



Speccy-Tacular AFL Stories

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Synopsis:

Lace up your boots, pull on your guernsey and get ready to h the field running with these Brownlow-worthy AFL short stories!

A collection of AFL-themed short stories written by some of Australia's sportiest children's authors, including:

Michael Wagner (*Why I Love Footy* and *Maxx Rumble* series)

Tony Wilson (*The Selwood Boys* series)

Nicole Hayes (*Footy Girl's Guide to the Stars Of 2017* and *The Whole of My World*)

Adrian Beck (*Kick it to Nick* series with Shane Crawford)

Michael Panckridge (*Big Bash League* series)

Sherryl Clark (*Ellyse Perry* series)

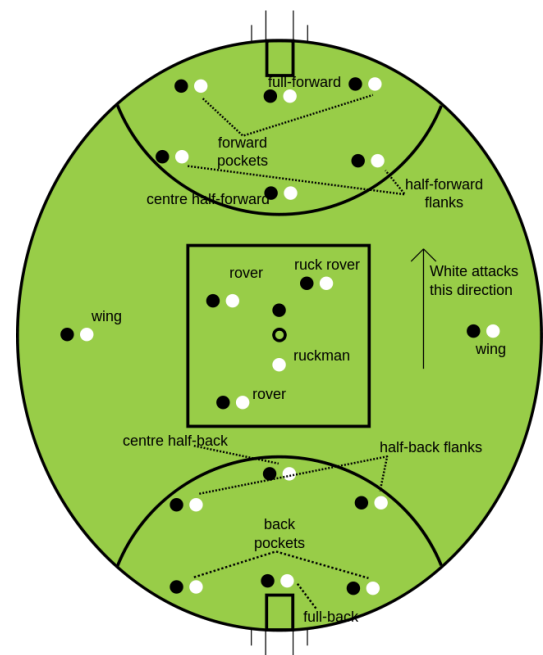
Patrick Loughlin (*Billy Slater, Glenn Maxwell and Football High* series)

Meredith Costain (*Dance Academy* series)

Shivaun Plozza (*Frankie and Tin Heart*)

David Lawrence (*Fox Swift and Ball Stars* series)

George Ivanoff (*You Choose* series)



Curriculum Links English Year 3

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Themes:

Short Stories
Aussie Rules Football
Sport
Team work
Family
Friendship



Reading:

Read some of the stories aloud to the class. Talk about the number of different genres represented in the book. There are club matches, school footy, one is set on another planet and one story has all Australian animals on the teams. They are all different, but they all have one thing in common, and that is football.

Ask students if they have a genre they like to read more than others?

Examples of genres:

Adventure
Action
Realistic fiction
Humorous
Fantasy
Science Fiction

Writing

Look at the structure of a short story. Each story has:

Exposition - background info that sets describes the situation and establishes the setting

Rising Action - characters face or try to solve a problem

Climax - the story reaches a crucial moment

Falling action - explore the consequence if the climax

Resolution - the story's central problem is solved

With this structure in mind ask the students to write their own sporty short story.

Students can choose any sport, and any genre.

Activities:

A printable Footy Find-a-Word can be found on the following page.

Make sure students are familiar with how the find-a-word works, and that words can run in any direction.

Footy Find-A-Word

P R E M I E R S H I P L S O D
G T B D L U A B A P Q T A N S
Z R E O J K R W N C D T I V D
O D A W O O O D D E R H O I O
H K I N W T J K B R E D F F N
Z T O N D U S I A B F O O T Y
K U L V F S V K L J K R A M P
Y O A E P Y T L L B P X Q B A
W C T B E N Z A N I R R E H S
G O C V R J L A N Q J D U G D
P A O E I M F G V D F U O B V
K C Y Q P Z A L J B Y A C A L
F H I K M S E I D V L R A W N
A T Q P U D P X S C A T G U J
R T P G J P N L G U O S N E H

AFL

BEHIND

BOOTS

BROWNLOW

COACH

FOOTY

GOAL

GRANDSTAND

HANDBALL

MARK

OVAL

PREMIERSHIP

SHERRIN

SPECCY

UMPIRE

Footy Find-A-Word

Solutions

P	R	E	M	I	E	R	S	H	I	P	L	S	O	D
G	T	B	D	L	U	A	B	A	P	Q	T	A	N	S
Z	R	E	O	J	K	R	W	N	C	D	T	I	V	D
O	D	A	W	O	O	O	D	D	E	R	H	O	I	O
H	K	I	N	W	T	J	K	B	R	E	D	F	F	N
Z	T	O	N	D	U	S	I	A	B	F	O	O	T	Y
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Y	O	A	E	P	Y	T	L	L	B	P	X	Q	B	A
W	C	T	B	E	N	Z	A	N	I	R	R	E	H	S
G	O	C	V	R	J	L	A	N	Q	J	D	U	G	D
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K	C	Y	Q	P	Z	A	L	J	B	Y	A	C	A	L
F	H	I	K	M	S	E	I	D	V	L	R	A	W	N
A	T	Q	P	U	D	P	X	S	C	A	T	G	U	J
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