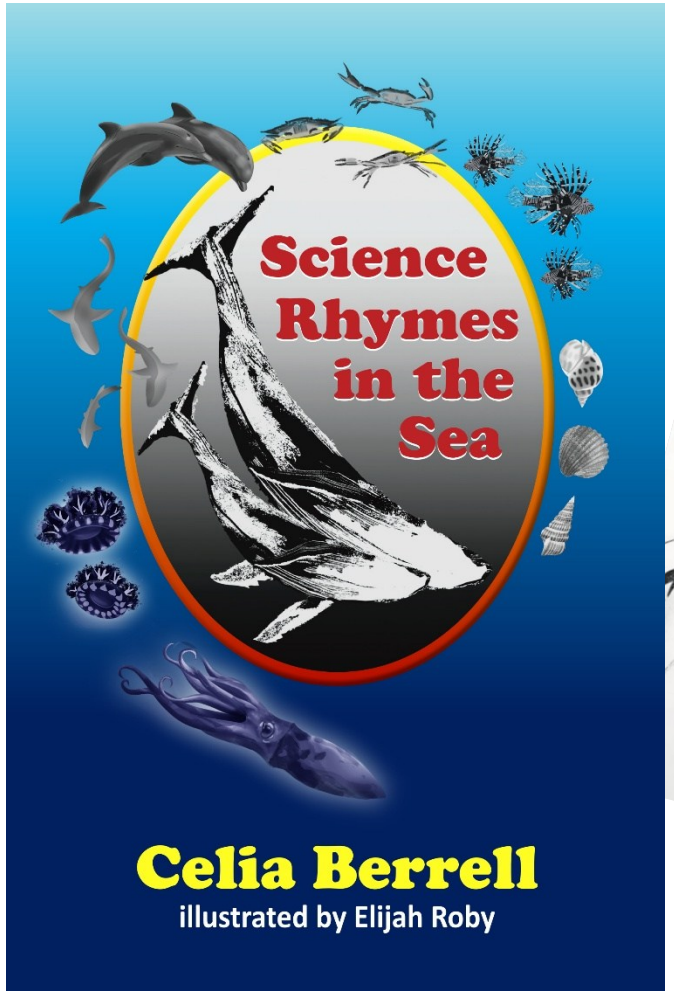
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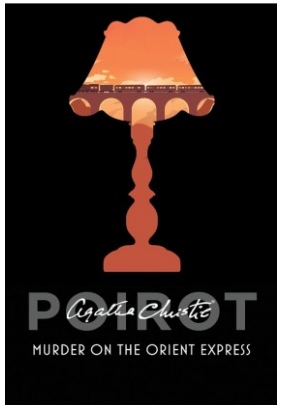


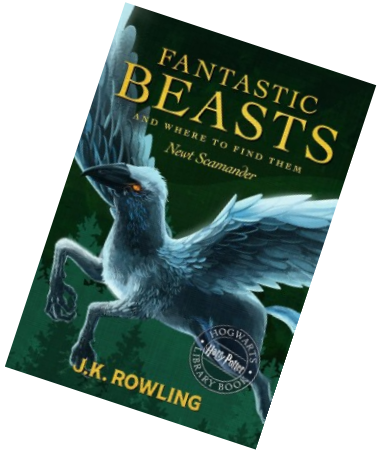
Ideas on being a SUCCESSFUL WRITER

with Celia Berrell

Celia Berrell 2026







We can't all be BESTSELLING AUTHORS!



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DECIDE TO …

- Writing Community
- Create Newsletters & Social Media posts

… BE A WRITER!

Australia—Poems by Celia Berrell, Queensland; Joan Edwards, NSW; Norman Maclucas, South Australia and Beverley Kay, NSW.

Hot

The sun roared heat
on a beat-up ute
by a dried-up creek
out of town.

The furnaced air
is a farewell call
to the small-time plants
without rain.

The glaring light
for the flightless bugs,
like a heartless flare
burns their eyes.

The hissing dust
like a hushed-up cuss
from a pumped-up tyre
going down.

The only shade
from this kiln-crazed heat
is a beat-up ute
out of town.

© Celia Berrell, Qld.

Dawn in Australia

There is nothing so delightful
as on a summer morn
To hear the carolling of the Magpies
as they herald in the dawn
The cheeky Butcher bird shrills out its piping call,
And the coo-cooing of the Pigeons
is heard above them
White clouds like cotton wool scud across the sky
Blowing downy seed balls
from prickly Thistles on h
The brown little Sparrows chirp merrily in the h
And the raucous Noisy Minors
are loudly scolding on a
The golden heads of the Marigold
bob in the bal
While the multi-coloured Roses
give a perfume beyond co
The shy little Violet peeps from under a leaf
And the perky Petunias look spectacular in
The majestic Pelican, its landing perfectly p
Alights on a light pole and settles in a trice
An early stroll by the lakeside
is really quite
The sights and sounds of nature,
rewarding and restful.

