

## Media Release

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*For this guinea pig, learning to read is just the start of the adventure.*

**Celebrating July 16 International Guinea Pig Appreciation Day with the worldwide launch of "Flinders the Reluctant Hero".**

**July 16, 2024** - In celebration of International Guinea Pig Appreciation Day, Australian authors Jim and Jayne Dobbin are thrilled to announce the international release of their highly anticipated children's book, "Flinders the Reluctant Hero." The book, aimed at children aged 5-10, is the first instalment in the Flinders Adventures series and promises to capture the hearts of readers of all ages.

"Flinders the Reluctant Hero" follows the enchanting tale of Flinders, a resourceful guinea pig who learns to read from the newspapers lining his cage. As he and his human family, including twelve-year-old Sandy, sail around the world, Flinders uncovers a plot involving turtle thieves in their bay. Despite his fear of water, Flinders must find a way to alert Sandy to the danger before it's too late.

The book is available for pre-order in both print and eBook formats through [flindersbooks.com](http://flindersbooks.com). A sample chapter is also available for download, along with a variety of printable resources such as Flinders posters, bookplates, bookmarks, and colouring pages. The website also features the Flinders Fan Club, providing readers with exclusive content, updates and information about the characters and their sailing adventures.



### Praise for "Flinders the Reluctant Hero":

- **Kiavash:** "My 2 kids (6 & 9) and I read the book together and it was fantastic! My 9 yo totally loved it and asked when's the next book being released!"
- **Sharon:** "It's absolutely hilarious and entertaining!! Loving Flinders and his antics!"
- **Justine:** "Great book, was very enthralling with little giggles and a few held breaths- really hits the mark."

**Back Page Blurb:** In the first part of the 'Flinders' series, we follow the adventures of a small but clever guinea pig named Flinders as he finally gets his own human. Twelve-year-old Sandy is no ordinary human either. She and her family are sailing around the world in a lifestyle that's terrifying for a guinea pig who's afraid of water. While Sandy gets her school lessons on the boat, Flinders learns to read by studying the newspapers that line the floor of his home. When Flinders reads about turtle thieves operating in their bay and then witnesses their illegal activity, he must somehow alert Sandy to the thieves' whereabouts before it's too late. Join Flinders on his exciting nautical adventure as he learns the importance of communication, quick thinking, and standing up for what is right. Full of heart and adventure, "Flinders the Reluctant Hero" is a delightful tale for readers of all ages.

**About the Authors:** Jim and Jayne Dobbin are an Australian husband and wife author duo with a passion for sailing and storytelling. Their unique experiences sailing and travelling the world have inspired the Flinders Adventures series, bringing a blend of adventure, humour, and heart to their writing. For more information, to pre-order the book, or to join the Flinders Fan Club, visit [flindersbooks.com](http://flindersbooks.com).

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