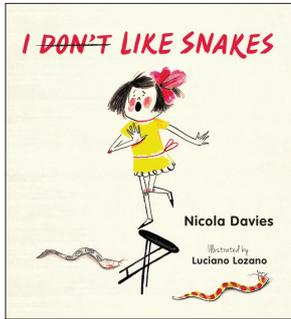




# Walker Books Classroom Ideas



## I (Don't) Like Snakes

by Nicola Davies  
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## Outline:

A bold, bright and fascinating Nature Storybook, by award-winning writer and zoologist Nicola Davies, about one of the world's most hated creatures – the snake! Perhaps it's the way they slither, or maybe it's their slimy, scaly skin... whatever the reason, many of us shiver at the thought of a snake – and so does the little girl in this book. But the rest of her family loves them and as they tell her more about snakes (did you know they have no eyelids, smell with their tongues and can swim?) she has a change of heart, and by the end of the book she loves them too. Luciano Lozano's stylish, colourful and informative illustrations perfectly match the warmth and humour of the text.

## Author/Illustrator Information:

Nicola Davies is a zoologist and award-winning writer. Her books for children include the best-selling *A First Book of Nature*, illustrated by Mark Hearld, *Tiny: The Invisible World of Microbes*, *Just Ducks*, shortlisted for the Kate Greenaway Medal, *Extreme Animals*, *Big Blue Whale* and *The Promise*. [www.nicola-davies.com](http://www.nicola-davies.com) @nicolakidsbooks

Luciano Lozano is a talented and versatile Spanish artist whose work has featured in magazines, books and newspapers, including the *Guardian* and the *Sunday Times*, and on cards, posters and calendars around the world. His books for children include *Operation Alphabet*, published by Thames & Hudson, and *What I Like Most in the World*, published by Tula Books. This is Luciano's first book for Walker. [www.ilustrista.com](http://www.ilustrista.com)

## How to Use These Notes:

This story works on many levels. The suggested activities are therefore for a wide age and ability range. Please select accordingly.

<b>These notes are for:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary Years 2+</li> <li>• 5+</li> </ul>	<b>Key Learning Areas:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English</li> <li>• Science</li> </ul>	<b>Example of:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non Fiction</li> <li>• Narrative Non Fiction</li> </ul>	<b>Themes/Ideas:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Snakes</li> <li>• Reptiles</li> <li>• Nature</li> <li>• Overcoming Fear</li> </ul>
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National Curriculum Focus:*				
<b>Science</b> Year 2 ACSSU030 ACSSU032 ACSIS037  Year 3 ACSSU044 ACSHE050 ACSHE051	<b>English</b> Year 2 ACELA1460 ACELA1463 ACELA1465 ACELA1466 ACELA1468 ACELA1469 ACELT1587 ACELT1589 ACELT1590 ACELT1593 ACELY1665 ACELY1666	ACELY1668 ACELY1671	Year 3 ACELA1475 ACELA1477 ACELA1478 ACELA1483 ACELT1594 ACELT1596 ACELT1598 ACELT1599 ACELT1600 ACELT1601 ACELT1791 ACELY1678	*Key content descriptions have been identified from the Australian National Curriculum. However, this is not an exhaustive list of National Curriculum content able to be addressed through studying this text.





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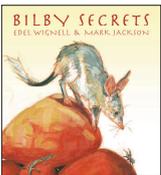
Gather photos of many different kinds of snakes. Define some characteristics and then group these images accordingly. For example, you could group them into camouflaged/non-camouflaged, night-time hunters/day-time hunters, found in Australia/not found in Australia, etc.

As a class, create a plan for what someone should do if they encounter a snake in the wild and a plan for what to do if you or someone with you is bitten by a snake.

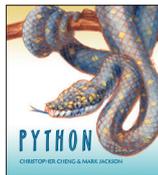
Have you ever seen a snake in the wild? Write a recount of what happened including a detailed description of the snake and what it was doing. If you've never seen a snake in the wild, you can write an imaginative story about seeing a snake.

Write a book review on *I (Don't) Like Snakes*. Write what you liked about the book and if you think the author and illustrator did a good job of conveying information in an interesting way. Mention any books that are similar to this book and make a recommendation as to who you think will like this book.

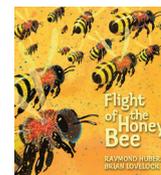
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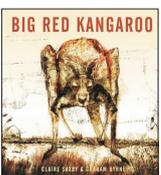
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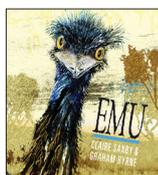
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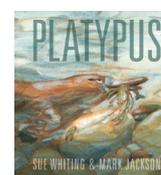
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