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Seven Inspired Tales

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Introduction

In 2018, Achieve Australia delivered a new literacy program, known as Positive Partners, to support people with intellectual disability in building their knowledge of reading and writing and to help further develop their everyday life skills.

Together with the support of corporate volunteers from PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia (PwC), the Positive Partners Program was developed to build on text, word, grammatical and visual knowledge through a series of interactive sessions.

To kick start the first 8-week program, corporate volunteers from PwC were matched with a participant who had similar skills, hobbies and interests to themselves to help establish a connection and build a relationship. It was also a great opportunity for participants to create new social networks through mentoring and help improve verbal and non-verbal communication skills.

Sessions were held at Sydney's Customs House Library, Achieve Australia's Araluen site, and at PwC's Barangaroo offices, presenting the chance to experience what it is like to work in different settings and in a corporate environment.

Sessions in part one were based around how literacy can be applied in everyday life settings such as when reading and ordering from a menu, following a set of instructions to make a recipe, and understanding a travel timetable to get from 'a to b'. Participants also studied the wide variety of texts that are available from newspapers and magazines to

poetry, books and short stories.

By exploring a variety of sentence structures, sequences and word groupings, participants were now building their literacy skills to recognise the deeper meaning of certain texts and how to problem solve through visual, word and sound cues.

At the completion of the 8-week program, participants were then ready to step into a new phase of learning and discovery.

Part two of the Positive Partners Program commenced in February 2019 and, across four interactive sessions, was designed to build on the previous learnings. Seven participants took part in the next stage of the program to learn about the art of creative writing and create and edit their own short story.

In collaboration with their PwC mentors, participants explored the different elements that come together to help create a short story, including building character profiles, setting the scene, and exploring problems and solutions to major events.

The result from this modern literacy program is a collection of short stories and original artworks from people with disability who are pursuing their passions and fulfilling their dreams, each and every day.

We hope you enjoy these seven inspired tales.



Illustrations by Alex Dawe



Spiderman and His Friends *by* *Alex Dawe*

Once upon a time, in the beautiful town of Hornsby, lived the one and only Spiderman. Spiderman loved living in Hornsby as he was close to his two great friends, Kate and Julia. The three of them would frequently make plans to meet and hangout with each other as they were the best of friends.

One lovely summer's day, the three friends met up for lunch with Kate suggesting to Spiderman and Julia, "Let's organise to meet at the park tomorrow as it is meant to be a nice day!" Happy to see his friends again, Spiderman replied, "That sounds like a great plan Kate!" Julia also agreed, "Yes Kate, that's a great idea."

That following day, Spiderman looked out the window and noticed that it was very hot and sunny. Thinking that they would all get too hot at the park, Spiderman suggested to Kate and Julia, "Maybe we can go to the beach to swim instead?" Kate and Julia thought that was a good idea but were also worried that there would be no shade at the beach and they would get

burnt. Thinking about where else they could go, Spiderman said, "Lets go to the beach when it is less hot and go to the swimming pool instead as there will be shade there." Happily, both Kate and Julia responded at the same time, "What a great idea! Let's go to the pool and have a fun day in the water together."

After lunch, the friends arrived at the swimming pool very excited to go for a swim. They each showed off their swimming costumes to each other; Kate was wearing her pink swimming costume, Julia's swimming costume was bright yellow while Spiderman was wearing his blue and red swimming costume.

Although the pool was very busy with lots of people and kids, that didn't stop the friends from enjoying their time together.

After finding an area to put their things down, Kate, Julia and Spiderman decide to play a game of water polo since it is their favourite sport. Searching for an area in the pool to play, they realise that the pool is very busy and that the shallow end is full of parents with their kids. Although Kate can't stand in the deep end, as she

is shorter than Julia and Spiderman, the three of them decide to play water polo in the deep end as it is the only free area within the whole pool!

For the next 20 minutes, the three friends played water polo with Spiderman playing the goal keeper and Kate and Julia playing the attackers. Playing a game of water polo for 20 minutes was very tiring for Kate because she could not stand in the deep end and so she had to keep paddling to stay afloat, which made her even more tired!