© Joan Edwards, NSW

Tapestry

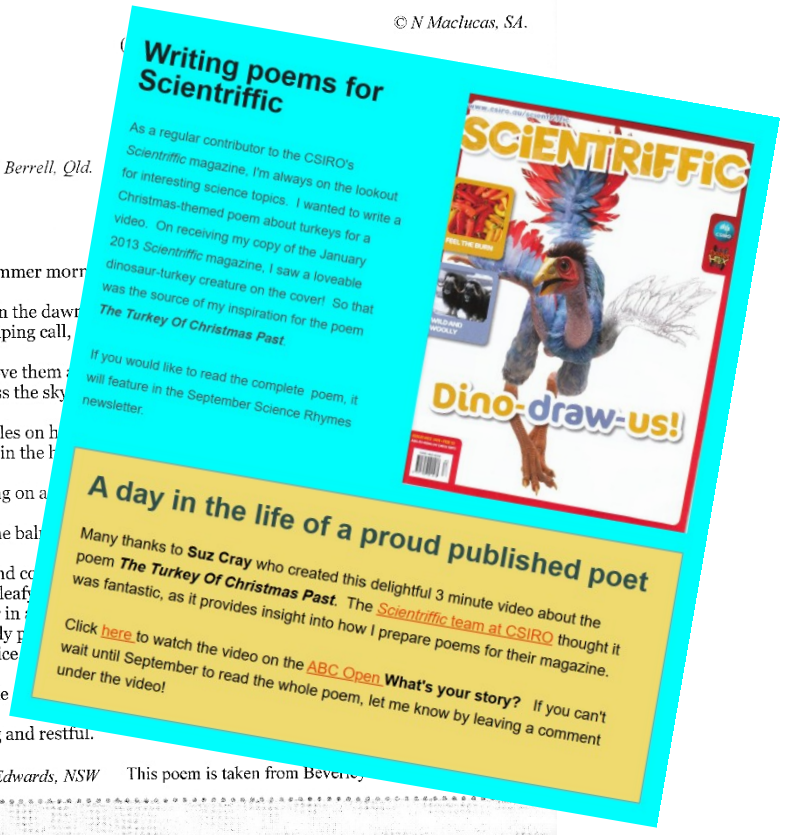
Hills landscapes spread
rich as tapestry,
woven in shades of green,
fringed at edges with gold
from the rising sun.

Bad Season

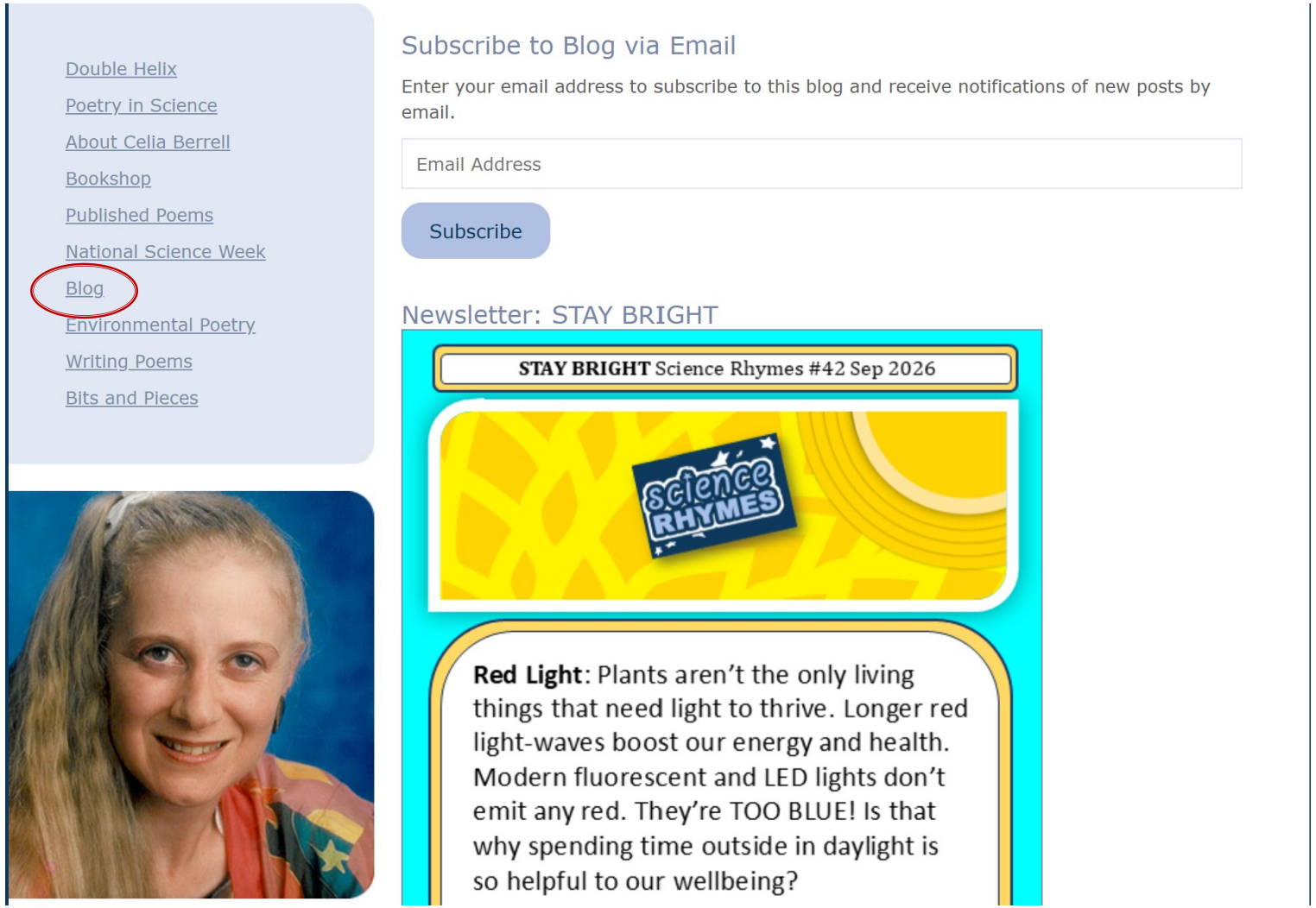
Oranges in unexpected heat
ripen early
age before their time.
Splitting,
Like gaping mouths
Panting for relief.
Bad season for oranges.

