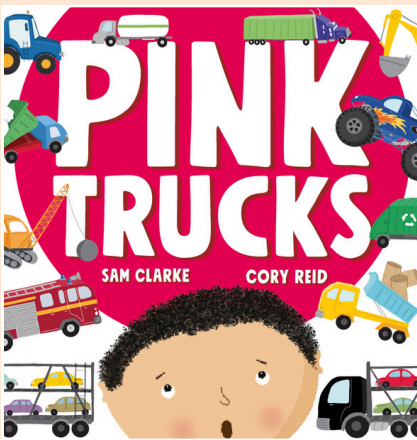




Location:

Sam lives in Bristol but is happy to travel to events in the UK. Virtual events are possible



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Pink Truck is a fun, rhythmical story with a great message. It features a young boy, Stink, who loves trucks and the colour pink, and wants to add a pink truck to his toy vehicle collection. When he can't find one anywhere, his sister comes up with an ingenious plan involving re-using old toys and recycled materials. The story is perfect for reading aloud and encouraging imaginative and inclusive play. It invites gentle discussion about gender stereotypes in toys whilst celebrating friendship, acceptance and tolerance. The joyful illustrations are packed with all manner of trucks to spot, plus lots of extra fun details!



"This warm story gently challenges normative expectations of gender roles and play in a non-confrontational way. The rhyming text drives the story forward with good momentum and the creators have made clever use of fonts and placement to add vibrancy. The illustrations are detailed and are sure to engage young readers with a passion for transport themes. A great book to spark healthy discussion about the social aspects of play choices."

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SAM CLARKE - AUTHOR OF PINK TRUCKS

Sam is an engineer who uses the analytical and logical left-hand side of his brain a lot. A few years ago, he noticed that he'd used it so much, that it had outgrown the right-hand side of his brain and he found himself walking around in circles! He decided the only way around this problem was to become more creative and rebalance his brain, so he started writing children's stories! Sam lives in Bristol with his young family and enjoys rainbows, renewable energy, football and cheese!

EVENT DETAILS

- **Age Range:** 3-7 years (Pre-School, EYFS & KS1)
- **Format:** Sam can tailor an event to suit your needs. Pink Trucks is perfect for both younger (Pre-School & EYFS) children due to the easy-to-follow, rhythmical story, as well as older KS1 children, who can take more from the themes explored. Sam has often found that events where he has presented a shorter assembly for EYFS children, followed by a slightly longer KS1 assembly straight after, have been the most successful.
- **What to expect:** The session will include fun games around colour 'rules' (purple carrots, anyone?!) and favourite toys (gently looking at gender stereotypes). Sam will be looking for young 'Pink Truckers' to join in with a fun and noisy reading of the book (trucker caps and honking horns provided!) and he'll bring along his own homemade pink truck, complete with (magic?) flashing lights! It promises to be an exciting, interactive and attention-grabbing session!
- **Typical Fees**
 - Joint EYFS/KS1 assembly (approx. 30 mins + questions and book signing) - £100 plus expenses (If > 30 mins from central Bristol).
 - EYFS assembly (approx. 15 mins + questions and book signing) followed by KS1 assembly (approx. 30 mins + questions and book signing) - £130 plus expenses (If > 30 mins from central Bristol).
 - Half school day (assembly, up to 2 x 45 min workshops + book signing) - £220 plus expenses (If > 30 mins from central Bristol).
 - Full school day (assembly, up to 4 x 45 min workshops + book signing) - £370 plus expenses (If > 30 mins from central Bristol).
 - Virtual events (approx. 30 minutes): £70

SOME FEEDBACK FROM MY SCHOOL VISITS

Wow I loved the book, especially the monkey bums. It made me laugh!

The pink truck that Sam made was so cool! It was too beautiful and it flashed. I liked the different voices when he read the story too. It made assembly really fun!
Emily - Year 2, Bishop Road Primary School

Your engaging storytelling and the important message of breaking stereotypes totally hooked our young audience. It was great to see how "Pink Trucks" encouraged our children to think beyond traditional gender stereotypes and to celebrate individuality. The session was interactive and thoroughly enjoyed by all, and there were plenty of meaningful discussions among the children and staff afterwards

Laura Dowlman - Head of School, Ashton Gate Primary School

Our Year 2 children really enjoyed listening to the story and loved looking at the bright and colourful illustrations. It was a really fun, engaging and interactive session. We loved the book and it's message about individuality and it was great for the children to meet a 'real life' author!

Jen Gibbs - Y2 Teacher, May Park Primary School

'Sam's event was incredibly well planned and the children were completely absorbed when he shared Pink Trucks with them. Sam changed his presentation very slightly for each year group so that everyone was fully engaged at all times, and the interactions were perfect for all ages.

Sally Hamerton - Librarian, Two Mile Hill Primary (Librarian of the Year 2023)

We had such a great time listening to you! We enjoyed joining in, laughing lots and were very excited to get to ask lots of questions too! Thank you!

Cherry Class, Mangotsfield C of E Primary School