



Oliver Phommavanh loves to make people laugh, whether it's on the page writing humour for kids or on stage as a stand-up comedian. He is a fresh, positive voice for cultural diversity in children's literature and has appeared in countless writers, arts and comedy festivals across Australia. Oliver's first book *Thai-riffic!* was published in 2010 and has been on the shortlist for the Young Australia Best Book Awards (YABBAs) and Kids Own Australia's Literature Awards (KOALAs) for five years straight, earning a place in the KOALA Hall of Fame. *Thai-riffic!* has been adapted for stage and made its premiere in Sydney's Seymour Theatre and Monkey Baa Theatre in July 2017.

Oliver followed *Thai-riffic!* with *Con-nerd*, which shortlisted in both the YABBAs and KOALAs for the last three years running and also included in the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. In 2012, Oliver released *Punchlines* and the sequel to *Thai-riffic*, *Thai-no-mite*. In 2015, Oliver brought out a book for the *Stuff Happens* series called *Ethan*. He followed that up with the CBCA Notable book, *The Other Christy* in 2016. Then in 2017, he released *Super Con-nerd*, the long-awaited sequel to *Con-nerd*.

Last year, *Natural Born Loser* came out in August to rave reviews and won the Singapore Red Dot book award for Younger Readers. He is also featured in a collection of short stories called *Total Quack Up* (raising funds for Dymocks Children Charities). Oliver's latest book is *Don't Follow Vee*, which came out in May 2019. He is a co-editor for the anthology, *Funny Bones*, raising funds for War Child.

Oliver is also proud to be a Room To Read Author Ambassador, a non-profit organisation that brings literature to kids around the world. He is also a Books in Homes role model and an ambassador for the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge.