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SCIENCE RHYMES NEWSLETTER…

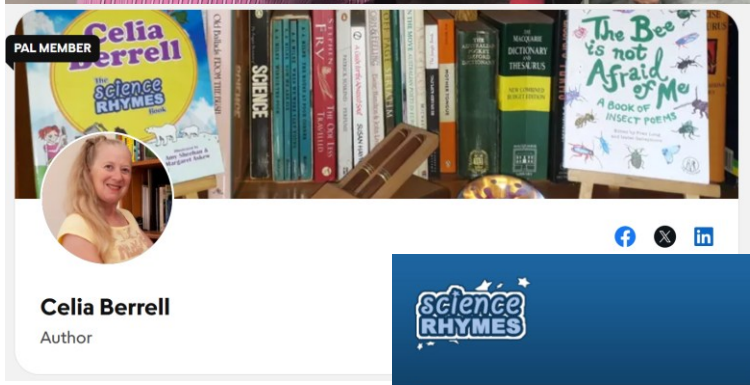


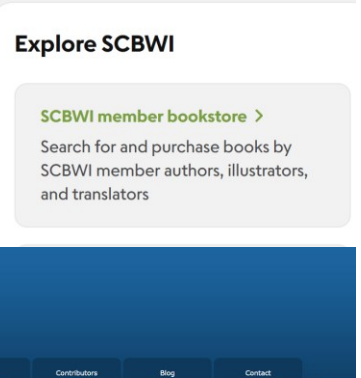
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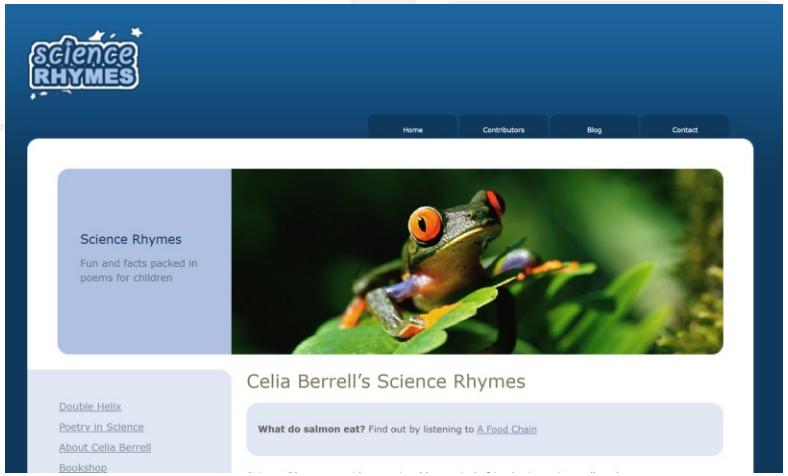
INVEST IN …

- Toastmasters
- Organisations
- Website









… BEING A WRITER!

LOCAL TOASTMASTER CLUBS

1. **WIDE BAY**: 2nd **Wednesday** 6-8.30pm at Hervey Bay RSL
2. HERVEY BAY: 1st & 3rd **Tuesday** 7-9pm at Kawungan School
3. FRASER COAST: 2nd & 4th **Monday** 7-9pm at Kondari
4. WEBLEC ONLINE: 2nd & 4th **Thursday** 7-9pm

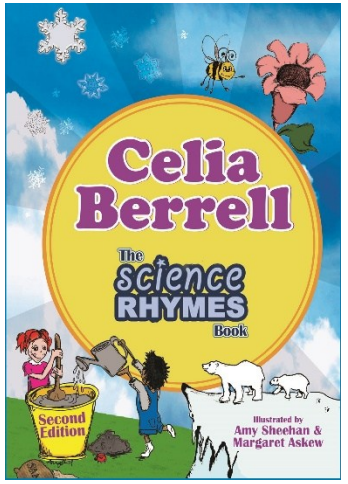


ASK FOR HELP…

- Apply for Funding



- Find your Beta Readers
- Editing buddies
- Workshops / Retreats



in LIBRARY & at WALLY'S

With support from the Regional Arts Development Fund, all poems in The Science Rhymes Book have been checked for their scientific accuracy and educational relevance by James Cook University's Science Educator Dr Clifford Jackson.

There are no poems relating to human reproduction within these collections, so as to avoid any concerns about the age levels of viewers. Links to other websites have been carefully considered.

Queensland Government

BE BRAVE …

- Send out submissions
- Expect rejections
- Get Published
- CELEBRATE!



