The Crush Series

The story of how the Crush books came to life and what inspired the author to publish them is a unique story on its own.

The Crush Series name and books originated from a bucket list of things that the author, Ian Worboys, felt he should have done when his son Robert was still alive. One of the items on that list was to one day publish the rhyming poems he created and read to his children when they were young.

Ian wrote the stories to entertain his children and to help them understand the circle of life. The stories teach young imaginative minds that animals, including some humans, need to hunt for food to survive. But in all the Crush stories no one really gets hurt and everyone survives to live another day.

Meet the creators behind Crush

Ian Worboys, Author

Ian started to write rhyming poetry to entertain and stimulate his four boisterous children. For many years he worked as a real estate specialist and travelled all over Europe. He used a lot of his time at airports and on æroplanes to let his imagination flow and write his poetry.

Silke Diehl, Illustrator

Silke is a mother of three from Germany. As a teenager she wanted to be a children's book illustrator, but life took her in other creative directions. One day she met Ian and they realised they had a lot of things in common and they began to swap ideas, and like the Crush stories, this chain of unexpected events led to her illustrating the books.

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Kangaroo Crush

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He yawned and stretched his long strong arms,
and watched the world go by.
He saw a bug crawl along his branch,
under the deep blue sky.



The bug was munching the branch of the tree,
having a wonderful time.
Eating the leaves and chewing the bark,
while singing all of the time.

The sun was shining and the air was hot,
he smiled as he munched away.
This is the life, he thought to himself,
as he passed the time of day.



Just as the lizard stuck out his tongue
to eat the juicy bug,
the Emu opened her great big mouth,
to eat the lizard so smug.

The kangaroo felt the Eucalyptus tree
as her head it hit a branch,
Then a koala, a lizard and a juicy bug,
fell down in a Crush avalanche.