Feeling more and more exhausted from all the paddling, Kate began to struggle to stay afloat. Seeing this, Julia shouts to Spiderman to tell him to help Kate. “Help!” Julia screams to Spiderman. “Kate is drowning and is struggling in the deep end, we need your help!”

Being the one and only Spiderman, who is very strong and fast, he quickly swims to the side of the pool to grab a board for Kate to hold onto while Julia finds the lifeguard. Kate manages to hang on to the board



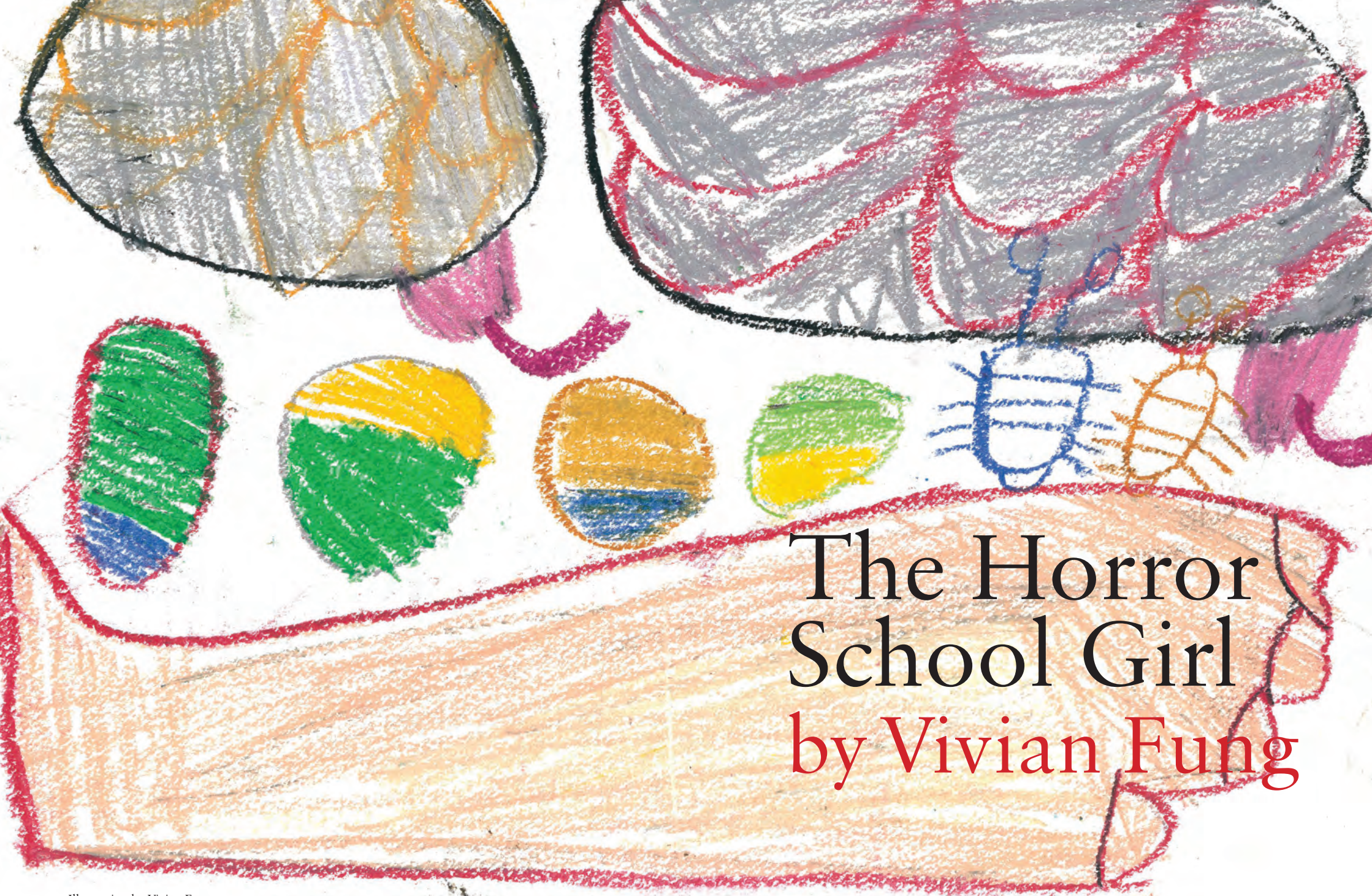
until the lifeguard jumps into the pool and pulls Kate, who is holding onto the board for safety. Frightened and upset after nearly drowning, Kate thanks Spiderman and Julia for their quick thinking and says an extra big thank you to the lifeguard for saving her life!

