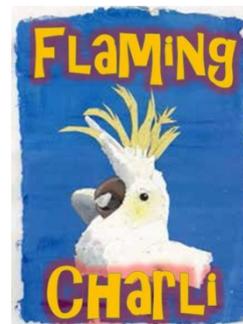


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A little bit of information about *Flaming Charli*

A little bit about the book...

The book is aimed at preschool to Year 2 students and is published by Envirobook. *Flaming Charli* is the culmination of a two-year collaboration between author Ant Wood and illustrator Lorraine Robertson.

A little bit about the story...

The story revolves around Charli, an energetic, Sulphur-crested cockatoo who likes to perform a special trick – the curly wurly Raaaaarrrrrrkkkkk! One morning, while performing her stunt, she sees a bushfire and warns the other forest animals - Charli saves the day!

A little bit about the author - Ant Wood

Ant Wood is the author of *Flaming Charli*. Ant lives near Lake Macquarie and as a stay-at-home parent has spent many hours reading stories to his four children from a range of picture books. Apart from children's books, he also writes short fiction and works of extended prose. He has a Master of Arts in Writing.

A little bit about the illustrator - Lorraine Robertson

Lorraine Robertson is the illustrator of *Flaming Charli*. She has a Ph.D. in Natural History from the University of Newcastle. Lorraine illustrated the D'harawal series of Seasons and Climate Cycles, Climate and Natural Resources and Dreaming Stories. Apart from painting and natural history illustration, she has extensive experience making prints and as a paper maker. Lorraine is a grandmother to two and lives near Lake Macquarie with her husband and beautiful Labrador – Caps.

To illustrate *Flaming Charli*, Lorraine hand-made paper which she tore and compiled into the components of each picture. She then painted the layouts with watercolour to reflect the vivid colours of the native flora and fauna of the bush. The technique Lorraine used gives her illustrations the texture of a collage and a 3D appearance.

Additional Information and Educational Resources are available at:
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