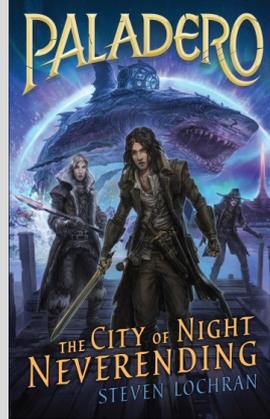
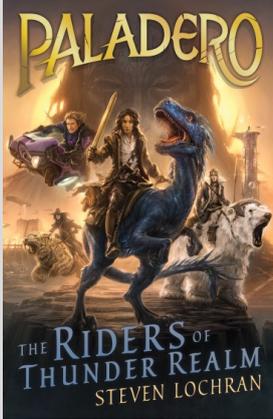


Storytelling Hacks

with Steven Lochran



“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.

THE PERFORMANCE

Where do authors get their ideas? And how do you turn an idea into a story? 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 tips and tricks for translating their own daydreams into stories, what’s involved with creating characters and building imaginary worlds, and the meaning of ‘Write what you know’.

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

Cost: \$5.00 GST n/a per student. **Minimum fee:** \$500 GST n/a (100 students)

Duration: 50 minutes + 10 minute Q&A

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

Suitability: Years 5 – 9

THE WORKSHOP

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 do the same.

Steven will answer students’ questions as they arise, ensuring that everyone gets the chance to share their ideas.

Cost: \$400 GST n/a. 40 student maximum. Extra allowed at \$16 per student.

Duration: 1 hour to 1.5 hours dependent on scheduling.

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

Suitability: Years 7 – 9

THE PERFORMER

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.