

# Hazel's Advice for NEW Children's Writers

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- Even if your concept sounds possible and quite imaginative, it is the initial marketing via book proposal, synopsis and sample chapters which is most important.
- Join a children's writing or illustrating course that is facilitated through one of the community colleges or TAFEs around Australia – especially if the course is run by an established author or illustrator. (Hazel runs the Writing for Children yearlong course at TAFE Holmesglen (Victoria) on a Tuesday night 6-9pm as part of the Diploma of Professional Writing.
- I have available a copy of our '*The Business of Writing for Young people*' book (\$20 or \$25 posted) which is the set text for the course, and which answers most of your questions. I also have some other how-to writing books available.
- My website also has a line to **Fast Track** a reputable online course on Writing for Children run by Jen McVeity. Some of the Writer's Centres also run similar online courses.
- Check out my website links to the **Australian Society of Authors** which offers mentorships (to members) and also free advice for beginners on self publishing. Check also the **SCWBI** link.
- Each of my picture books on my website [www.hazeledwards.com](http://www.hazeledwards.com) has an article explaining the process. Check those too, especially the recently re-released Hippo book which has been given as an Australian embassy gift to the Danish Princess.
- Investigate the Style File ([www.thestylefile.com](http://www.thestylefile.com)) created in conjunction with the Australian Society of Authors for some great Australian illustrators ... and don't forget to see our own SCBWI illustrators gallery ([www.scbwiaustralia.org/illustrators-gallery.htm](http://www.scbwiaustralia.org/illustrators-gallery.htm) )

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*[www.hazeledwards.com](http://www.hazeledwards.com) has notes, links and hi-res downloadable author bios, photos and book covers. Hazel is best known for *There's A Hippopotamus On Our Rood Eating Cake* (Penguin) but she has written nearly 200 titles in all. Check out her website ([www.hazeledwards.com](http://www.hazeledwards.com)) for this and other information.*

