

the GROWLY books



the GROWLY READING ADVENTURE

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Adventure is waiting ...



About *Begin*

For centuries, the bears of Haven have lived quiet lives high in the mountains at the edge of the great Precipice. That all changes for a young cub named Growly when he receives a mysterious message.

With just his backpack and glider, Growly sets out on a desperate journey to find his grandfather's long lost friend...and to find a way back home.

Written for the 8-12 year old reading level, *Begin* is also a captivating read aloud for ages 4 and up, and will appeal to anyone who appreciates stories of adventure and friendship.



What People Are Saying



“It’s wholesome family reading at it’s best, and it’s also illustrated beautifully ... The vivid descriptions make it easy to imagine exactly what’s happening in the story. It’s a great book to read to your 4-7 year old, and children 8-11 would enjoy reading it on their own. We can’t wait to read what happens next to Growly! It’s sure to be adventurous.”

~ *Kristen Welch, Author of Raising Grateful Kids in an Entitled World*

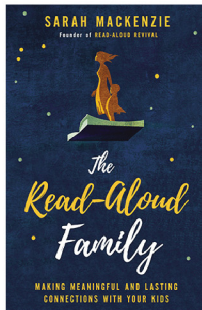
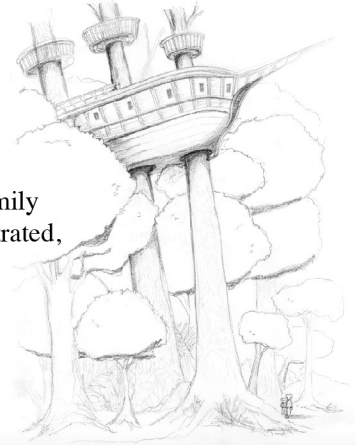
The best new series I have read in a long time. A beautiful telling of friendship, adventure and bravery. We loved every page! *Amazon Review*

They are beyond delightful. A little bit adventure and a little bit mystery, these books are powerful stories of courage and friendship. They are at the top of my list of modern day treasures. *Reshelving Alexandria*

“Begin is full of suspense, with surprises around every corner. It’s a great adventure novel that would definitely appeal to the imagination of young readers and younger listeners. “Growly, Chippy, Ember, and the other creatures have great potential to join the ranks of the many beloved book characters we all cherish. ~ *Sara Figueroa, Youth Services Librarian, Indian Valley Public Library, Telford, PA*

“The Growly Books is one of the best children’s series I’ve come across in years. These books are full of fun, family adventure which offer our children uplifting life lessons – all wrapped up in an engaging story. Delightfully illustrated, they make for fabulous chapter books for your new reader, or wonderful read alouds for the entire family. Highly recommended. “A charming children’s series – at long last!” ~ *Lisa Jacobson, Club 31 Women*

The Growly books are engaging, exciting, meaningful, and provokes imagination and deep thought. My son talks to me about Growly and the other characters throughout the day, and is always eager to pick up a Growly book to read about what will happen next! *Amazon Review*



Included in the USA Today Bestseller, *The Read Aloud Family*. 20 Favorite Read-Alouds for ages 4-7

“The Growly Books are wholesome stories that enchant young readers even as they stir a sense of adventure and intrigue.”

My six year old son LOVED these books! He then gave them to his cousins, who ate them up as well. Now, upon his recommendation, our book club of 20 students varying in grades k-6 are studying the books. Raving reviews from every student! *Amazon Review*

What I love most about this book is the overwhelming standard of love and friendship that is presented in the book via tradition, family, society, culture, innocence, sacrifice, challenges and friendship. This coming of age tale provides a complex, scary and adventurous view of the world in a way that gives strength through hard work, relationships, diligence and bravery. My 5 and 7 year-olds LOVE this book. *Amazon Review*

In a world with so much negativity, it is so refreshing to have a story that demonstrates how people (or animals, lol) can rise above their circumstances and choose to love one another and make the right choices. It was a pleasure to read, and a wonderful example for my son (and me, for that matter!) on how we can live our lives. *Amazon Review*