To calm their nerves, the three friends have some ice cream on the side of the pool. Lucky for them, the ice cream man had all of their favourite ice cream flavours - chocolate ice cream for Kate, strawberry ice cream for Julia and vanilla ice cream for Spiderman.

While enjoying their ice creams, Spiderman, Kate and Julia decide that it is enough swimming for one day and spend the rest of the afternoon lying in the sun while telling jokes and being grateful of the amazing friendship that they have.

The End





The Horror
School Girl
by Vivian Fung

One day, there was a little zombie girl called Ruby, who lived in a spooky hotel in the mountains. Her favourite thing to do was eat brains, arms, legs and any other ugly human bodies, which was usually cooked by her friend Victor the Vampire Chef.

On a cold winter's day, Ruby got very hungry as she hadn't eaten yet, and so called on Victor the Vampire Chef to cook her some juicy, mouth watering brain and toe soup. Victor was excited to cook this for Ruby as he also hadn't eaten that day and wanted to eat some brain and toe soup too.

Victor the chef started writing a list of ingredients he needed to make the brain and toe soup.

Ingredients:

- 2 fat adult lazy brains
- 6 smelly toes
- 1 litre of frog broth
- 10 cockroach eyes
- 3 cups of sewage water
- A handsome man's arms

As Victor gathered his ingredients, he realised that some of those ingredients were missing from his list. Victor managed to gather nearly all of the ingredients, except for two fat adult lazy brains, six toes and a handsome man's arms.

“Where am I going to get the rest of these ingredients?” Victor the Vampire Chef thought out loud.

“Why don't you go to the Dead Zombie Butcher shop? It is only 3pm and the store closes at midnight,” suggested Ruby.

“Alright then, I'll grab my shopping bags and go to the Dead Zombie Butcher shop – thanks Ruby,” Victor the Vampire Chef said.

“I can't wait for your return, so you can start cooking! I'm very hungry,” Ruby said.

Ruby called a snake taxi service to pick Victor the Vampire Chef, “You'll get there in no time, slithering through the forest, up the hills and down the mountain to the Dead Zombie Butcher shop,” Ruby yelled.

“Wooooohooooooooooooooooo!!!!” And off went Victor in the snake taxi service.

Soon enough, Victor arrived at the Dead Zombie

Butcher shop. “We are finally here!” Victor said excitedly to the snake taxi service. “Can you wait here while I go and buy what I need, I shouldn’t be too long!” Victor said. “No problem,” replied the snake.

As Victor entered the Dead Zombie Butcher shop, he was greeted by a strange looking witch. “What are you after, my dear? We have everything and anything strange here at the Dead Zombie Butcher Shop,” said the witch. “Oh yes, I can see you do have everything! May I have two fat adult lazy brains, six toes and a handsome man’s arms?” asked Victor the Vampire Chef.

The strange looking witch got all the ingredients ready for Victor to take back to Ruby, who was waiting in the spooky hotel. “There you go Sir, all ready for you!” said the witch. “Thank you so much,” replied Victor, and off he went home with the snake taxi service. Up the mountain, down the hills and through the forest to Ruby’s spooky hotel.

Ding! Dong! Sounded the doorbell. Victor could hear little footsteps running down a long set of stairs, “You’re here!!” yelled Ruby with delight!

“Great! I’m very hungry,” Ruby said while her tummy rumbled loudly. “I’ll start getting the soup ready now,” Victor responded.

Victor got straight to it, adding all the ingredients to his large black cooking pot.

“Dinner is served!” Victor the Vampire Chef yelled.

