

Combat Wombat

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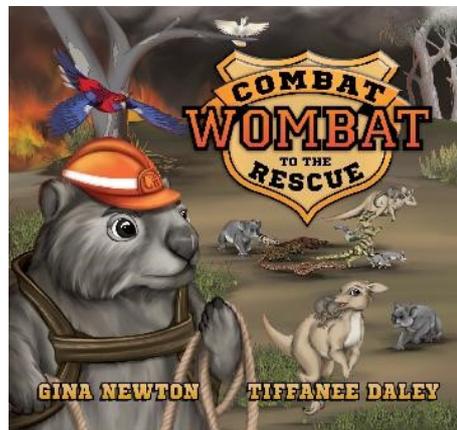
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'Womba-rumbaaaa! I'm Combat Wombat, Wildlife Warrior of the Bush!'

With courage, determination and sheer wombat power, Combat Wombat leads his bush buddies to safety in a race to escape a raging bushfire. Is he strong enough and clever enough to overcome all obstacles?



Themes:

- Bushfires
- Australian wildlife
- Leadership
- Working as a team

Discussion Questions and Activities:

- What clues are there on the cover as to what this story might be about?
- Can you name the animals on the cover?
- Are all of these animals 'Australian wildlife'?
- What was the first indications that Combat Wombat had that there was a bushfire burning?
- As a class, have a general discussion about how bushfires start and the impact that they can have.
- Why do you think that Combat Wombat was in charge of organising the other animals?
- What characteristics did he show by how he reacted?
- Have you ever had to show leadership like Combat Wombat? What might be some situations that could happen at school where leadership is needed, either in the classroom or in the playground?
- Can you recall what jobs Combat Wombat gave to the other animals?
- Why was it important for all the animals to work together to try and escape the fire? Do you think that they worked well together?
- Can you think of other situations where it is important to work together?
- Do you think that Combat Wombat had any other choice but to trust Bingo Dingo?

Activities:

- Make your own fire hat, just like the hat Combat Wombat wears. Make sure to put your own initials on the front.
- Draw a picture of the bush, as you imagine it, before the bushfire happened. Try to include as many of the native wildlife from the story as possible.