DK Penguin Random House



CSIRO's *SCIENTRIFFIC* magazine

DO …

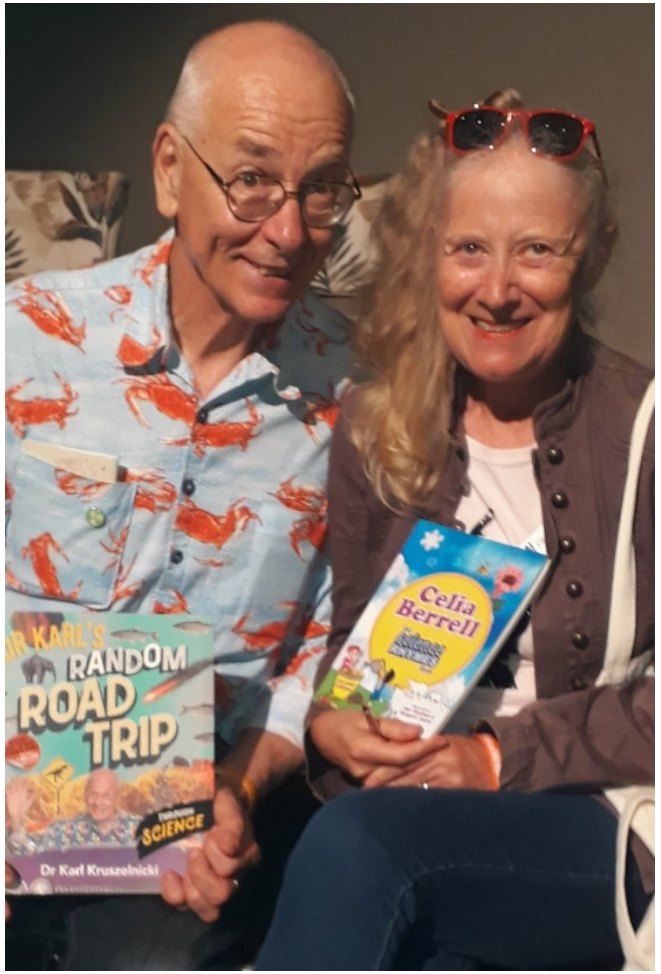
- Interviews
- Blogs
- Podcasts
- Ghost-writing
- Presentations
- School visits
- **Ask for MONEY …**

… TO GO PROFESSIONAL

Experts at Science Rhymes?

Primary School students!





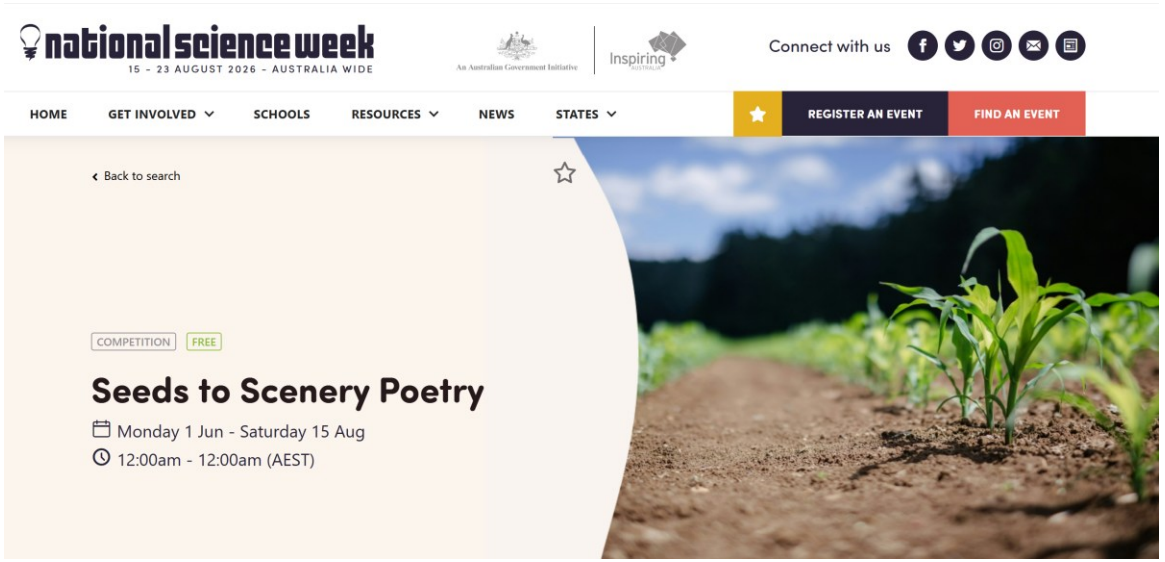
Swapping science books with my hero Dr Karl Kruszelnicki