This is a beautifully written adventure. Fantastic imagery, and courage and loyalty woven so thick in this easy, wonderful read. A breath of fresh air, even amidst disappointments and fears. A must read for young kids! *Goodreads Review*

This is our children's favorite book to read aloud! It is full of adventure & suspense but easy enough for kids ages 4-11 to really enjoy!! *Amazon Review*

About the Author

Philip Ulrich was born in Australia, met his wife Erin in Budapest, Hungry, and now lives in South Carolina along their two daughters and a Boingle named Raina. When he isn't writing stories, Phil works as a graphic designer at www.philipulrichdesigns.com. Phil is currently at work on the continuing adventures of Growly.



Author Visits

We all have a story to tell, and there are many ways we can tell it. The Growly Books began with just a simple idea for a song, and have grown into a continuing series with five books so far, and more on the way.

I love to share with students about the adventures of writing, and of seeing their creative ideas grow and take shape.

If you would like more information about an Author visit, I would love to hear from you.

Contact Philip Ulrich at:
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Author Visits Via Zoom

If your school, co-op, or reading group is a long way away from us...even overseas, we would still LOVE to connect with you. An online author visit could be the perfect place for your students to meet an author and ask questions, wherever you are located. Whether it is in connection with your Growly Reading Adventure, or a presentation for your students on creativity and writing stories and songs, a Zoom Author Visit could be the perfect fit for you.



Preview the *Begin* read aloud videos, and download a FREE copy of the *Begin* Companion at:

www.thegrowlybooks.com/readingadventure



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Philip Ulrich Author Visit

Thank you for your interest in an Author visit for your school. I love seeing students excited about creating, and to share about the journey a simple idea can take as it grows into a story.

It is my desire that an Author visit would benefit your school in the best way possible. It could be in conjunction with a Growly Reading Adventure, where your students are already reading Growly's story. (I often find that students familiar with the story have a lot of interesting questions about the characters and about the creative ideas behind Growly's world.)

It could also be about simple creativity. Stories can be told in many ways, and we all have a story to tell. The Growly Books began as an idea for a song, and grew into a series with five books so far. I love to share about the joy of creating, and of seeing the places an idea might take you.



What can be included in an Author visit?

I try to tailor the visit to what you would love for your students to experience. Here are a few possibilities:

- Presentation on writing, creativity, illustration, songwriting and "Behind the Scenes" of creating the Growly Books
- Fun video presentation of the illustration process in action.
- Question & Answer with students.
- Book signing.

What does it cost, and what else is included?

Every student will receive:

- A Growly Books bookmark and sticker,
- A free song download card (if music or songwriting is included in the presentation).
- * We will also give a FREE signed set of the Growly Books series to the school or co-op library.

The cost of an **Author visit** is \$200 (with a milage fee if it is outside of our local area), or \$100 for an **online zoom visit**. (The Zoom visit includes all of the extras listed above). We want to make this as affordable as possible to everyone while still being able to cover our costs. If you can't afford this, please let me know, and if you can pay more, it is hugely helpful to us as a small self publishing family business.



How to schedule an author visit.

If you would like to schedule an author visit, email Philip Ulrich at mail@thegrowlybooks.com.

Please include the following information:

- Name of school, co-op, or other group
- Name and contact information of visit organizer at the school, co-op, or other group
- Preferred dates and times for author visit (please include multiple date options if possible)
- As much information as you can give on what you would like for your students to experience in the presentation.
- Number of students and teachers attending (as close as possible so we can prepare the bookmarks and stickers for everyone. (This can be adjusted later. It just helps to have a general idea)



Do you personally inscribe books?

Yes! This does take a lot of time though, so I will send you an order form which you can distribute to parents. This form has places to order books and to fill in the name/s they would like the books signed to. The signed books will be delivered at the time of the author visit. The visit organizer should collect the payment from parents before the date of the author visit.

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