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PAPER MAGIC

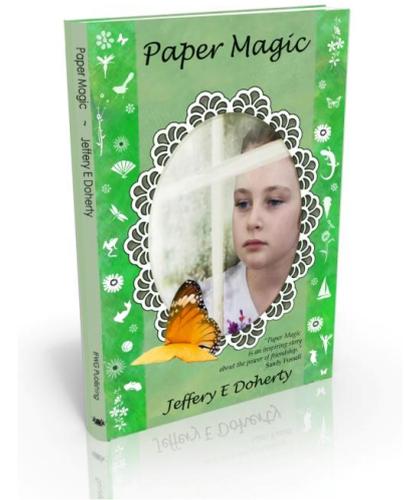
By Jeffery E Doherty

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98 Pages (Illustrated children's book)

Media kits, review copies and interviews available on request.



BOOK LAUNCH

Local author's touching, new children's book.

IFWG Publishing Australia announces the launch of Jeffery E Doherty's children's book, *PAPER MAGIC*. It is a story about finding courage, facing challenges and overcoming self-doubt. It is about the power of friendship and discovering you don't need magic to be worthwhile. *The park calls to Marina. It tugs at a place deep in her chest but the thought of meeting the children who play there sends her into a breathless panic.*

This beautiful story deals with issues of bullying, anxiety and being different, issues increasingly relevant to children of all ages. The story will delight any reader who has ever felt awkward, lonely or anxious.

Jeff is a School Learning Support Officer at Eglinton Public School, NSW, where he supports children with special needs or learning difficulties. In addition, he is a passionate children's writer and award winning local artist.

**The PAPER MAGIC Book Launch will be held at Eglinton Public School on
Saturday the 26th of October, 2013.**

3:00PM

The launch will include activities, entertainment and give-a-ways for every child who attends. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and Jeff will be signing books on the day. Attendees will have a chance to view some of the original illustrations and win a signed and framed limited edition print of an illustration from the book.

For more information about the PAPER MAGIC book launch, a media kit is available for download from the book's website www.papermagicbook.com or contact Gerry Huntman (IFWG Publishing Australia) at gerryhuntman@ifwgpublishing.com (or 0421 739 061)

Jeffery E Doherty – (Bio)

I make up stuff, I'm arty and I'm a bit of a nerd.

I love telling stories. One of those stories starts with "No, when I was in the Wiggles they already had a Jeff so I had to use my middle name..." Whole bunches of kids at the school where I work believe I was once Eddie the Evil Wiggle. Writing stories down for others to read and enjoy is one of the most special thing anyone can hope to do.



Drawing and painting comes a close second. I have been an artist for a long time but I have only recently started doing cover art and children's book illustrations. You might think being an artist and illustrator is basically the same thing but it's not. Illustrating, like writing is all about telling a story. I have been lucky enough to find a publisher who allowed me to create the illustrations and design the cover art for *Paper Magic*. Usually the writer gets very little say in a books artwork.

I love reading books, especially children's books. I'm a Whovian, a Trekkie, I love Star Wars and any other science fiction or fantasy stuff. I dress-up any chance I get, sometimes as a medieval soldier, Scoobie Doo or Doctor Who (the Tom Baker one, mainly because I have a large, somewhat bent Tom Baker-ish nose). I tell really bad Dad jokes and I'm often an embarrassment to my children. I live in Bathurst with my Mad-Cat-Lady wife and seven and a half cats. Unfortunately I have to spend a lot of time pretending to be grown-up so I won't get sacked from my non-writing jobs, where I work with special needs children.

If you would like to know more about me, you can visit my website www.jefferyedoherty.com or the website for my book, *Paper Magic*. www.papermagicbook.com

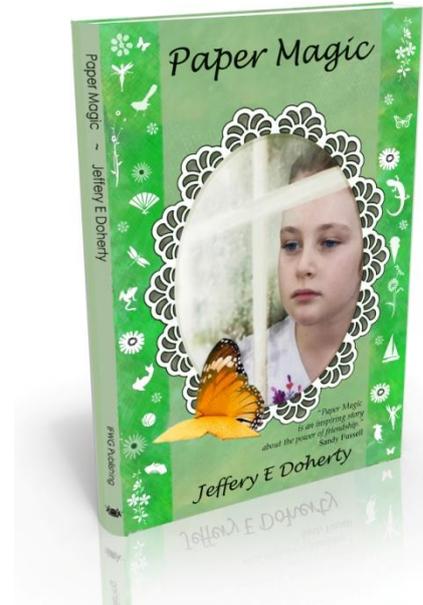
About Paper Magic

Synopsis:

Marina wants to meet the children who play in the park but the thought terrifies her. On the last day of the holidays, before starting at a new school, Nana arrives with a magical gift. Marina discovers she can wish life into the origami figures she creates. Her new found magic gives her the courage to visit the park.

While there, Marina helps out and selflessly shares her magic with the people she meets. She has adventures, fights off a panic attack and meets Toby, Amelia and Sam who teach Marina that she doesn't need magic to be worthwhile.

Bullying, anxiety, being different and not fitting in are issues most children face while growing up. Paper Magic is a great book for at 7-12 year olds, or anyone who has ever felt awkward, lonely or anxious.



What People are Saying about Paper Magic

"You've written a beautiful first book. There is magic in the air, in the origami paper Marina folds and between the pages of this book. Sometimes courage, like Marina's wheelchair, just needs a little push... whether it's a trip to the park or the first day at a new school. Paper Magic is an inspiring story about the power of friendship."

Sandy Fussell (author of Polar Boy, Jaguar Warrior and the Samurai Kids series)

"...It made me feel like I was in your book; watching, smelling tasting, feeling and hearing everything that happened. I loved your book because it was really touching and emotional..."

Courtney Keats (11 years old)

Paper Magic is a delightful, visually rich and original tale about Marina, a wheelchair bound youngster who breathes life into origami shapes she creates. Children from seven to eleven will be delighted by Marina's magical creations, inspired by her courage to face her fears and will find that real magic exists in friendship.

L.J Clarkson (author of The Silver Strand)

Fact Sheet

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