Description:

Join Hugo and his Hugonauts companions Iggy the Iguana and Boobie the Bird on their animal adventures, exploring the continents of the world and the amazing animals that make these areas their homes.

With clever wordplay, and fun-filled illustrated characters, this series of books with provide an entertaining and educational basis of the world and its animals, with plenty of opportunities for reader involvement; finding Hugo hidden in each scene, exploring a map of the world, and learning some interesting facts about these areas and the animals that frequent them.

Initial series releases:

"Animals of the North Pole" (isbn: 978-1-925103-00-7)
"Animals of the South Pole" (isbn: 978-1-925103-01-4)
"Animals of Australia" (isbn: 978-1-925103-02-1)
"Animals of Africa" (isbn: 978-1-925103-03-8)

Contributors:

Author: Mark Morris
Illustrator: Simon Swingler
Editor: Alice Barker

Selling Points

- Unique in the market place
- 100% recyclable
- $1 donation from each book sold to be contributed to an animal charity
- Lots of child interaction if desired
- Entertaining lovable characters
- Educational aspects
- Great Gift book
- Beautifully illustrated in full colour.
Author - Mark Morris

Mark is passionate about animals and continually amazed by the animal kingdom. Being an adventurer at heart, he loves the great outdoors and everything about it. He grew up on a farm in central Victoria, and has an affinity with both land and sea animals. One of his great passions is scuba, and he has swum with whale sharks, seals, dolphins, sharks, manta rays and tuna, just to name a few.

His inspiration for the Hugonaut series are his four kids, aged between four and 11 years old, including twins. He has both boys and girls and he has been involved in all their stages of early reading. He has found that his children’s most favourite books always involve animals.

Mark’s desire to encourage reading and learning through books led him to develop this series, where storytelling, fun artwork, an emotional attachment and an educational aspect were all important ingredients. He felt that there was a real gap in the marketplace for a series that used fictional characters to bring animal and environment facts to life.

Part of his desire with this series is to also contribute to the conservation and protection of the world’s magnificent creatures and habitats. He has set up a Fund to accept proceeds from the sale of the books that will be directed towards such programs and charities. The books have also been designed to be environmentally friendly, using biodegradable ink and recycled paper.

Illustrator & Designer - Simon Swingler

Though Simon can’t match Mark’s long list of adventures, he shares Mark’s fascination for the creatures we share our planet with. Simon’s curiosity for all things great, blubbery, spiky and small stems from his childhood experiences spent either outside looking under rocks for creepy crawlies or curled up under a blanket engrossed in his much-thumbed set of illustrated encyclopedias. He once found a tortoise buried, but still alive, in his suburban backyard.

Being an Australian, Simon has a particular fondness for the incredible menagerie of native creatures found there. Could there be any more beautiful animal than a platypus, a numbat, a quoll?

Simon has illustrated many books for children, but he believes the Hugonauts, and the messages the series shares with children, will be his most satisfying.