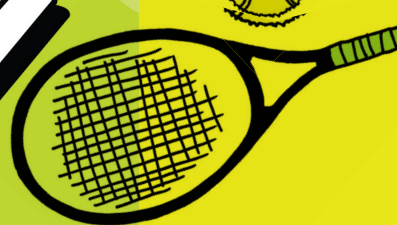


THE AMAZING BASH BARTY

Find out
how she got
SO GOLD!

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Themes

- Family
- Timeline
- Sports/Sportsmanship
- Leading by example

Key Curriculum Areas

Learning Area: English General Capabilities, Humanities, Social Sciences, the Arts

General Capabilities: Literacy, critical and creative thinking; personal and social capability; visual literacy

REASONS FOR STUDYING THIS BOOK

- To learn about the achievements of young sporting Australians.
- To use the text as a springboard for general discussion about sport, equality, diversity, and innovation.
- To empower young readers.



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Plot Summary

How would it feel to lift the trophy at the Australian Open?

Find out what it takes to get so good - the training, the big breaks and the challenges along the way. Get inspired to find your own passion and BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE!

About the Author

James Knight

James is a veteran Australian cricketer whose best - and only - performances for his country came while he was asleep. Although his childhood dreams of wearing the baggy green cap didn't become a reality, he still went on several tours with the Australian cricket team during the 1990's. That is, as a television reporter and a more than willing net bowler.

About the Illustrator

Jules Faber

Jules has illustrated over thirty books, most of them for children, including the best-selling Weirdo series with Ahn Do and The Kaboom Kid series with David Warner. He has worked with all seven of the major publishers in Australia, which has been fun every single time.

About the Book

Every Amazing Sporting Hero has a story. Featuring easy-read text and fun illustrations, this series is suitable for readers who are happier out of the classroom than in it! Collect the whole series: *Amazing Pat Cummins*, *Amazing Sam Kerr*, *Amazing Dylan Alcott*.

This collection of books shows support for the incredible young sports people who are the future of our country.



Pre-reading Questions

1. Looking at the cover, title and blurb, who do you think this book is about?
2. What details on the cover support that prediction?
3. Ash Barty is one of the world's best tennis players. What do you know about her? Before you read the book you may want to research a little about Ash.
4. How do you think she got to be that good?

Writing Style

1. The author is speaking directly at you, the reader, throughout the book. What is that called?
2. Why do you think that the author has brought you, the reader, into the story?
3. Imagine! How does the author ask you to imagine it's you that 12,000 people are cheering for?
4. What steps does the author take to make you feel you are playing the game?
5. What does it mean when the author says, "You are Ash Barty. And this is your party."?
6. Name two other tennis sporting heroes the author talks to you about in this novel.
7. What does William Shakespeare have to do with Ash Barty?
8. The life of a professional tennis player can be VERY CHALLENGING. Draw a timeline of Ash's life as the author describes it in Chapter 4.
9. The novel mentions other multi-talented athletes like Ash Barty. Can you name one?
10. What strong message did Ash Barty have when she spoke to the media after her Semi-Final win against Amanda Anisimova?

Illustrations

There are illustrations throughout the book. They are not just there to make the book more appealing. Tell us some things that you learnt by looking at the illustrations.

How did the illustrations add to the story?

Why does the illustrator use speech bubbles throughout the book?
What purpose do you think it adds?



Themes

Tools of the trade

A tennis racquet is a sports person's tool of trade. Can you describe another and find its history?

Friendship

Casey Dellacqua has played an important role in Ash Barty's professional and personal life. How does the author describe that relationship?

Sportsmanship

At the back of the book there is a glossary of sportspeople that were mentioned in the book who have shown sportsmanship. Look through this list and highlight those who you had not heard about before.

Can you create a list of your sporting heroes?

Culture

Ash stood with her champion's trophy in front of one of the world's most breath-taking, spiritual, and meaningful landmarks: Uluru. What was the purpose of her visit?

After Reading

- What do you think the author hoped you would think after reading the text?
- Where do you start to BE THE VERY BEST THAT YOU CAN BE when you play any sport?
- What do you think about Ash Barty's story?
- What does the author mean by getting lost in the moment?
- Why not write your own list about why playing tennis (or any sport) is fun for you?

Activities

1. Pick a sports person who is not featured in the book and, following the style of the book, write a short biography of their life and achievements. The person can be someone famous or notable, or it can be someone you know and admire.

2. Below is a speech that Ash Barty made where she mentions her values.

"All of my values that I live by, that I try and live by every single day, regardless of whether it's in sport or in life, all come from mum and dad. It's about being humble, being respectful, and then just giving it a crack, just being the best that you can be, and that's all you can ask of yourself."

Can you write a statement explaining your values?
Who are the people you would want to acknowledge?



3. What is a sport you would like to try? Research the rules of the sport and create a short story which explains the rules to other people and how you knew it was the thing you loved to do most in the world.

4. The author uses a lot of words that you may not have come across before. Can you find the meaning of the words below and use them in a sentence?

WORD

MEANING

SENTENCE

Agility

Endurance

Power

Speed

Strength

Ignite

Immerse

