

JUSTIN SOMPER

Justin Somper is the award-winning author of eleven books for middle-grade and young teen readers. His sequence of six VAMPIRATES books has been published in 35 countries and 25 languages. Cressida Cowell calls VAMPIRATES “a swaggering tale of excitement and adventure that thrills from the first sentence.”

Justin’s new series PIRATE ACADEMY is set in the same universe as VAMPIRATES – with some cross-over characters – but the two series can be read independently of each other. Author Eoin Colfer’s verdict on PIRATE ACADEMY was “Pirates done right! I love this world”.

In the UK, the first three PIRATE ACADEMY books are now out (published by Fox & Ink).

PIRATE ACADEMY has just been launched (by Allen & Unwin) in Australia and New Zealand.

PIRATE ACADEMY has also recently launched in France (Saxo) and will launch in the USA (with Penguin Workshop) in February 2026.

VAMPIRATES and PIRATE ACADEMY are both currently being developed as major live-action TV series – by RubyRock Pictures (London) and Princess Pictures (Melbourne).

Justin is also the author of two critically-acclaimed books for young teenagers, ALLIES & ASSASSINS and its sequel A CONSPIRACY OF PRINCES, both published internationally and described as “Game of Thrones for teenagers”.

A Brit by birth, Justin relocated to Perth, Western Australia in October 2022. Here, Justin is working on new writing – in between refreshing dips in the Indian Ocean, long-overdue sailing and kayak lessons and inspiring coastal walks with his labrador/retriever puppy, Enzo.