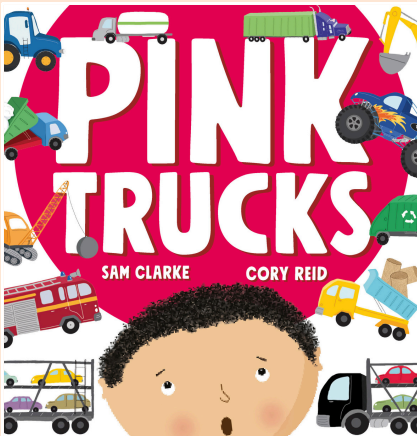




Sam is an engineer who uses the analytical and logical left-hand side of his brain a lot. A few years ago, he noticed that he'd used it so much, that it had outgrown the right-hand side of his brain and he found himself walking around in circles! He decided the only way around this problem was to become 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!



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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."

## THE VALUE OF AUTHOR SCHOOL VISITS

**National Literacy Trust**

"More children who had experienced an author visit told us that they enjoyed reading in their free time compared with their peers who hadn't experienced one (58.6% vs. 39.3%)."

"99.4% (all those respondents who had organised an author visit) considered author visits to be an invaluable enrichment that encouraged reading for pleasure, wider reading and creative writing."



"A visit from an author can seem like a big investment but, if done right, can be an incredibly valuable learning experience for the children, enhancing and extending ideas around writing in your school."

## CAN YOUR PTA FUND AN AUTHOR SCHOOL VISIT?

- Now, more than ever, schools are struggling to fund author visits themselves.
- Authors (in particular picture book authors) receive a limited income from book sales (often a maximum of 30p/book sold) so sales can't support an author visit.
- PTA's often spend their hard-earned funds on vital educational materials, school trips, playground equipment and renovation projects. But could you fund an author visit?
- My most popular primary school visits involve:
  - Interactive EYFS Assembly (15 mins) + questions and book signing.
  - Interactive Y1 & Y2 Assembly (30 mins) + questions and book signing.
- This covers nearly 50% of the children in a primary school.
- I am Bristol based and if your school is within a 30 min drive of central Bristol, I can offer the above for a fee of £130.
- Alternative longer workshop (half day/full day sessions are also available and I'm happy to discuss any particular requirements)

## 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)**

*The children were really engaged in the assembly and enjoyed listening to the book, joining in along the way. The book came at a great time as we have recently been teaching about challenging gender stereotypes and reinforced a really important message to the children.*  
**Alex Young - Reading Lead/Y2 Teacher, Ashton Gate Primary School**