

About the author

Michael Gerard Bauer was born in Brisbane, Australia and lives in the suburb of Ashgrove. He wrote his first book there "*The Running Man*". After getting an arts degree and a Diploma of Education he started teaching English and Economics in a few schools in Brisbane.

He has written six other books; "*Don't call me Ishmael*" (2006); "*The Return of the Dugongs*" (2007); "*Dinosaur Knights*" (2008); "*You Turkeys*" (2009); "*Just a Dog*" (2010); and "*Ishmael and the Hoops of Steel*" (2011).

"*Don't Call Me Ishmael*" won the 2008 South Australian Festival Award for Literature; the 2007 Children's Peace Prize; the Children's Book Council of Australia Junior Judges Award in 2007; and was short-listed for the 2007 NSW Premier's Award and the 2007 CBCA Award for Older Readers.