

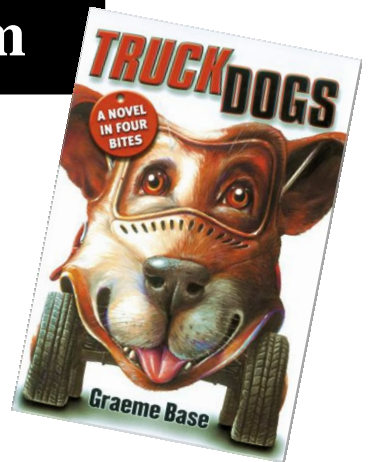
BANG THE DRUMS, REV THE ENGINES!

GRAEME BASE IS COMING TO GARDNER'S BOOK SERVICE!

Tuesday, September 21 3:00pm

Graeme Base is an internationally renowned, *New York Times* bestselling author of picture books such as *The Water Hole* and the children's classic *Animalia*.

Other Base favorites include *My Grandma lived in GOOLIGULCH*, *Jabberwocky*, *The Eleventh Hour*, and *The Discovery of Dragons*.



Critics are barking about his debut novel, *TruckDogs*. Graeme and his golden retriever, Molly, have their first ever novel! In this story, a far off desert world has undergone evolution that has taken an unexpected turn in an adventure story of survival in the rugged outback.

JungleDrums, a new picture book from Graeme Base, offers a story about Ngiri. Little Ngiri is the Smallest Warthog in Africa. Tired of being teased by his bigger brothers and sisters, he wishes things could be different. When Old Nyumbu the Wildebeest gives Ngiri a set of magic drums, he is sure his wish is about to come true. But all the animals of the jungle are in for a BIG surprise as Ngiri's wish is granted in a most unexpected way. In the end, the gentle message that inner beauty and change is more important than outer beauty rings true. In true Graeme Base style, there is an added surprise at the end of the book. Everything seems to be normal in the jungle, but look closely and you will see that none of the animals or the other creatures watching from the trees are quite the way they were when the book began. Look even closer, and you will also find Old Nyumbu the Wildebeest hidden somewhere on every spread. "Jungle Drums is a book to be read over and over again.

Terms & Conditions: As per the publisher, Graeme Base will only sign books purchased the day of the event. If available, signed bookplates will be given to people who have brought books from home. Graeme will arrive at 3:00pm but will depart early should the crowd dissipate. Graeme will only personalize a book to a first name. He will not write messages or inscriptions. Thank you!

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