Tip-toe! Tip-toe! Ruby’s foot steps sounded as she quickly walked past the corridor to the kitchen and sat at the dining table. “I’m ready to eat! It looks and smells delicious Victor, well done! Come and join me,” Ruby said. “Thank you,” replied Victor the Vampire Chef.

Ruby and Victor enjoyed their delicious toe and brain soup with delight! Ruby’s tummy was finally satisfied.

The End



Action Hero by Ben Lin



Illustrations by Alex Roustan

Hero was a king, a new age king of the 21st century. His father was a king and so was his father's father and for many generations before that! Kings back then were heroes in their time as they were very good at protecting their castles and surrounding village people from harm.

Hero wasn't happy as a king of the 21st century. He didn't go into battle to protect his castle and surrounding village people, he didn't use a bow and arrow, darts or an axe, and he didn't even use a sword!

"What type of king am I?" Hero didn't know who he was and wasn't very happy at all! Hero felt useless.

One day, while Hero was sitting and eating his dinner in the dining room in his tall castle in the valley forest, a scary thunderstorm struck with evil people falling down from the dark sky. Hero was very scared.

Quickly, Hero ran up to the tallest tower in his castle to have a better look at what was happening. Because there was a lot of wind,

rain and hail, Hero couldn't see what was going on from up above in his tallest tower and so he decided to go down the stairs and face the dangerous and scary situation like the kings of kings before him.

Hero didn't have any bows and arrows, darts or an axe, he didn't even have a sword! Wondering what to do and how he would protect himself, Hero then remembered that for his last Christmas, he was given a special silver powered vest that came alive when using AAA batteries! "This is it! This is my time to show the world I am a true king! I am going to face my fears by facing these evil people, using my powered silver vest!" He said.

First, Hero found some used AAA batteries in his dining room, which he plugged into the vest and as soon as he put on the silver powered vest, it came alive.

It is time!

Hero walked down the stairs and as he opened the two large metal doors, he could see the evil people walking towards him like zombies from a scary movie. "STOP! YOU NEED TO LEAVE RIGHT NOW!" Hero said to the evil zombies.

Pressing buttons on his silver powered vest, the king created noise and flashing lights to scare the zombies. The zombies started to run away when Hero pointed the vest lights at them as they hated loud noises and explosions. “The evil people hate the noise and are leaving! Hooray!!!”

Tired from the battle, Hero began to take his silver vest off and when he did, he noticed a tag that read ‘NINTENDO’. The vest didn’t have any special powers at all; the vest was only meant to be used for Nintendo games, he realised.

Hero felt so proud of himself. “I feel like a true king; just like my father and my father’s father and all the many generations before that!” He thought.

From then on, Hero never compared himself to other kings, he knew he was brave and would do anything to protect his kingdom.



The End





The Purple Elephant by Robyn Sherwood

Illustration by Susan Sherwood

Deep in the jungle beneath the crowded green trees, lived an elephant; named Elephant. Elephant was very special as he was purple in colour, and much older and taller than others in the jungle. He was very popular among the other animals and everyone wanted to play with him. Elephant enjoyed spending time with his friends too, especially his best friends Owl the owl, Zebra the zebra, Giraffe the giraffe and Pig the pig. Most of their days were spent playing in the grass, eating and going for long walks together.



Illustration by Susan Sherwood

Elephant sometimes found that his older age made it harder to play for as long as his friends because he was always so sleepy and lazy.

One day after the sun went down, the night turned cold and dry. Elephant and his friend Zebra the zebra had been running around in circles and playing in the grass for many hours, when



Illustration by Samantha Stibbard

they noticed the sky had turned dark and the moon was shining large and bright. Elephant suddenly became very tired, lazy and thirsty. He wanted to just lay down in the grass and sleep through the night. He was exhausted. However, Zebra did not want to rest, he wanted to keep playing. Another of Elephant's friends, Giraffe the giraffe, came out of the trees and was excited to see Elephant. He wanted to join the fun and play, but could see that Elephant was sleepy and lazing around.

“Get up lazy elephant, we want to play,” said Giraffe.

“Get up and play with us”, said Zebra.