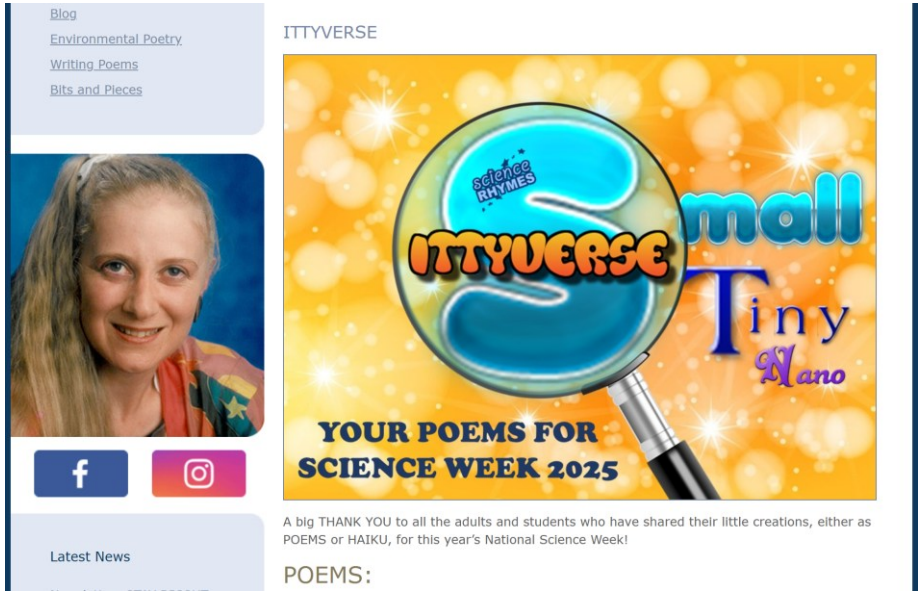
MAKE WAVES …

- National Science Week: annual call for your poems about science.



Students recite their own science poems LIVE ON AIR!





TAKE CHARGE …

- I now co-Host Australian Children's Poetry
- You are ALL invited to submit your poems here!



Home

Australian Children's Poetry

The Australian Children's Poetry blog showcases contemporary poems for children written by Australian poets.

We accept unsolicited poetry submissions in response to our monthly Poetry Prompts or on open themes, especially with an Australian flavour. We prefer poems of 300 words or less in an easily reproduced format (text or image). We are unable to provide feedback, editing or assessment services.

October Prompts 2026

Whatever you are up to this month, there's no getting away from the fact that it's HALLOWEEN on 31st October. Make your poems SWEET or SCARY!

Send your poetic inspirations to Linda Davidson:

ozchildrenspoetry@gmail.com

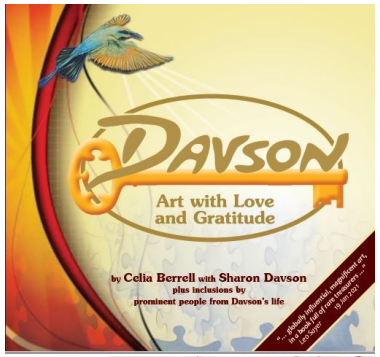
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- World Teacher's Day (5th October)
- International Archaeology Day (17th October)
- Grandparent's Day (25th October)

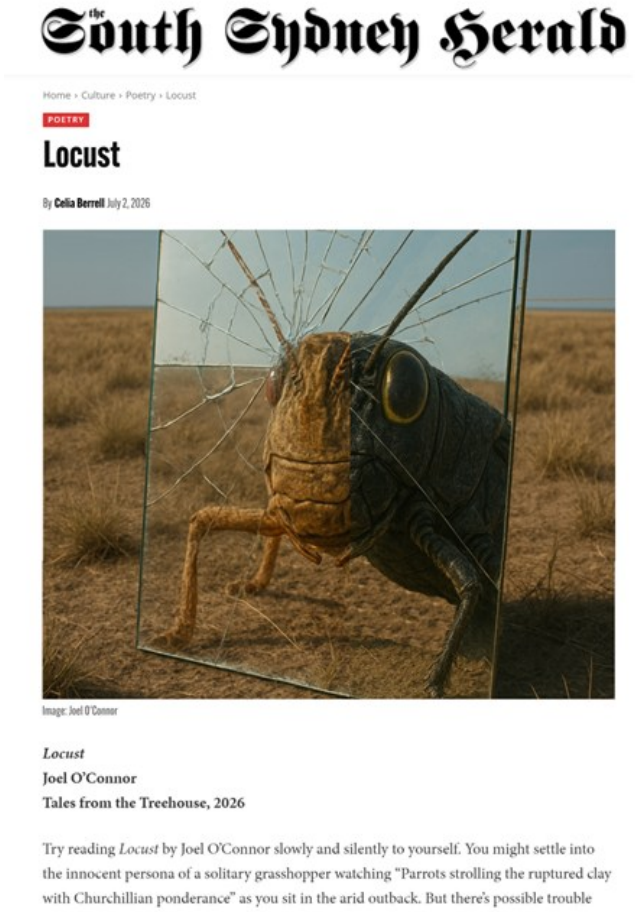
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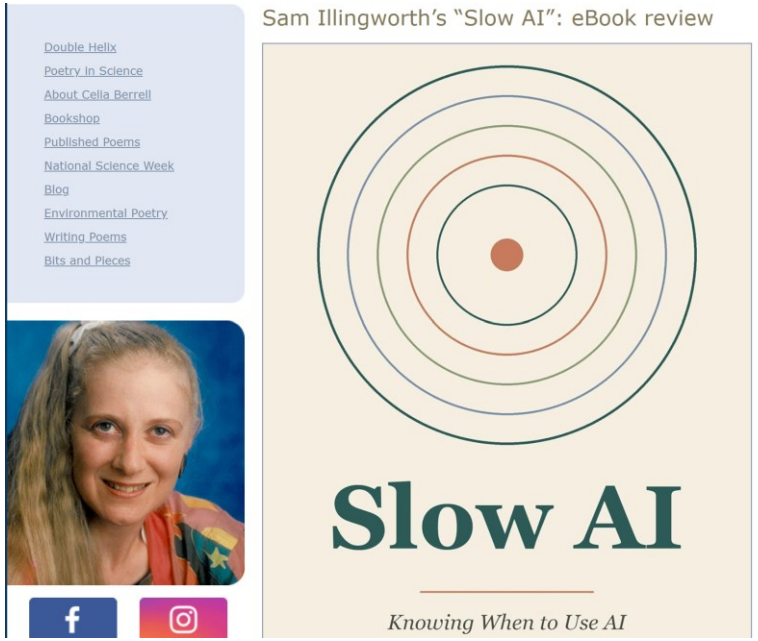
- Feedback
- Beta Reader
- Reviews
- Edit for Others







