



2007 BYRON BAY WRITERS FESTIVAL

Festival Writer: Martin Chatterton

English born author and illustrator Martin Chatterton has worked since 1983 in the UK, USA and Australia. His books have sold in many different countries with his work translated into Chinese, Finnish, Italian, Spanish, French, Dutch, German and American.



Martin wrote and illustrated nine *Nutty* books for Puffin before producing five titles in Scholastic's *Bad Dog* series, which sell well in markets around the world and have found a loyal following in the US. Martin's first full-length YA novel, *Michigan Moorcroft R.I.P.* (Scholastic) was short-listed for the 2005 Angus Book Awards and the 2005 Salford Children's Book Award.

His first book as an Australian author, *The Brain Finds A Leg* (Little Hare Books), a blackly comic detective novel with an environmental twist and set in a thinly disguised Byron Bay, was published in April. The sequel, *Brain Full of Holes* follows next year.

As an illustrator Martin has collaborated with a number of well-known writers. In the UK this has included the best-selling *Mummies and Tales of Terror* series (one of which - *Final Cut* - won the 2005 Nottingham Children's Book Award).

Notable recent illustration work has included covers for Geoffrey McSkimming's *Cairo Jim* series and Anthony Horowitz's *Diamond Brothers* series.

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