Elephant the elephant was too tired and lazy to move.

As Giraffe and Zebra tried their hardest to get Elephant to play, clouds quickly appeared in the sky and started to rain cold water. Giraffe and Zebra had an idea, if they could get Elephant to drink some water



Illustration by Susan Sherwood

he might feel like getting up and playing again. Giraffe shouted loudly, “It is raining Elephant, wake up and drink some water so you can play!” Elephant opened one eye and slowly stuck out his tongue to drink as much water as he could. In a short time, Elephant began to wake up.

Zebra and Giraffe watched Elephant closely with excitement, waiting for him to get up and play. Elephant slowly stood up and with one big breath let out a large trumpet sound. Zebra and Giraffe jumped and cheered with joy. Elephant was full of energy, excited and ready to play with his friends, Zebra and Giraffe, once again. The animals had so much fun, rolling and laughing

in the mud. Elephant’s friend, Pig the pig, loved to play in the mud so they all called out to him to join them in play. The animals, all covered in mud, played in the rain for many hours until the next morning when the sun came out.

The End





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Zoey and Dave the Cat by Paton Su

Once upon a time, there was a friendly and nice girl called Zoey. Zoey had a lot of friends because she was so nice and played chess every afternoon with her favourite friend, Henry the postman, after his shift. Henry was very good at chess, but Zoey was even better and always won!

Zoey lived in a three-floor house with Bonko the clown and Dave the cat, and every evening they ate dinner together with Zoey cooking her favourite meals for them. Zoey loved her house because it was so spacious; Zoey lived on the top floor of her house, Bonko the clown lived on the middle floor and Dave the cat lived on the bottom floor. In Zoey's spare time, she liked to watch the news to find out what is going on in the world. She also liked to go shopping and buy food from the supermarket like pasta and bread rolls.

Zoey worked at a busy restaurant in a nature park surrounded by birds and animals. Zoey liked the restaurant because the walls were covered in photos of all her friends with a jukebox in the corner that played all of her

favourite music. Zoey also made sure that the restaurant was filled with flowers, one for each table.

One cloudy and stormy day, Zoey was preparing pineapple cupcakes when she noticed that Dave the cat was missing. Dave normally sat with her as he liked to watch her cook but he wasn't there this time! Zoey thought that the loud thunderstorm that was making a lot of noise outside had scared him off and was worried he might get wet and cold.

Worried for the safety of her cat, Zoey printed off some lost cat posters, grabbed her green umbrella and lucky yellow gumboots and ventured out into the thunderstorm to find Dave the cat. Zoey walked around the neighbourhood looking for Dave while putting up the lost cat posters. Zoey even went to her home to see if Dave the cat was somewhere on the bottom floor of the house hiding because of the storm, but only Bonko the clown was there.

Wanting to help, Bonko asks, "Have you tried the local park? I see lots of cats hiding there when we have thunderstorms!"

“No, I haven’t, but I will go there now,” yells Zoey as she runs out the door.

Zoey searched all over the local park, up in the windswept trees and all around the large slippery playground, but still could not find Dave the cat. At the very end of the park, Zoey noticed a bench that she hadn’t looked under and so hoping to find Dave, rushed over there yelling for her cat. Arriving out of breath, Zoey looked under the bench and found her cat drenched and huddled up scared.

“There you are Dave, I have been looking all over for you! You can’t run off in the thunderstorm, its not safe for a little cat like you!” says Zoey in relief.

Happy to see Zoey, Dave jumped into her arms and stayed put while she started to walk home. On her way back, Zoey stopped off at a pet store to buy a squeaky toy for Dave to calm his nerves. Once home, they both dry off and Dave spends hours playing with his new toy.