A Poetry Review

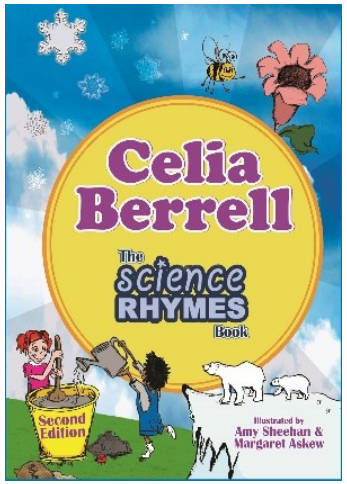




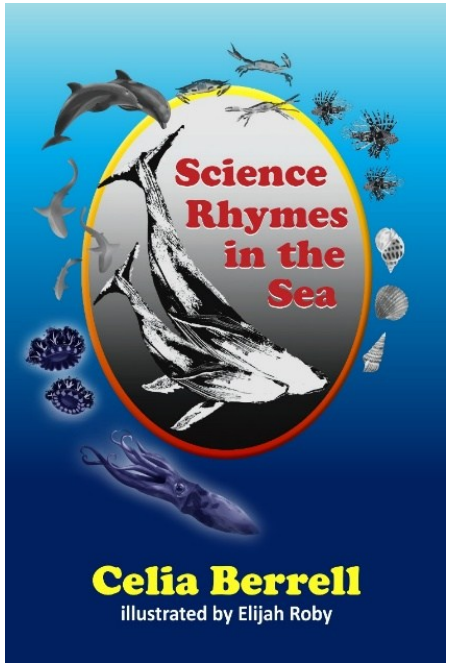
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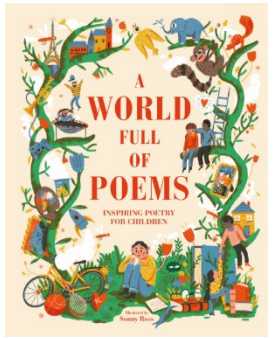
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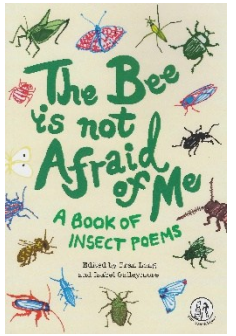
- **Complete** a writing project
- **Finish** that Book
- **BUT most importantly …**

