

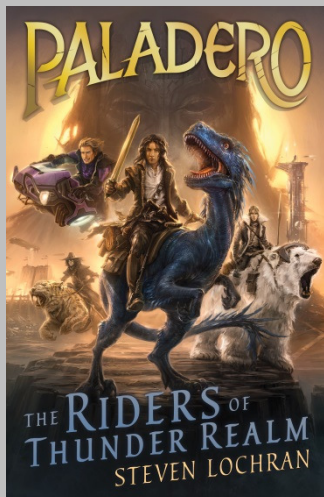
Where Do Ideas Come From... *and What to Do With Them*

Presented By **Steven Lochran**

“Everybody has ideas every day.

They can come to you when you’re stuck in traffic,
or waiting in line, or riding the train.

The only difference between an author and everyone else is
that an author writes those ideas down...”



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"Steven Lochran's first novel is a fast-paced action text...interesting and complex characters... will appeal to readers in the 10 – 14 plus age range" – Children's Book Council of Australia

"Superheroes, pop culture references and a fast-paced story combine to make an exciting and easy reading experience" – George Ivanoff (Author)

"[The Riders of Thunder Realm is] a gripping blend of action, technology and Jurassic fantasy!" – CBCA Reading Time's praise for the first book in the PALADERO series.

"An action-packed adventure for those who enjoy superhero stories like The Avengers and X-Men... A great read and highly recommended – particularly for boys aged 10+" – Catherine, GoodReads

PERFORMANCE

Drawing on his PALADERO and VANGUARD PRIME series of books, Steven will provide an author talk for students that gives them an insider's view of an author's writing process.

Students will learn how to translate their own daydreams into stories, what's involved with creating a superhero and building a Fantasy world, and the meaning of 'Write what you know'.

For visually-minded students, Steven will walk them through how a book cover is designed, starting with initial sketches and all the way through to the final design.

Cost: \$5.00 per student, gst n/a. **Minimum Fee:** \$500 gst n/a (100 students)

Duration: 50 minutes + 10 minute Q&A

Suitability: Years 5 – 9

Requirements: Data projector and screen. Microphone for larger venues.

WORKSHOP

Over the course of an hour, students will be guided through multiple-choice brainstorming, drawing and writing activities that will give them the tools to create their own fantasy worlds and original characters. They'll learn how an author takes inspiration from his or her own daydreams, real-life experiences and favourite stories, and how they can go about doing the same.

Steven will answer students' questions as they arise, ensuring that everyone gets the chance to share their ideas. Time-permitting, we'll even create our own superheroes and villains.

Cost: \$400 gst n/a. 40 student maximum. Extra allowed at \$10 per student.

Duration: 1 hour.

Suitability: Years 7 – 9

Requirements: Data projector and screen. Please provide pen and writing pad for each student.

STEVEN LOCHRAN

Steven Lochran is the critically-acclaimed author of the PALADERO series for middle grade readers, which has recently been translated into German. He is also the author of the VANGUARD PRIME superhero series and teaches workshops on writing for children and young adults. He graduated from Queensland University of Technology with a Bachelor's Degree in Creative Writing and has worked as a sales rep in the publishing industry for over ten years.

Steven lives in Melbourne with his wife Simone, their son Max, and two spoilt cats.

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