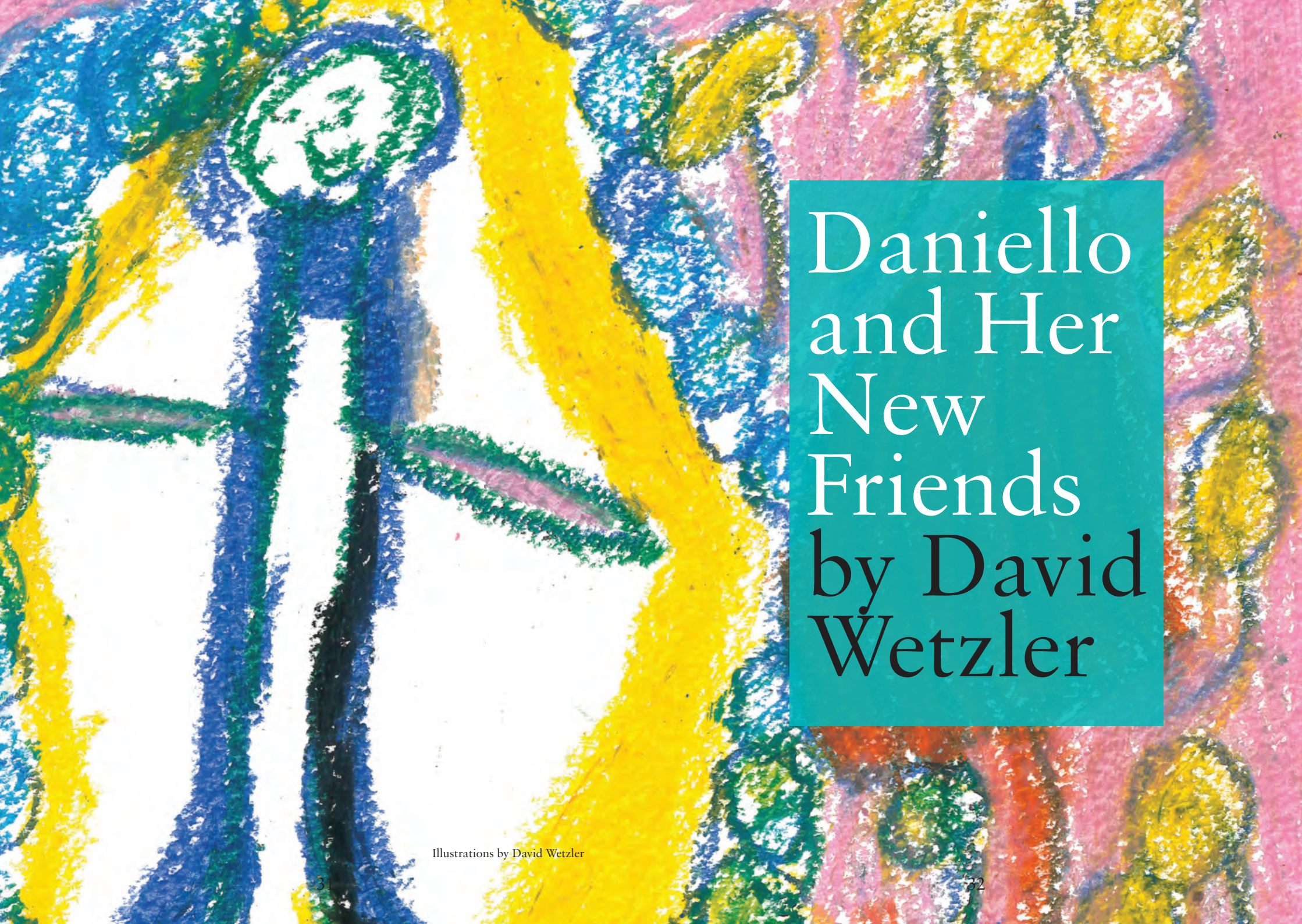
While Dave is enjoying his new toy, Zoey decided to talk to Bonko the clown on the middle floor about a plant and flower festival. Excited to go, Zoey invited him to go with her

the following day so that they could buy lots of pretty flowers for all three floors of the house.

That following day they buy so many flowers that they put the rest in Zoey’s restaurant, making it smell lovely.

The End





Daniello and Her New Friends by David Wetzler

Illustrations by David Wetzler

Once upon time, there was a beautiful girl named Daniello who lived in a big, extravagant castle, deep in the desert. Daniello had nice blue eyes and thick, long, black hair. Daniello liked many things, but most of all she really enjoyed scaring people for no particular reason as well as eating her favourite food, pizza.

