

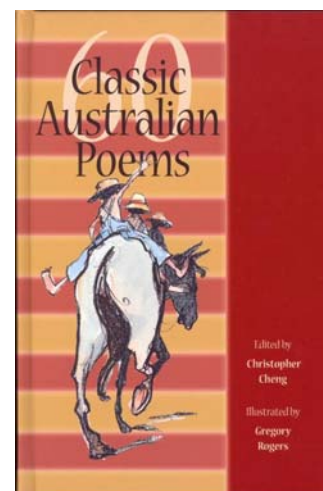
# - CHRISTOPHER CHENG -

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## About Chris

- Author of picture books, information books, short stories and novels;
- Co-Regional Advisor Australia - SCBWI; also member of Children's Book Council and Australian Society Of Authors;
- International Advisor for literary journal, [First Opinions Second Reactions](#)
- Ambassador for the federal government's National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2004-2008;
- Creator of [Newkidsbooksinoz](#); a blog about promoting *new* Australian kids books.
- Infants/primary (elementary) teacher and Zoo Education officer (teacher) at Taronga Zoo Sydney for 8 years developing Australia's first Zoomobile;
- Numerous appearances on television and radio discussing animals or promoting my books; featured articles in state and national newspapers;
- Children's Book Specialist for Australia-wide retail book chain, 1995-1998;
- From 1999-2003 spent up to 8 months of each year as Education Advisor and Consultant at Purdue University (Indiana, USA), developing web and CDROM education programs; guest lecturing in Australian children's literature, and the writing process at universities; and speaking and workshop engagements in elementary and middle schools;
- Hosted the first *Kids Night Out* for the Sydney Writers Festival as well as many regional and state Children's Book Council (CBC) literary lunches and festivals;
- Keynote speaker and regular visitor in schools discussing his work, conducting writing workshops and residencies with children, and speaking at award ceremonies, as well as literary evenings with parents and teachers. For bookings contact Chris (details below).
- Half ABC (Australian Born Chinese), eldest of four children, with a huge extended family.
- Even though Chris has spent much of his working life entangled with animals, his early childhood animal lessons went only as far as the goldfish in the tank, the budgie in the cage, the cats that kept digging up the garden, racing cockroaches, breeding snails, and the insects that swarmed around the street lights at night.
- *Available Now* – **60 Classic Australia Poems** (Random House Australia), ISBN 9781741664140



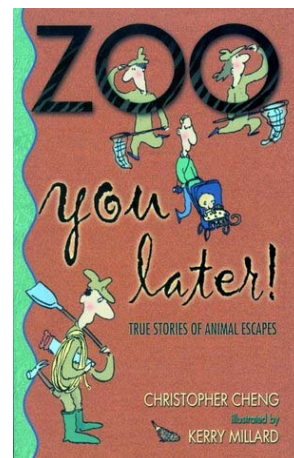
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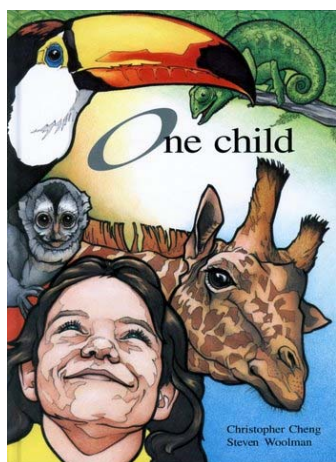
**ZOO You Later!** illustrated by Kerry Millard, ISBN 0733305911  
ABC for kids. *Book and Teacher Notes available from author.*

About the book:

Zoos love telling about the new babies being born, the new exhibits that have been built, the crazy things that animals do and the wonderful ways that the animals stay in their exhibits without the use of bars. Sometimes though, the animals don't follow the rules and decide to visit the world outside of their exhibits but you don't often hear about these zoo happenings. *Zoo You Later!* is the book that spills the beans, or opens the gate on these not so well known zoo happenings.



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the Wilderness Society Picture Book of the Year (Aust), 1998.  
KOALA shortlist, 1998;  
Stepping Stones Picture Book of the Year (USA), 1999.

*...It achieves success through an excellent blend of text and image ...It is a book to be pored over, carefully examined, talked about and reread ... Reading Time, vol 42, no 1, p16.*

**One child**; illustrated by Steven Woolman, Era Publications, ISBN 1863743219 (hc) 1863745084 (pb); *Teacher Notes available from author.*

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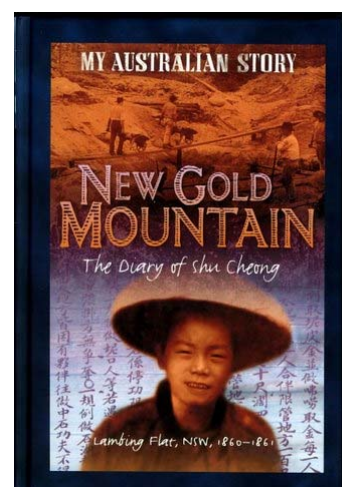
In a world where children are often exposed to the constant devastation of our planet; the waste of our limited natural resources, pollution and the abuse of the glorious wildlife, *One child* questions what she can do to make the world a better place. Her solution – take simple steps to improve her part of the world. She then imagines what the world would be like if every child did the same. *One child* combines a simple text with richly coloured illustrations drawing on the imagery of an old stained-glass window that is gradually cleaned to reveal the beauty underlying the pollution. A hopeful book about the environment.

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Other recent Titles include:

- *William's Backyard*, Rigby, 2007
- *30 Amazing Australian Animals*, Random House, 2007
- *Seams of Gold*, National Museum of Australia, 2007
- *Locally Wild*, Pluto Press, 2007
- *New Gold Mountain*, Scholastic Australia, 2005

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