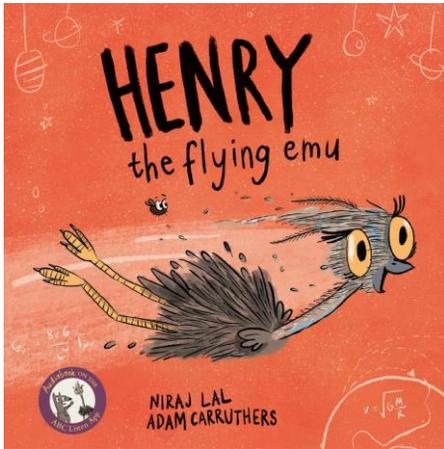


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Pages: 32pp
Binding: Hardback



HENRY THE FLYING EMU

Book launch

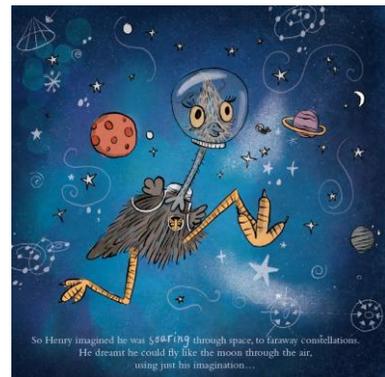
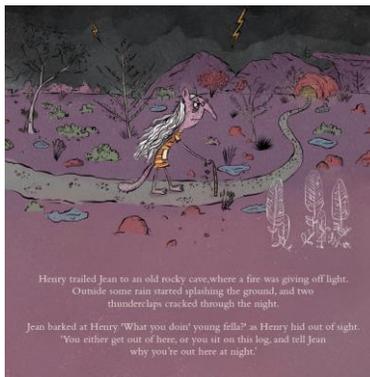
A new children's book about gravity by award-winning science communicator, physicist and TV presenter, **Dr Niraj Lal** (Catalyst, Todd Sampson's Life on the Line, ABC Kids), is being launched by Australian 'National Living Treasure' **Robyn Williams AO FAAS**, host of the ABC Science Show.

The November 14th launch coincides with the peak of the Leonids meteor shower, the November new moon, and the best night to see the dark 'Emu' constellation in the sky - Dr Niraj Lal will be giving a science/space Q&A after the launch and is available for interviews. henrytheflyingemu.org



The author

Dr Niraj Lal graduated with a PhD in physics from the University of Cambridge in 2012 and was named one of the ABC's Top 5 Scientists Under 40 in 2016. He's the host of the ABC Kids Imagine This podcast and Sciencey on iView, appeared on ABC Stargazing Live, Foxtel, and Dr Karl's Outrageous Acts of Science on the Discovery Channel, and interviewed extensively for his science research. Show reel and additional information at nirajlal.org



Quotes

"Dr Niraj Lal, who completed his PhD in physics at the University of Cambridge, is a gifted writer of children's stories. His latest story, about an emu that wanted to fly, brings real depth of science to a lovely story. This is Isaac Newton's story of the apple falling on his head re-written - great for all ages!"
- Sir Richard Friend FRS, Cavendish Professor of Physics, University of Cambridge

"Not since Dumbo the Flying Elephant, inspiration during my youth, has a creature been so compelling and fun. Henry is my hero!" - Robyn Williams AO, ABC Science Show

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The illustrator

It's illustrator Adam Carruthers ninth children's book, a designer by background who has illustrated toys, greeting cards and stationery with decades of experience. More information at adamcarruthers.com



The launch

Saturday 14th November, 11:00am-12noon
Held in West Footscray, Melbourne (location tbc pending covid restrictions). Also via [Zoom](https://zoom.us).

Robyn Williams AO, host of the Science Show on Radio National will be launching the book.

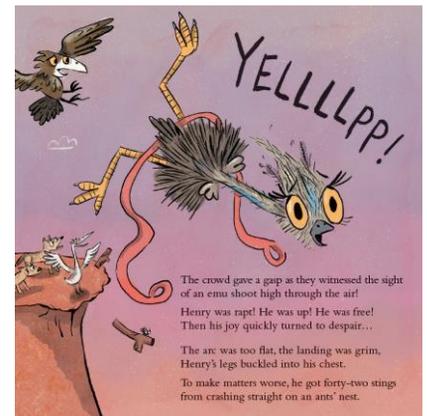
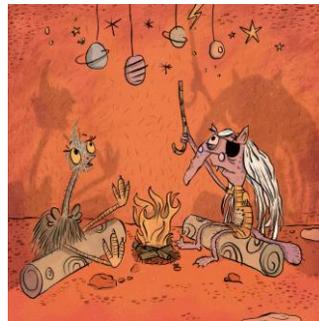
Dr Niraj Lal will be performing a kid's space song on guitar before reading the book.

Dr Niraj Lal will host a science/space/book Q&A with Illustrator Adam Carruthers.

Robyn Williams will introduce the ABC Science Show broadcasting on Radio National at 12:05pm.



Robyn Williams AO



The book

"Henry the emu wanted to FLY! But flying fish, eagles and launchers can't seem to help. It's only after meeting Wallagoot Jean that Henry learns about the science of orbit, and the importance of flying first with his mind..."

Penned by a scientist, the text benefits from the clear explanations and facts, lending credibility to the amazing feat. Fun, rhyming story that has a repeated refrain, encouraging reading along. Accompanied by charming, detailed illustrations from Adam Carruthers. Great reviews already.

The book's website includes a host of educational material on gravity, flight and motion (with links to the Australian School Curriculum) and the audiobook broadcast on national radio.

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