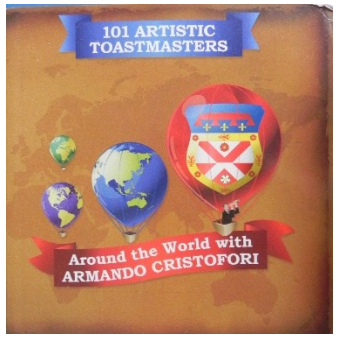


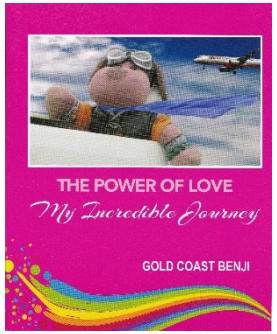




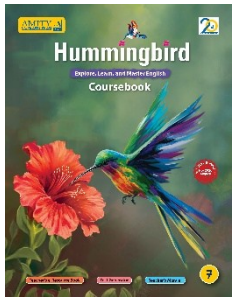


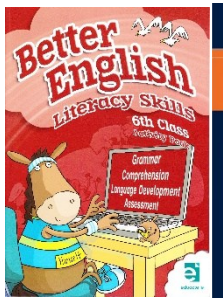


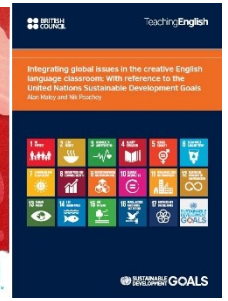


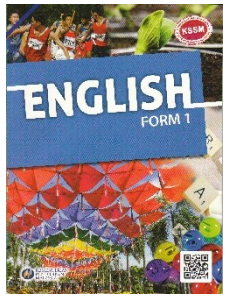


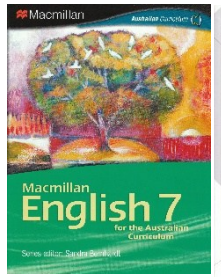




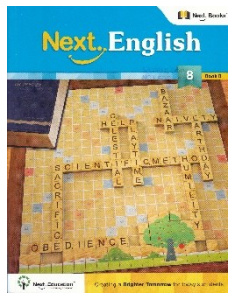


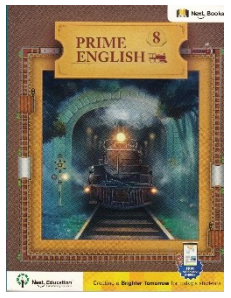


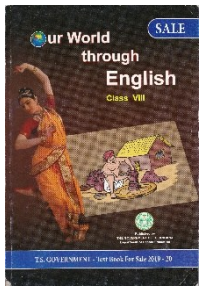












… A SUCCESSFUL WRITER IS …

SOMEONE WHO …

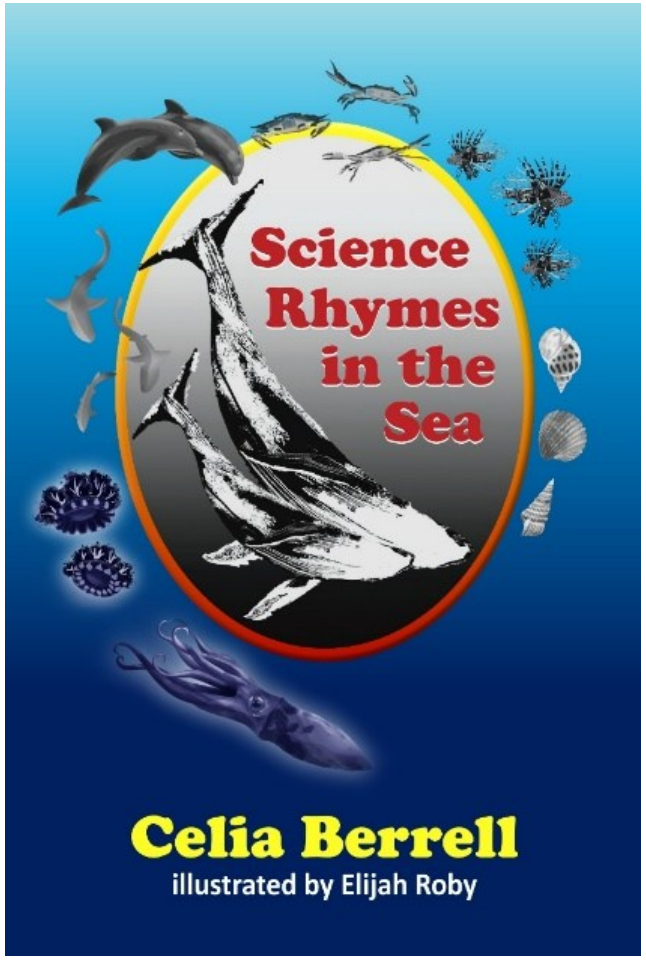
1. Makes time to write!
2. Finds their writing brings them a sense of …



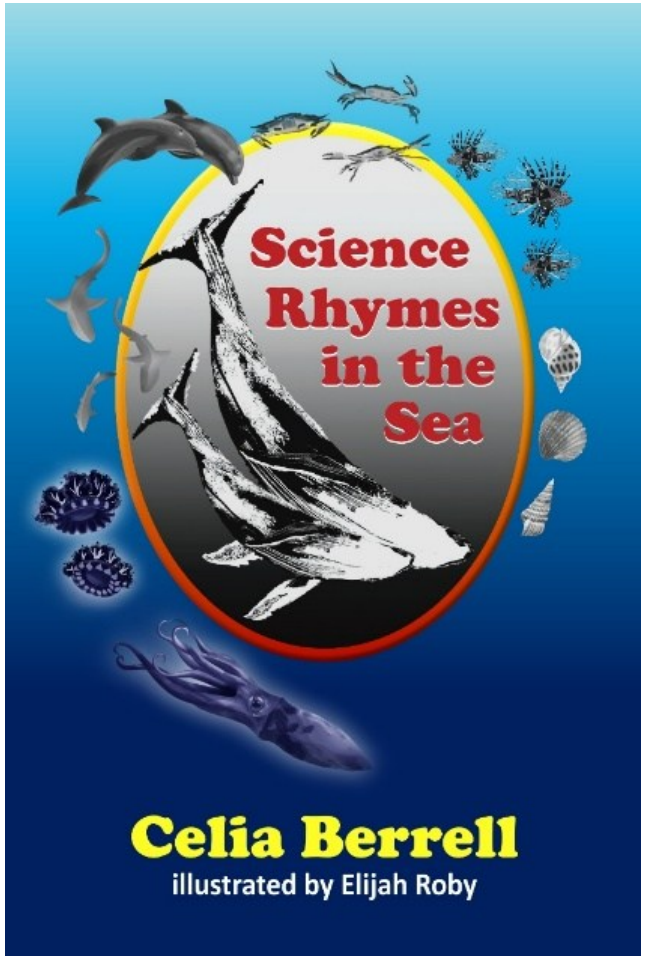
- Joy
- Creative Satisfaction
- Therapy / Calm
- Escapism
- Achievement
- Clarity / Relief
- Connection – with inner-selves or others

