

GET YOUR SCHOOL WRITING

An author event like no other!

- *Spartapuss* author Robin Price will inspire and engage your pupils with this cross-curricular event that covers reading, history and writing
- Brilliant for getting boys (and girls) into writing
- Not just an author reading out their book

Kids will also get to:

- Write their own Roman stories
- Act out a Roman battle / plan a Roman banquet
- Spin Fortune's Wheel with a fun quiz

A whole day of activities:

- One hour assembly (up to 100 pupils)
- Followed up with up to four one hour creative writing workshops in class
- *Signed books are available for £6 (RRP £7.99)*

For availability and prices, call **0845-8385-526** email info@mogzilla.co.uk or visit www.mogzilla.co.uk/events



Feedback from teachers and pupils:

"Robin's sessions not only gave children a structure for planning a story, but really excited and inspired them so that they couldn't wait to get writing!" – R. Smith, Deputy Head Trafalgar Junior School (April, 2011)

"Thank you very much for your work with us this week. I was amazed at how engaged our pupils were - you really caught their imagination and made the sessions enjoyable for them." – Michelle, National Skills Curriculum Coordinator, The Albany Business and Enterprise College

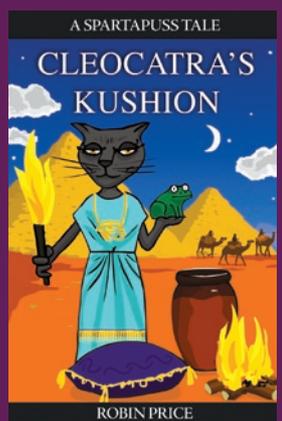
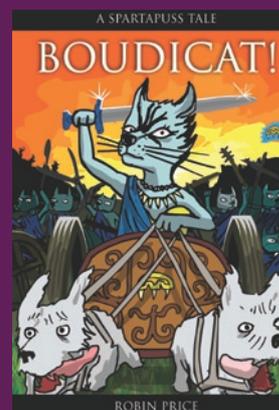
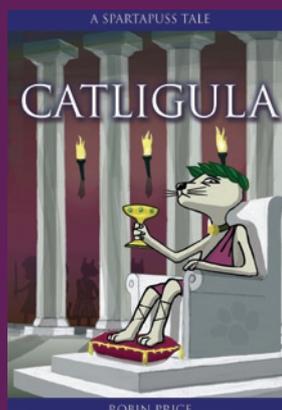
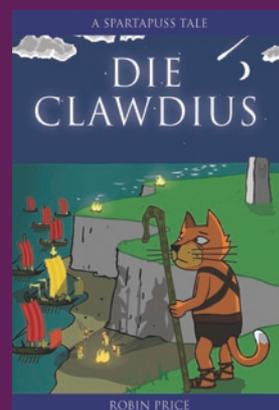
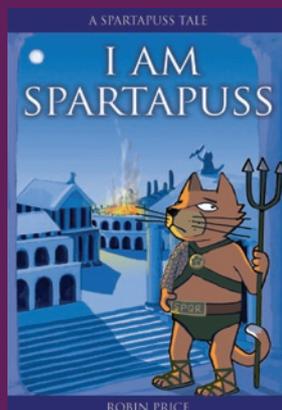
"Thank you for visiting our school. I thought that the game was BRILLIANT and I learned a lot about the Romans and Gladiators." – Aqsa (aged 11)

"Robin, thank you so much for visiting schools here in Bristol... the children & teachers all thought it was brilliant and I know they will have got a lot out of it." – Margaret Pemberton, School Library Service

"Hi Robin, thank you for coming to visit our school. The children really enjoyed the workshops. There's been lots of positive feedback from staff and my class have suddenly become mad about the Romans!" – Vanessa (Teacher, Harlsden Primary)

The Spartapuss Series

- Set in ancient Rome, in a world ruled by cats
- Gets pupils aged 7-13 into history
- Ties in with KS1 & 2 (Year 3/4): Invaders & KS2 History. Visit www.mogzilla.co.uk/curriculum for KS3 information



Robin Price is the author of five *Spartapuss* adventures as well as *London Deep* (2010) which was chosen as a Recommended Read for World Book Day 2011. When he's not writing books, Robin also writes for *Tall Stories* Theatre Company. He co-wrote musical versions of Julia Donaldson's bestsellers *The Gruffalo* and *Room On the Broom*.

Reviews:

"History with cattitude!" - Junior Magazine

"Three really good books. I would recommend them..." – The Journal of Classics Teaching (Spring 2008)

"Cat-tastic!" – London Evening Standard

"A highly original story with lots of scope for giggles." – Booktrusted.com

"One of Britain's brightest authors." – Teaching & Learning



WRITE YOUR OWN ROMAN STORY



1. GIVE YOUR CHARACTERS ROMAN NAMES:

ROMAN PERSONAL NAMES (PRAENOMEN)

MALE NAMES:

ANTONIUS | AUGUSTUS | GERMANICUS | TITUS | JULIUS | LUCIUS | MAXIMUS | VIBIUS

FEMALE NAMES:

ANTONIA | AUGUSTA | GERMANICA | TITA | JULIA | LUCIA | MAXIMA | VIBIA

2. CHOOSE A LOCATION:

WHERE WILL YOUR STORY HAPPEN?

FOREST | ARENA | PALACE | VOMITORIUM | VILLA | SHIP | STABLES | TEMPLE

3. CHOOSE A ROMAN OBJECT:

SHIELD | RING | SPEAR | COINS | STATUE | DICE | KEY | SWORD | NEEDLE

4. HOW DOES THE OBJECT COME INTO YOUR STORY?

WHO LOST/FOUND IT? WHERE? HOW? WHY?

5. WRITE A SIMPLE PLAN:

EXAMPLE PLAN:

1. *Julius, the hero, is a soldier in the Roman Army. He is from a rich family.*
2. *He wears a gold ring for good luck.*
3. *Before the battle, he buries the ring for safe-keeping in a forest.*
4. *The battle starts. Julius is killed in a fight with Lucius, the 'baddie'.*
5. *Julius' gold ring stays buried for two-thousand years, until...*

STORY-WRITING TIPS:

1. Don't plan too much! Just plan enough to get the 'shape' of your story.
2. You can also write down things for your characters to say in the plan.
3. When your plan is finished, read it back carefully and tweak it.
4. When you are happy with your plan, start writing your story in full.

TEACHERS: THERE ARE MORE STORY-WRITING RESOURCES AT WWW.MOGZILLA.CO.UK

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