

# DAISY MALONE AND THE BLUE GLOWING STONE



**SOMEONE HAS TO SAVE THE WORLD  
AND THAT SOMEONE IS  
DAISY MALONE**

Another hilarious  
story from the author of  
**SIR RODERICK  
THE NOT-VERY BRAVE**

**Ben:** What's this bright light?

**Daisy:** We're under the spotlight.

**Ben:** Who me?

**Daisy:** Yes you. And me too.

**Ben:** How do I look?

**Daisy:** You look like a dog.

**Ben:** But do I look like the extraordinary dog I am?

**Daisy:** I think you do.

**Ben:** That's okay then. Are you going to tell them about our story? About how we save the world and all that?

**Daisy:** Well, the story begins on my 12th birthday but I've got more earth-shattering things on my mind. My dad is scared of everything, my mum has disappeared, and me and my dog Ben (a highly intelligent, talking dog – his words!) have just found a mysterious blue glowing stone in the attic.

But what is it, and why does everyone want it?



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## About James O'Loghlin



James O'Loghlin has been a stand-up comedian, a criminal lawyer, a radio presenter, a television host and a milk deliverer.

He is currently the host of *Sunday Evenings* on ABC Local Radio. From 2004 to 2011 he hosted *The New Inventors* on ABC-TV, and from 2002 to 2006 he hosted *The Evening Show* on ABC Local Radio.

James began performing stand-up comedy in 1990 and for most of the 1990s managed to combine a successful comedy career with a day job as a criminal lawyer.

He is the author of five books and is a leading MC, facilitator and speaker on innovation.

His book **SIR RODERICK THE NOT-VERY BRAVE** won the 2014 Speech Pathology Award for the best book for 8-10 year olds.

James is married with three children and has a dog who doesn't talk.



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## **The release will be supported by:**

- ABC Radio interviews across Australia. James is a well-respected ABC radio host and we will see strong support across the network
- TV coverage expected on ABC3 and Channel Nine Kids
- Print interviews in newspapers and magazines nationally
- Review coverage in kids and parenting magazines
- Online coverage on parenting and children's blogs

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## FROM JAMES TO YOU

Hi, I'm James O'Loughlin.

You may have seen my first novel for children, *The Adventures of Sir Roderick the Not-Very Brave*, in 2014.

In April 2015, Pan Macmillan will publish my new story, *Daisy Malone and the Blue Glowing Stone*.

Daisy is a 12-year-old girl who has a talking dog called Ben. One day two men – one very sinister, the other very stupid – break into her house and steal a blue, glowing stone that is hidden in the attic. But who hid it there and why? And why do the men want it? And where has Daisy's mum disappeared to? And why does her dad get so scared every time a door slams? And why do I keep asking you questions that I know the answers to but you don't?

By the end of the book, of course, all those questions (except the last one) have been answered because that's what stories do: they ask questions and then eventually answer them. But the message I really want to convey to you about *Daisy Malone and the Blue Glowing Stone* is that it's funny. Some critics described *The Adventures of Sir Roderick the Not-Very Brave* as funny (in fact as 'very funny'\* and 'hilarious'\*\*), but *Daisy Malone* is really funny.

It has 324 pages and my aim was to get something funny on every page, as well as to create a cracking adventure story.

I hope you like it.

All the best,  
James

\* *The Daily Telegraph*

\*\* *The Australian*

# JAMES O'LOGHLIN WRITES FUNNY STORIES



'This beautifully crafted and very funny debut novel for kids 10 and up is a real treat. O'Loughlin's deft use of language evokes the likes of *Hitchhiker's Guide To The Galaxy* author Douglas Adams and is expertly deployed. Simply delightful, whatever your age.'

*Daily Telegraph*

'*The Adventures of Sir Roderick the Not-Very Brave* is a funny adventure story full of ridiculousness, twists and turns, accidental heroics and finding the courage to do what's right.'

*Kidszone*

'[James O'Loughlin's] novel is hilarious, taking delight in the ridiculous. There's the fitfully funny Chester, an analytical talking bear who makes a tangle of nonsense out of simple subjects.'

*Weekend Australian*

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