

Song of the White Ibis

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A beautiful and powerful story to challenge the way we view one of our most infamous birds, and ourselves.

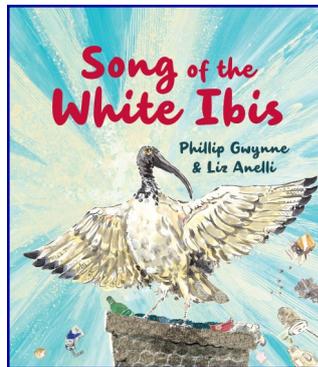
Call me Bin Chicken

Call me Tip Turkey

Call me Picnic Pirate...

But... there is a lot more to my song than you might think.

And maybe I've got something to teach you too.



Themes:

- The White Ibis
- Perceptions
- Nature
- Our Environment

Discussion Questions:

- Reading the title and looking at the cover, did you know that this bird was a White Ibis?
- Can you recall who the White Ibis is related to? Were you surprised by this?
- *Call me Bin Chicken. Call me Tip Turkey. Call me Picnic Pirate.* Why do you think the White Ibis is referred to by these names?
- Have you seen a White Ibis? What do you call them when you see them?
- After reading the story, do you have a different perception of these birds?
- Do you think that calling them by all the different mean names is fair, or are they just acting this way in order to get food and survive?
- How did the White Ibis in this story describe themselves?
- As a class, can you think of five other animals/creatures that we might have the wrong perception of? Make a list of the animals and the reasons that this might be the case e.g their behaviour, what they look like...
- Did you know that the White Ibis is found all over Australia?
- Where did the White Ibis once live? Why did they start to move into the city areas?
- Discuss what impact of development of rural areas has on all wildlife, not just birds. Do you think that our the native habitats of wildlife needs to be better protected?
- What was the final advice from the White Ibis? Do you think you will try to do more of this?

Activities:

- Conduct a research project about the White Ibis. Include in your presentation as much information as possible about their habitat and how this has changed over the years, including the environmental factors that have contributed to these changes.