines of things that might be found in a wacky washing machine.

ANSWERS

- DREAMS/SEEMS, DRIES/SURPRISE, BLUE/TOO, GREEN/MACHINE, SWEET/FEET, ASKEW/STEW, ALONG/SONG, LINE/NUMBER
- TOO/NEW, NIGHT/KITE, THERE/DARE, BITS/SITS.
- WIBBLY WOBBLY WASHING and YELLOW YAK YAKS
- PUKEKO, POSSUM and PARROTS.
- SHOES, UNDERWEAR, CLOTHES, TOWELS, SHEETS.
- SOAP, BODY WASH, HAND WASH, HAND SANITISER, SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, HAND WIPES
- Hair - SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER. Clothes - WASHING POWDER. Hands - HAND WASH/SOAP. Face - FACE WASH/SOAP. Dishes - DETERGENT. Body - BODY WASH/ SOAP. Floor - FLOOR CLEANER. Toilet - TOILET CLEANER. Dishwasher - DISH WASHING POWDER/ DETERGENT. Teeth - TOOTHPASTE/MOUTH WASH. Windows - WINDOW CLEANER. Car - CAR CLEANER. Shoes - SHOE POLISH Nails - NAIL POLISH REMOVER.
- A GIRL, A BOY, PUNKS, ROCKSTARS, A GRANNY, GNOMES
- BLUE, GREEN, YELLOW, ORANGE, RED, PINK, WHITE, BLACK, RAINBOW