Living in a big, extravagant castle was fun, except that Daniello always felt lonely as her parents were always busy working and she had no brothers or sisters to play with or help her scare people.

One lonely evening, while Daniello was trying to find things to do, she decided to go out at night to scare some people. As Daniello was about to step outside she realised it was dark, windy and raining very hard. As Daniello waited for the hard rain and wind to stop, it turned into a big scary thunderstorm! Daniello was very angry, as she still wanted to go out and scare people for no reason, but couldn't find her raincoat or umbrella to take with her so that she wouldn't get wet.

Daniello looked high and low for her raincoat and umbrella but could not find either of them. Then she remembered that her mum used to wear a waterproof jacket whenever there was a thunderstorm.



Sneaking into her mum's wardrobe, Daniello took her mum's waterproof jacket and waited by the front door until the thunderstorm turned back into rain.

Amazingly, the storm did stop and so Daniello went into the desert village for a thrill to scare as many people as possible.

Because it had been storming with very strong winds and rain, there were no people around to scare. As Daniello walked through the village to find people to scare, she ended up feeling very cold and hungry. Although Daniello had her mum's weatherproof jacket on, it did not stop her from feeling the cold, or from getting hungry!

Daniello decided to go into the pizza shop to buy her favourite pizza to get rid of her

hunger. While in the shop, Daniello thought it would be a perfect chance to scare the store owners, since she hadn't scared anyone yet. Just as she thought, the store owners screamed and ran with fear as Daniello scared them away.

Daniello felt so proud and thrilled to see the pizza store owners run away scared, but quickly realised, "Who is going to make my pizza? I'm so hungry and need to eat!" After a long thought, Daniello realised that if she hadn't scared the pizza store owners, she wouldn't be feeling hungry right now!

Then suddenly, Daniello had a great idea, "What if I apologise to the pizza store owners so they can return to the shop and make me a delicious cheesy, pepperoni pizza! What a great idea," she thought to herself.

Daniello ran back outside to find the pizza store owners quivering behind a car, scared to go back to their pizza store. Daniello felt bad for scaring them and after apologising,



asked them if they could make her a pizza as she was so hungry. Luckily the pizza store owners were very friendly and were happy to accept her apology, and so they went back to the pizza store where the owners made a humongous cheesy, pepperoni pizza for all of them to share and enjoy!

Noticing how easy it was to make friends, Daniello decided to never scare people again, but to make friends with everyone instead! After eating the humongous, cheesy, pepperoni pizza and feeling nice and full, Daniello said goodbye to her new friends and headed home where everyone lived happily ever after.

The End





Bluey the
Polar Bear
by Felix
Wong

Once upon a time in a very cold place, lived a very special polar bear whose name was Bluey. Bluey was a happy bear and was popular with many friends. His most special friend was an arctic fox, called Fred. Every day, Bluey played, and played, and played with his friends. Bluey and the other bears would wrestle and roll in the snow, while Fred the fox bounced, jumped and barked around them. At the end of each day when the sun would go down, Bluey and his friends would head to their camp to have a big meal of fish for dinner. When their bellies were full, all of the animals would curl up and sleep, so they could wake up early to play the next day.

One day, Bluey was play-wrestling with one of his friends when he came close to his face. Bluey stared closely at his friends face and noticed that he had different coloured eyes to him. Bluey stood up quickly and looked at all his other friends around him and noticed that their eyes were different too. Bluey's eyes were bright and blue in colour, while all the other polar bears had deep black eyes. Bluey couldn't

understand why he was different to the other bears and this made him feel sad.

“Why do I have blue eyes and you all have dark black eyes? Am I the only one with blue eyes?” asked Bluey to his friends.

“We have not seen anyone other than you with blue eyes,” said Bluey's friends.

Bluey became sadder and sadder until he knew that he had to do something to find out the truth about his eyes. Bluey decided to go on a journey to find his mother Pinky, because she would know why his eyes were blue. His mother was called Pinky because she had pink nose. Pinky lived in Alaska, while Bluey lived at the North Pole. Bluey knew it would be a long journey, but he was sure he would make it. Ready for his journey, Bluey walked to the edge of the iceberg, jumped into the ocean and started swimming towards Alaska.

