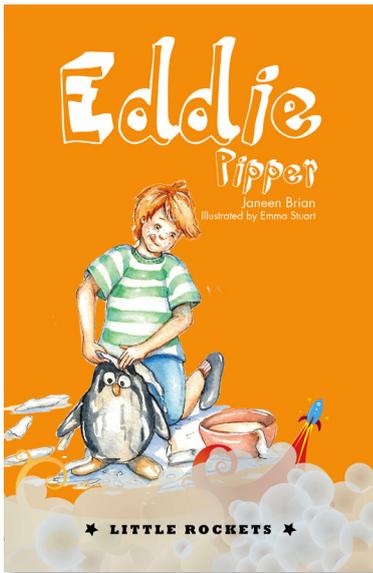


# TEACHERS' NOTES

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## Eddie Pimper

Written by Janeen Brian

Illustrated by Emma Stuart

### Synopsis

Eddie Pimper loves penguins. But he doesn't have one of his own ... yet. He has to make do with a special paper-mache penguin.

Will he ever get a real one?

### Author Background Information

Janeen is a lover of words and an award-winning children's author with over 70 books published, ranging in genres from picture books to short fiction, non-fiction and poetry. She also has her poetry in fourteen anthologies besides having had over 100 stories, poems and articles published in children's magazines both in Australia and USA. With an early career in teaching and a later one in children's theatre, Janeen now believes she has the best job possible - creating with words.

### Illustrator Background Information

Emma Stuart has been illustrating children's books for the past 12 years. In that time she has had over 35 books published. Emma works primarily with water colours, but also works with acrylics, oils, pen and ink and pencil. Her characters are full of life and bring a real sense of 'light heartedness' to the reader. Emma works in a large range of genre's and styles, from highly detailed realism to simple character based illustration.

'I love all forms of visual art, from oil painting to fine drawings to brightly coloured illustration. The thing I find so fascinating about illustrating for children's books is the way that the characters come to me. It's like magic, the characters already exist, I just bring them to life through illustration'.



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## Educational Applicability

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## DISCUSSION TOPICS

### Before Reading the Book

1. Make a list of everything you know about penguins.
2. Do you have a pet?
3. If you were allowed to have the pet of your choice what would it be?
4. Do you have a brother or sister? Do they sometimes annoy you?

### After Reading the Book

1. Did Nellie make a good Emperor penguin? Do you know the difference between an Adelie penguin and an Emperor penguin?
2. Why did Eddie want a penguin for a pet?
3. Do you think a penguin is an ideal pet?
4. Have you adopted an animal? Do you think this was a good solution to Eddie's problem?

## ACTIVITIES

### Design

- Make a paper-mache penguin – instructions on the [www.littlerockets.com.au](http://www.littlerockets.com.au) site
- Make an origami hat – instructions on the [www.littlerockets.com.au](http://www.littlerockets.com.au) site
- MAP – Look at a map to locate the Southern Hemisphere. This is where penguins live.

### Language

Ask the children to name the different species of penguins – there are 17. Can you name them all? There is a list on our site [www.littlerockets.com.au](http://www.littlerockets.com.au)

### Emotions

Eddie goes through a range of emotions throughout the story. Pick out the illustrations where Eddie looks sad, happy and worried.



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