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PRESENTATIONS BY FELICE ARENA – SCHOOLS, LIBRARIES & FESTIVALS

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For the over a decade bestselling children's author Felice Arena has been one of this country's most popular and in-demand speakers in schools and festivals. His presentations are high-energy sessions that incorporate interactive readers' theatre improvisations with students. All of the performance-based activities that he employs in his presentations – for which he draws on his acting experience – are aimed at bringing his stories to life and jump-starting a lifelong love of books.



Felice has spoken in over three hundred schools and at some of the countries biggest festivals, including the Melbourne Writers' Festival, Somerset Literature Festival, Scotch College Literature Festival, Perth Writers' Festival and All Saints' Literature Festival.

Felice's presentations are ideal for audiences of 50 to 500 and are perfect for students from Prep through to Grade 6.



Breakdown of a typical one-hour session

(Apart from the introduction and the reading performance of *Specky Magee* the selection of titles featured varies according to age group)

11.00 - Introduction. Felice's life as an author. His books. The joys of reading and bringing ideas to life.

11.05 - Reading performance of *Specky Magee* with selected students, incorporating music and movement.

11.25 - A discussion about the writing process using Felice's stand-alone novels *Whippersnapper* and *Wish*.

11.30 - *Farticus Maximus* as an example of one of Felice's comic novels. Discussion of the use of illustrations and the process of writing comical stories. Often incorporates a humorous performance-based activity.

11.40 - Presentation of Felice's newest series, *Andy Roid*.

11.50 - Q and A session. Students (and teachers) are given the opportunity to ask Felice questions about his books, writing, and reading.

Felice is also happy to sign books for students and the school library.



Equipment required

1. Large stage or floor area
2. Table to display books
3. Audio/sound equipment; access to CD player
4. 3 handheld microphones
5. 3 hard-based chairs (plastic school chairs work well)

Felice is proud to be one of the ambassadors for the National Year of Reading 2012 program and the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge.

To enquire more about booking Felice Arena to attend your school or festival contact the Booked Out Speakers' Agency (www.bookedout.com.au)

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REVIEWS

Felice's a vibrant and energetic presenter. He held everyone's attention superbly. An entertaining, captivating, motivating and interactive session - one of the best we've seen!

—*Scotch College Junior School, Melbourne*

The students loved Felice's presentation, and all the children, especially the boys, are really eager to read more of his books! He achieved his goal - to get children interested in reading!

—*Wembley Primary School*

He was engaging, animated, and funny. The activities and all of the presentation were all age-appropriate and thoroughly enjoyed by the students.

—*Xavier College - Burke Hall*

Our grades enjoyed meeting Felice. He was great fun and kept them all motivated. A very entertaining author!

—*Yarram Park Primary School*

Felice's acting talent (and past teaching experience) showed through as he kept big audiences of Year 4 to Year 7 listening throughout his presentation. His introduction sparked great interest for reading and the accessibility of his books made him an ideal presenter. Involving the students in Readers Theatre was a winner!

—*Mentone Grammar, Victoria.*

I just wanted say how impressed I was with Felice. He was a very engaging presenter and he had all our kids enthralled... an inspiring speaker.

—*St. Leonard's, Brighton, Victoria*

Felice was a delightful person to have at school for the day. The students responded to him positively, especially the boys who we are particularly trying to switch on' to reading. Felice was generous with his time, giving us an extra 20 minutes at the end, which was appreciated. The teaching staff were also impressed with his personable approach.

—*North Geelong Secondary College*

Sensational!

—*Thomas Carr College*



Felice had our boys totally mesmerized with his inspiring stories and role-playing activities. A great role model!

—*Marist Brothers College, Brisbane*

Liked his manner with kids and interactive style. Thanks Felice!

—*Learning Expo South Gippsland*