



by WA author Mike Lefroy  
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*“WHACK! there’s a sound in the blue summer sky...”*

This fabulous new picture book follows a backyard game of cricket around the globe.

*The contest begins as the sun comes up over the village of Downend in the UK, home of the famous cricketer WG Grace, and continues around the world via the major and some minor cricketing nations, to finish outside the new powerhouse of world cricket, the Wankhede stadium in Mumbai.*

Author Mike Lefroy’s inspiration for the book began while playing backyard cricket in Cottesloe. Through teaching and travelling in different countries (including an overland trip through Afghanistan, Pakistan and India) he developed a fascination for kids inventiveness when playing cricket on whatever patch of ground they could find, with whatever equipment they could lay their hands on. His rhyming text resonates with young enthusiasts (he has the cricketing lexicon down-pat).



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*Howzat!* was launched by Notre Dame University Dean of Education Michael O’Neill who said:

*“I like a book that starts with a WHACK! Immediately you are in the game and being swept around the globe by crisp rhyming text and wonderfully detailed images. It is a great way for students to immerse themselves in cultural diversity and learn about our world through the familiar theme of a backyard cricket game.”*

**To celebrate the ICC Cricket World Cup, why not invite Mike to inspire your students about cricket, writing, history and geography. ASA rates apply.**

**Teachers’ notes available on website.**

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**Some other books by Mike Lefroy:**

*Captain Cook and the Endeavour*, Black Dog Books

*HMAS Sydney*, Black Dog Books

*Shipwreck at Madman’s Corner*, WA Museum

*The Catalpa Escape* (with Joy Lefroy), Fremantle Press

*Rosa’s Famous Elbow*, Fremantle Press (Winner Premiers Book Award)

*Splashdown; Sea Witch; There’s a Ship Outside My Window*, Thomson Learning