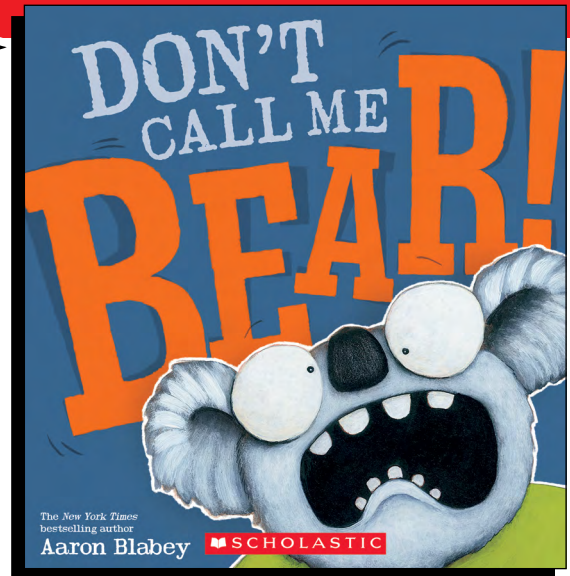


Booktalk!

Don't Call Me Bear Script

For this Book Talk you will need

- 4 actors (Bear, Kangaroo, Emu, Platypus)
- **Bear:** grey pants & socks, white t-shirt, fuzzy grey ears, black nose
- **Kangaroo:** brown pants, socks & gloves, red shirt, long brown ears, black nose, BEAR sign, loonie
- **Emu:** grey pants & socks, yellow shirt, white beak, BEAR sign, loonie
- **Platypus:** jeans, green shirt, brown gloves, grey bill, BEAR sign, loonie
- **Additional props:** stool with “NOT A BEAR” sign, captain’s hat, book entitled *A History of the KOALA BEAR* printed on the cover, piggy bank & a copy of *Don't Call Me Bear!*



Bear: G'day, my name is WARREN and I've got something to share... *(sounding slightly irritated)* Just because I'm furry *(holding up a sign that says NOT A BEAR on it)* DOESN'T MEAN THAT I'M A BEAR.

Bear: I'll tell you how this started. It's been going on for years. *(putting on captain's hat, grabbing copy of A History of the KOALA BEAR from the stool, and pretending to read from it)* CAPTAIN COOK said, "Hey! A bear!" *(shaking his head slightly)* THOSE CRAZY PIONEERS!

Bear: *(setting down book and speaking earnestly)* See, if they'd done their homework, then they'd know it wasn't true. *(pausing)* MARSUPIALS is what we are and YOU should know that, too.

Bear: But if I got a dollar every time you called me "bear," *(picking up piggy bank and walking past Kangaroo, Emu & Platypus, each is holding up a sign on it that says "BEAR" and dropping a loonie into Bear's piggy bank)* I tell you what – and no mistake – I'd be a MILLIONAIRE! *(shaking the piggy bank, then setting it down next to stool)*

Bear: *(walking past Kangaroo, Emu & Platypus and pointing to them as he speaks about them)* Kangaroos are KANGAROOS. You don't call EMUS "chooks." A PLATYPUS is not a duck, even though that's how he looks.

Bear: But why am I so different – mistaken for a bear? *(holding up a copy of Don't Call Me Bear!)* It's all right in my book, my friends, at your Scholastic Book Fair!