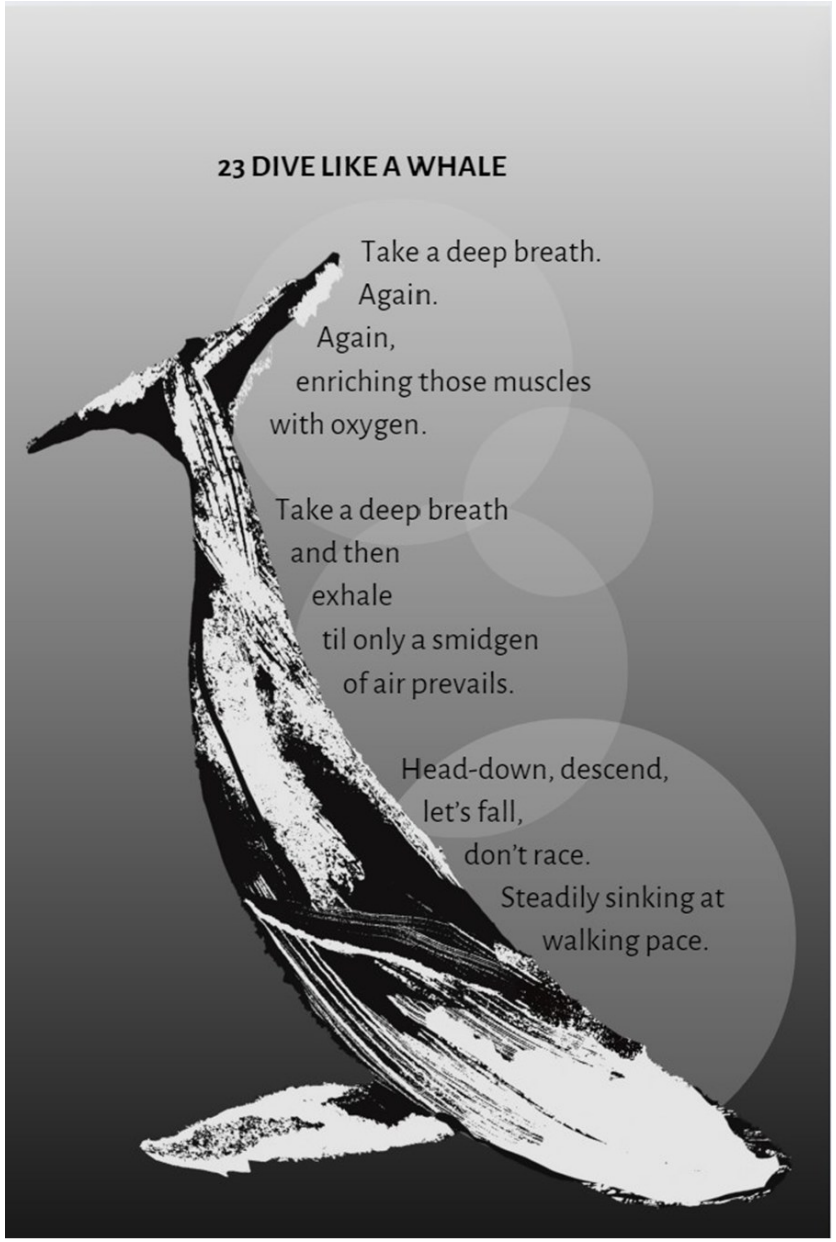
… and *that's* what makes a writer successful!

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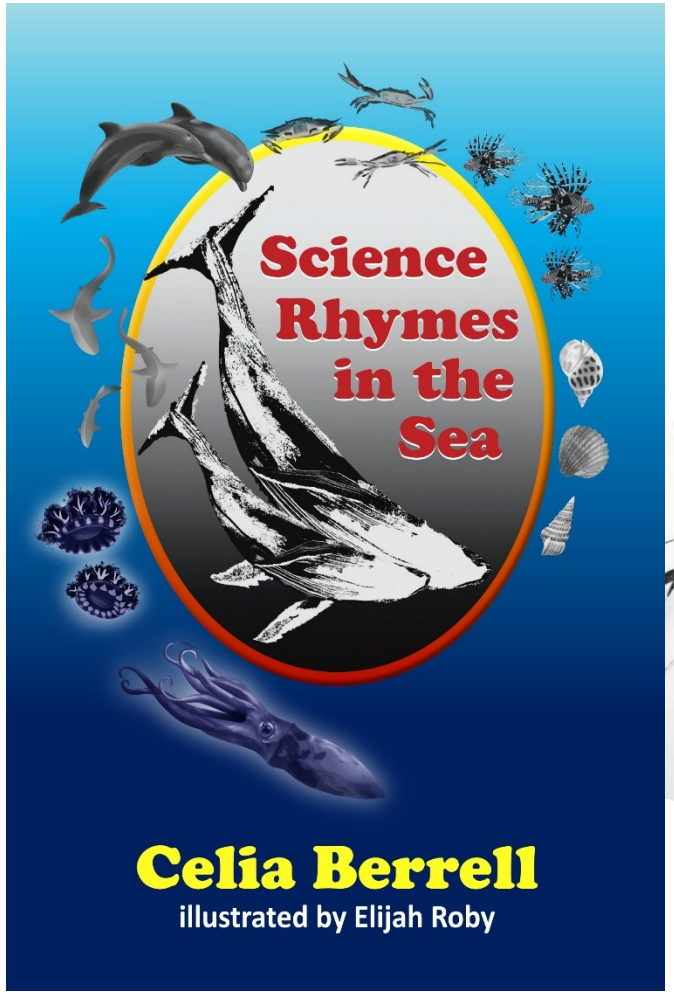


DIVE LIKE A WHALE





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