As Bluey was swimming, dark clouds gathered in the sky, turning into a storm that rained down on him. Although Bluey had been swimming for a long time and was tired, he did not let the storm bother him and so he

kept swimming because he was very strong and brave. After a long day and night of swimming, Bluey reached Alaska. Excited to find his mother, Bluey started asking everyone he met whether they knew his mother Pinky.

One day while walking, Bluey ran into another bear and asked, “Do you know a lady bear named Pinky, she is my mother and I need to find her?”

“I do know Pinky, let me take you to her.”

The very kind bear took Bluey towards a group of trees and there stood his mother, Pinky. Pinky was overjoyed to see her son as she had not seen him since he was a little cub. As soon as Bluey saw Pinky, he noticed her blue eyes and knew why he was different. His mother had them too! This made Bluey so happy to know that he was not the only bear with blue eyes.

Bluey missed his mother a lot and asked her to come home and live with him at the North Pole. Pinky had also missed her son for so long, that she was very happy to say yes. The next morning, both Pinky and Bluey started the long journey home together. The swim was

very hard for Pinky, but Bluey helped her every time she became too tired.

When they reached land at the North Pole,

both Pinky and Bluey walked to the camp where he lived. At the camp, Bluey's friends were waiting to find out what had happened to



Illustration by Samantha Stibbard

him. They ran over and gave Bluey and Pinky big bear hugs to welcome them home. Fred the fox wagged his tail and barked with excitement.

During the weeks that followed, Bluey settled back into life at the North Pole. He spent his days playing with his friends, wrestling in the snow and being happy, while Pinky watched her son play from a distance feeling happy to be a part of a family once again...and they lived happily ever after.

The End



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The Authors

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During the Positive Partners Program, Alex really enjoyed going to the city for the sessions and was inspired to write a happy story. She loves music and singing and is also a member of the signing group The Achieve Wishes. Alex is taking part in a variety of other creative projects as part of Achieve Australia's TAFE Art Program.

Vivian Fung



Vivian enjoys everything to do with zombies and loves to write stories about them. She often shares her creative tales with Achieve staff, her family and friends. As part of the Positive Partners Program, Vivian enjoyed being around all the friendly people who helped out and would love to take part in the program again one day.

Ben Lin



Ben has a great sense of humour and had a lot of fun taking part in the Positive Partners Program. He liked the puzzles and enjoyed writing his story, Action Hero. Ben also enjoys attending the Gardening Program at Achieve Australia.

Robyn Sherwood



Robyn enjoys being creative and liked coming up with story ideas for the book. She also liked being with her friends in the Positive Partners Program and taking part in all the interactive activities. Robyn likes living at Crowle Estate in Ryde and, in her spare time, she enjoys puzzles and watching Home & Away and House Rules.

Paton Su



Paton enjoyed all the activities that were part of the Positive Partners Program. He loves reading and going to Epping library to read books on animals and different topics. Paton also enjoys watching television and has a love of cars. Paton is self-driven, enjoys a challenge and has a positive outlook on new projects.

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Felix Wong



Felix has been attending lifestyle programs at Achieve Australia since 2006. He draws creative inspiration from his love of animals and he was excited to take part in the Positive Partners Program so that he could write some new stories. Felix lives in North West Sydney with his family and also likes gardening and computers.



What does a vampire chef, a blue-eyed polar bear and an action hero have in common? Seven inspired tales, of course.

This contemporary collection of short stories is written by people with disability who took part in the Positive Partners Program at Achieve Australia in 2018-19. Together with the support of PricewaterhouseCoopers Australia (PwC), the program was developed to build on the literacy and everyday life skills of participants through a series of interactive and educational sessions.

So, delve into the world of your imagination as you discover the adventures of a zombie girl called Ruby, Elephant the elephant, water polo with Spiderman, Dave the cat, and Daniello.

These memorable characters and stories are sure to brighten your day, or darken your appetite.

